

# St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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**The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church**

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Mrs. Beth Howden – Organist / Director of Music

**December 9, 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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## MONDAY, December 10<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

## WEDNESDAY, December 12<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

## FRIDAY, December 14<sup>th</sup>

6:30 p.m. – Basketball practice (see announcement)

## NEXT SUNDAY, December 16<sup>th</sup>, Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Mass: **8:00 am** Traditional    **9:30 am** Contemporary    **11:15 am** Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park

**CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING** - will be done on **December 16<sup>th</sup>** following the **9:30 a.m. Mass**. Much help is needed.

**ADVENT RORATE MASSES OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** – offered **each Wednesday in Advent at 6:30 am** on December 12<sup>th</sup>, and the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**ST. STANISLAUS YOUTH BASKETBALL NEWS** – Sign-ups for the upcoming season are underway. **ALL REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED ALONG WITH PAYMENT BY 12/16/2018**. Forms and information about the league are located downstairs in the church hall, and on the church's website. Please either mail or drop off the completed forms along with the payment to Jake Stankowski c/o Southside Floral Shop, 1025 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa. 18505. Forms can also be brought on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The cost for each player is \$40.00 and \$20.00 for each additional child within the same family ( living in the same household).

Practice/Sign-ups – Friday, December 14th, 2018 in the youth center.

6:30-7:00 p.m. for PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> grades

7:00- 7:45 p.m. for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades

7:45 – 8:30 p.m. for 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grades

Games will tentatively start on Friday, January 4th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

A schedule of game times and age groups will soon follow. Thank You as always for your support! Any questions please contact Jake Stankowski @ (570-341-0986) or Art Golembeski @ 570-575-5231.

**OPLATEK-CHRISTMAS WAFER** – is available in the Church Office after Masses on Sunday or you may pick it up during the week by contacting the Church Office at 570-961-9231 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. A donation is asked to help defray the cost of the wafers. Carry on the Polish custom of breaking bread at the Wigilia, Vigil Dinner on Christmas Eve and have a Blessed Holiday Season.

### *Lectors:*

**12/9** – 8:00 – K. Michalina

9:30 – J. Scheuneman & M. Stankowski

11:15 – L. McConlogue

**12/16** – 8:00 – J. Andrzejewski

9:30 – J. Snyder & M. Hughes

11:15 – L. McConlogue

**ANGEL TREE / TOY DRIVE** – The Angel Tree is again set up to help make some children's Christmas a little brighter. This year we will be helping the United Neighborhood Center's Toyland. Pick an angel from the tree and bring in an unwrapped toy for the age range on the back. Place the toy in the red buckets under the tables in the social hall. The greatest need is for ages 9 to 13. Please have your toy in **by Sunday, December 16th** so we can deliver them in time for the UNC Toyland. Thank you so much for your generosity!

**DISTRICT 1 CHRISTMAS PARTY** – District 1 PNU will be holding their annual Christmas Party on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at the lower level of the PNCC Center, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, PA at 6:00 pm in conjunction with the quarterly meeting. The cost per person will be \$15.00. A buffet dinner featuring roast beef and breaded pork chops will be provided. There will also be a raffle, games and Christmas carol sing-a-long. Please make your reservations with Joan Scheuneman at 570-344-1513 by November 29, 2018. All District 1 members and their families are welcome to attend. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA** – As a community service project, St. Stanislaus UYA is partnering with Wreaths Across America to support their mission to Remember, Honor and Teach about America's veterans. **On December 15, 2018, we will have a wreath-laying ceremony** at our cemetery on Kane Street in conjunction with ones occurring at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 1,400 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

**2018 EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMISSION RAFFLE WINNERS** – The Education and Youth Commission would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who generously supported the Raffle Fundraiser promoting our Stipend Program through the PNU.

***Congratulations to our winners!***

- First Prize (\$400.00) – Gary Kott, Toledo, Ohio
- Second Prize (Fitbit Charge 2) – Sandra Dobrovolskis, Chicago Illinois
- Third Prize (Google Home Speaker) – Deborah Parknavy, White Oak, Pa.

Please remember that monetary donations are graciously accepted towards these endeavors, as we continue our mission of providing funding and enabling our youth members the benefit of this stipend towards their future educational goals.

Donations can be sent directly to:

**Education and Youth Commission, 1006 Pittston Ave, Scranton, Pa 18505.  
Attention: Mary Ann Stankowski**

*Thank you and God Bless You and Your Families during this Holiday Season!  
Mary Ann Stankowski, Education & Youth Commission, Chairman*

**PNU JOB OPENING - Insurance Administrative Assistant** –The Polish National Union of America (PNU) is seeking a qualified candidate to fill the position of Insurance Administration Assistant. The position is a full time position with health insurance benefits as a part of the PNU staff based in Scranton, PA. Experience in the insurance industry is a plus. A bachelor's degree is preferred but not necessary. Applications are available at the home office. Resumes can be submitted to the Chief Financial Officer C/O the PNU 1002 Pittston Ave, Scranton, PA 18505 or via email [info@pnu.org](mailto:info@pnu.org).

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS** – Please consider donating \$20.00 to help decorate our Alters for Christmas. Donations may be made in memory or honor of loved ones. Checks should be made to the ANS Flower Fund. Checks may be dropped off at the Parish Office or you can contact Connie Tellep at [570-2224409](tel:570-2224409) or [jteellep@nep.net](mailto:jteellep@nep.net) by **December 16th**.

**FOOD PANTRY** – Please bring **tuna fish** on Sunday, **December 16th** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** – **Dec 14** – Raymond & Gloria Makowski

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – **Dec 10** – Barbara Nowicki; **Dec 13** – Diane Smicherko

**FRIENDS in the HOSPITAL** – **December 7th** – \*Mt. View: Rosalie Aebli, Amelia Liska, Paulette Wincovich

**FRIENDS RECOVERING at HOME** – Annette Cimino, Jean Cwynar, Joann Edwards, Ceil Gorgol, Josephine Kwiatkowski, Helen Lukasiewicz, Bob Matylewicz, Chester Nezelkewicz, Stanley (Ozzie) Ocwieja, Jean Sherman, Jake Stankowski. Please pray for them.

***THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES***

**Monday, December 10**

8:30 am – sp. Stella Michalina (10<sup>th</sup> anniversary) by Kathy Michalina

**Tuesday, December 11**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

**Wednesday, December 12**

6:30 am – **RORATE MASS**

**Thursday, December 13**

8:30 am – Healing Mass

**Friday, December 14**

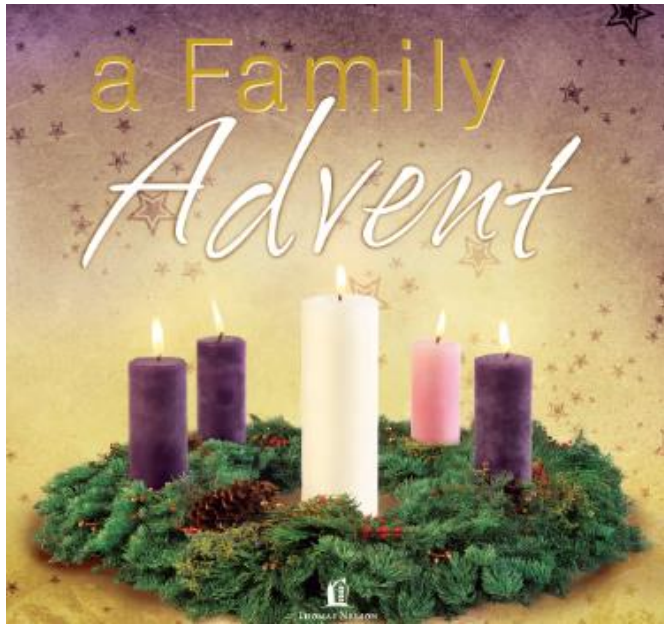
8:30 pm – Mass of the day

**Saturday, December 15**

8:30 am – sp. Mary Shiner by Beverly Milewski



**Future Direction Subcommittee of the Supreme Council  
Polish National Catholic Church**



December 1, 2018

Dear Bishops, Very Rev. and Rev. Fathers, Deacons and Faithful of our Holy Church,

“The word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness... “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’” Luke 3:2b,4-6

As we conclude this Year of the Family across our Holy Polish National Catholic Church, we focus during this month on preparing the way for the Lord: to celebrate His Incarnation at Christmas and for His return in Glory.

Let us make the time to share this Holy Advent season as a family and prepare the way for the Lord. In the midst of all the non-secular Christmas activities, make time to bring Jesus and the true meaning of Christmas into the lives of your family.



Here are a few ideas for you to consider:

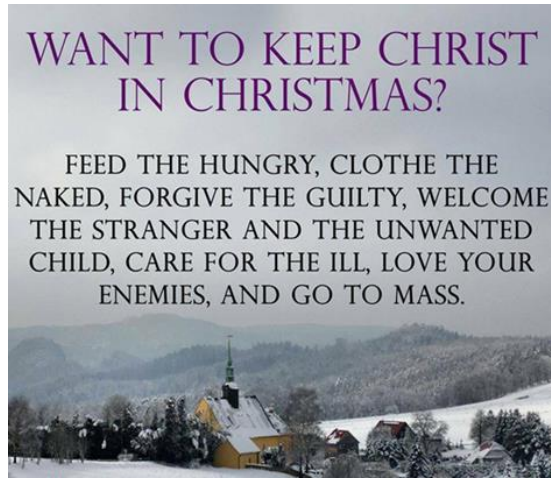
- Use a small Advent wreath in your home and light the appropriate candle(s) during family meals
- Have a reading from Scripture as a family either prior to or after a daily meal.
- Remember Jesus is the Reason for the season and remember Him in your Christmas shopping. Supporting those in need as well as His Church.
- Attend Holy Mass as a family during Advent and especially on Christmas!
- Support worthy efforts such as Christmas Food, Clothing and Toy Drives, the Salvation Army, Wreaths across America.



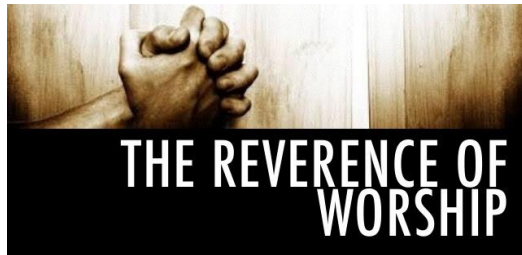
**Advent Prayer for Families** *(From Dynamic Catholic)*

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help

us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.



**Immediate action item for implementation from Holy Synod for Increased Spirituality.** A 10 to 15 minute business free zone prior to the celebration of Holy Mass for priest and faithful. Use at least page 8 of the Mass booklets for spiritual preparation as well as other introductory pages. Let us prepare properly for the wonderful gifts of Christ in the Eucharist and hearing of God’s Word during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.



Please keep this church-wide undertaking in your daily prayers – asking God to bless this work and allow it to bear fruit for the building of His Kingdom through our Holy Church.

We wish you, your family and parish family a blessed Advent season as we prepare spiritually to celebrate Christmas and await the return of our Lord and Savior in Glory.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
**PNCC Supreme Council Future Direction Committee**  
Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky, *Prime Bishop*  
Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich Jr., *Chairman*

**ADVENT – THE TRUEST CHRISTMAS PREPARATION** – I truly hope you are looking forward to this special time of year. Advent is a time to reflect on the abundant blessings God has bestowed on each and every one of us. Although the daylight hours have grown shorter and night seems longer each day, in the midst of darkness, Advent helps us recall how the light shines through with the promise of good things to come. Spiritually, Advent is the dawn. It is not yet the bright light of Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for something exceedingly joyful that is yet to come. It is a time of penance, when our souls are still struggling through the darkness, seeking the Light.

There is a longing and expectancy in Advent. So we undertake our Advent waiting and joyful hope and expectation and repentance — just as the early Christians preparing for the day of salvation when the Lord will come.

Advent is offered by the Church as a fruitful time for you to examine the depth and strength of your faith. In the person of Jesus Christ, whose birth you will soon celebrate, you see the God you cannot see made visible; God who does not force, but asks to be invited into your life to share his love with you. “Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice, I will come in to him.” But the door to your heart can only be opened from the inside, and Christ will not force his way in — he, too, waits with great longing and expectation and patience for all of us to invite him in.

*During this holy season of Advent, I commend to you the Wednesday morning Rorate Masses at 6:30, a traditional Advent devotional in honor the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated just before the dawning light of the Advent Wednesdays.*

*During this holy season of Advent, I commend to you the sounds and colors and ceremonies typical of this first season of the liturgical Church year. The poetry and melodies of Advent are unlike any other during the cycle of Church seasons.*

**Enhance your spirituality by presenting yourself to God each Sunday for at least fifteen minutes before the start of each Mass to review the Advent hymns outlined in the order of service; and then open your hymnals to the numbered hymn to read the poem that is set to the melody peculiar to Advent, and reflect carefully on the meaning of the thoughts and teachings and prayers described in that hymn’s poetry.**

*During this holy season of Advent, I commend to you the words of St. Paul in his Letter to the Romans: “You know the time, it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.” Indeed, awake and repent of any waywardness before God.*

And most importantly, be assured of my prayers asking God’s blessing for all of you and your families throughout Advent, this first holy season of the new year.

*Bishop Bernard*