

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018



Masses: 8:00 am – Traditional Holy Mass **9:30 am** – Contemporary Holy Mass

11:15 am – Traditional Holy Mass, Cathedral Chapel, Our Savior, Tripp Park

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TODAY

SOCL following 9:30 mass

St. Stanislaus Handbell rehearsal following SOCL Class

MONDAY, March 5th

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

WEDNESDAY, March 7th

7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross, **Parish Committee, readers**

7:45 pm – Tenebrae Singers rehearsal

THURSDAY, March 8th

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

St. Stanislaus Youth Basketball practice

6:30 - 7:00 pm - Pre-k - 2nd grade

7:00 - 7:30 pm - 3rd - 8th grade

7:30 - 8:00 pm - 9th - 11th grade

FRIDAY, March 9th

12:00 noon – Stations of the Cross, lower Cathedral Chapel

St. Stanislaus Youth Basketball games →

SATURDAY, March 10th

NO Confirmation class

NO Communion class

NO Cathedral Young Choir rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY, March 11th, Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC

Holy Mass: **8:00 am** Traditional **9:30 am** Contemporary – **Only two Masses this day**

MUSIC NOTES – Little is known of George Oldroyd's (1887-1956) life. He was organist at St. Michael's Church, Croyden, from 1920 until his death. He wrote both choral and organ compositions for church use and while not prolific, his works are of high quality. He combined sweeping melodies with lush harmonies though his overall style is rooted in forms and structures of previous eras. Sir John Goss (1800-80), who composed today's anthem, enjoyed a distinguished musical training which culminated in his being organist at St. Paul's Cathedral in London from 1838 until his retirement in 1872. His compositions are almost exclusively for voice or chorus.

SCRANTON SENIORATE LENTEN RETREAT: IN THE WILDERNESS – There is a signup sheet in the Lower Auditorium for anyone planning to attend the **Lenten Retreat this Saturday, March 10th** at St. Mary's Parish in Duryea. **The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, March 7th.**

Lectors:

3/4 – 8:00 – R. Seliga

9:30 – M. Hughes & L Pfohl

3/11 – 8:00 – C. Ross

9:30 – E. Hughes & M. Stankowski

Friday Game times

6:00-6:30pm - Prek & Kind

6:30-7:00pm – 1st & 2nd grade

7:00-7:40pm – 3rd, 4th & 5th grade

7:40-8:20pm – 6th, 7th, & 8th grade

8:20-9:00pm – 9th & 10th grade

9:00-9:40pm – 11th grade

The FOUR LENTEN DISCIPLINES – Praying, Fasting, Alms Giving and Daily Bible Readings

PROCLAIM LIBERTY
Christ Sets Us Free

Sunday	Anointed to bring good news	Isaiah 61:1-3
Monday	Free in Christ	Galatians 5:1-6
Tuesday	A year of jubilee	Leviticus 25:8-12
Wednesday	The law of liberty	James 1:22-25
Thursday	Free indeed	John 8:31-32
Friday	Proclaim the Gospel	Romans 10:14-17
Saturday	Live as free people	1 Peter 2:13-17

THE ROOM, THE MEETING

Added to the Four Lenten Disciplines of Prayer, Fasting, Charitable Giving known as Almsgiving and daily Bible Reading, is another very beautiful and inspirational means of preparing for the Easter celebration. This is our time together in the Upper Room on **Sunday, March 11th from 3:00 pm.** **The Upper Room** is a special program of spiritual enrichment through song, scripture, poetry, prayer, nourishment and, importantly, silences. Participants begin their experience in the lower chapel of the Cathedral, then silently proceed to the room uniquely and strikingly configured for them in the Youth Center. All our parishioners are welcome, but reservations are necessary by signing the sheet in the lower auditorium. Reservations can be accepted through March 7th by also calling the Parish Office during the week (570.961.9231).

By the time our Upper Room event on the 11th takes place, our bishops will have returned from Ireland after their three-day conference in Dublin with Anglican and Episcopalian bishops along with clergy from Norway together with their bishop, and with clergy from other countries in Europe. The Union of Scranton comprised of the PNCC and the Nordic Catholic Church has invited an international representation of jurisdictional heads to discuss details on the restoration of the undivided Church through a renewed Catholicity, in a word, non-papal Catholicism. This ancient model of church structure was once found in the Union of Utrecht, but is now authentically preserved in the Union of Scranton. The PNCC is already well known around the world including Africa and, together with the Nordic Catholic Church as the Union of Scranton, is favorably positioned to advance the fullness of catholic witness devoid of papal supremacy maintained by church in its first thousand years.

Lent this year, then, is as much a reflective time for our Church in its desire to advance an ecumenical non-papal catholicity as it is a reflective time for all Christians approaching the greatest celebration of our faith, the Resurrection. Lent forecasts a rebirth, a reenlivening of our souls both individually and collectively as Catholics united in the structures of the ancient undivided church.

Please fervently pray for the fruitfulness of your bishops' efforts in Europe.



LENTEN SERVICES AND EVENTS

A rich array of spiritual opportunities is listed below for all our parishioners to avail themselves of during the season of Great Lent:

Fridays – 12 noon – Stations of the Cross, chapel, lower Cathedral

Wednesdays – 7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross, Cathedral

Various societies and parish ministries will read the meditations each week.
(Cathedral Chapel at Tripp Park attendees may worship at the hours given above)

Saturday – **March 10th** – 10:00 am to 12:30 pm – Scranton Seniorate Lenten Retreat: In the Wilderness, Saint Mary's Church, Duryea

Sunday – **March 11th** – 3:00 pm – Upper Room Meal, Youth Center – all Parishioners are invited to attend – first, please sign attendance sheet in Parish Hall

Palm Sunday – **March 25th** – 4:00 pm – Living Stations, new format

Holy Tuesday – **March 27th** – 4:00 pm – Chrism Mass, Cathedral

Holy Thursday – **March 29th** – 7:00 pm – Mass of the Institution of the Eucharist

Good Friday – **March 30th** – **12:00 noon** - Holy Hour, **1:00 pm** – Litanies of the Passion and of Our Holy Mother of Sorrows, **2:00 pm** – Mass of the Pre-Sanctified, **3:00 pm** – Reflections on the Seven Last Words of Christ followed by opening the symbolic tomb of Christ

Good Friday – **March 30th** – 7:00 pm – Tenebrae, chanted, gentlemen of the Cathedral

Holy Saturday – **March 31st** – 4:00 pm – Vigil of the Risen One

THE ANS UPPER ROOM LENTEN PROGRAM – A program of melody, meditation, and meal will be conducted at the Cathedral and in the Youth Center **Sunday, Sunday, March 11th at 3:00 pm.** **Reservations are necessary.** All are welcome to participate. A freewill offering will be taken.

A SIGN-UP SHEET in the LOWER AUDITORIUM on the SIDE TABLES is PREPARED for RESERVATIONS.

SCHEDULE of READERS for STATIONS of the CROSS – Parish Committee: **March 7th**;
Cathedral Chorale: **March 14th**; UYA: **March 21st**.

Cathedral Youth Group News – The St. Stanislaus Youth Group will once again be making their “Homemade Bread” for the Easter Holiday. Orders can be placed downstairs in the church hall, for Plain or Raisin, at a cost of \$10.00 per loaf, or contact Timmy, Jacob, or Mary Stankowski @ 570-341-0986. **Deadline for all orders will be March 18th, 2018 (may be earlier if quota is reached sooner, so please place your orders early). The bread will be available for pick-up on Saturday, March 24th, 2018, after 3:30 p.m. (in the Youth Center), or following the 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. mass on Sunday, March 25th, 2018 (downstairs in the church hall). Since a limited amount of bread will be made we request all orders, especially plain should be placed as soon as possible.** Once again we would like to “thank you” for your continued support of our organization and as always for making this fundraiser such a great success! All proceeds from this event will go towards our Convo 2018 expenditures.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS – Please help adorn our Alters for Easter by donating a minimum of twenty dollars in memory or honor of a loved one. Donations must be made by March 23rd. Any questions, please contact **Eve Hughes** at (570) 457-6937 or ehughes@janney.com.

BREAKFAST BUFFET WITH THE EASTER BUNNY – Sponsored by Branch #1 of the YMS of R takes place **Sunday, March 18th after 9:30 a.m. Mass in the Youth Center.** Tickets are: Adults - \$8.00; Children - \$3.00. **Please make reservations in the Parish Auditorium after 9:30 am Mass or call Frank Gerardi 570-587-3672.** There will be a *limited* number of tickets for sale at the door, so reserve yours by Thursday, March 15th.

BREAKFAST SET-UP – will take place at **6:30 pm on Saturday, March 17th.** Any help given is much appreciated.

FOOD PANTRY – Please bring **tooth paste** on Sunday, **March 11th** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Tuesday, March 6

8:30 am – sp. Florence Patrick (birthday) by family

Thursday, March 8

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, March 9

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Saturday, March 10

8:30 am – sp. Carolyn Wilk-Seliga by Roger E. Seliga

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – **Mar 4** – Kyle Lennert, Stacey Ostrowski; **Mar 9** – Jordan Patrick

FRIENDS IN THE HOSPITAL – **March 1st** – *Mt. View: Rosalie Aebli, Amelia Liska, Paulette Wincovich; *Wayne Woodlands: Ed Solosky; *St. Mary's Villa: Clara Zlotowski

FRIENDS RECOVERING AT HOME – Jean Cwynar, Joann Edwards, Ceil Gorgol, Josephine Kwiatkowski, Bob Matylewicz, Chester Nezelkewicz, Stanley (Ozzie) Ocwieja, Jake Stankowski, Ann Stets, Mary Szajna. Please pray for them.

Billy Graham

Someone once asked Billy Graham “If Christianity is valid, why is there so much evil in the world?” To this the famous preacher replied, “With so much soap, why are there so many dirty people in the world?”

Christianity, like soap, must be personally applied if it is to make a difference in our lives.”