

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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The Right Reverend Bernard J. Nowicki, DD, pastor – bishop@saintstanislauspncc.org

The Reverend Janusz A. Lucarz, assistant pastor – frjanusz@saintstanislauspncc.org

Mrs. Beth Howden – Organist / Director of Music

Solemnity –Baptism of our Lord January 13, 2019



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

Parish Office: 570-961-9231 – **Youth Center:** 570-961-8364

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TODAY

SOCL Class following 9:30 mass

St. Stanislaus Handbell rehearsal following SOCL Class

10:55 am – Adult Forum

MONDAY, January 14th

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

TUESDAY, January 15th

6:30 pm – Parish Committee monthly meeting

THURSDAY, January 17th

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

St. Stanislaus Youth Basketball practice

6:30 - 7:00 pm - Pre-k & Kind

6:30 - 7:15 pm – 1st - 5th grade

7:15 - 8:00 pm - 6th -11th grade

FRIDAY, January 18th

St. Stanislaus Youth Basketball games →

NEXT SUNDAY, January 20th, 2019 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS – will be taken down **after 9:30 mass today** - many volunteers will be needed - please consider lending a hand with us here this morning.

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE FORMS FOR 2019 – Happy New Year! With the beginning of the year, we ask all parishioners to submit their Stewardship Pledge for 2019. Doing so is easy. You can visit the GIVING section at www.saintstanislauspncc.org or stop by the Parish Office. We ask that your Stewardship Pledge for 2019 be submitted to the Parish Office by Feb 20th, 2019. If you have any questions, please stop by the Parish Office or see a Parish Committee member.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES – The 2019 Offering envelopes are available to you now. Please pick up your yearly envelopes on the table in the church hall after mass on Sunday. They are in alphabetical order. You can also pick them up during the week from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. by coming to the Parish Office door next to the rectory.

Lectors:

1/13 – 8:00 – C. Ross

9:30 – J. Snyder & M. Stankowski

11:15 – L. McConlogue

1/20 – 8:00 – J. Andrzejewski

9:30 – J. Ostroski & P. Kowalski

11:15 – L. McConlogue

Friday Game times

6:30-7:00 pm – Prek & Kind

7:00-7:30 pm – 1st & 2nd grades

7:30-8:15 pm – 3rd, 4th & 5th grades

8:15-9:00 pm – 6th, 7th, & 8th grades

9:00-9:45pm – 9th, 10th & 11th grades

ST. STANISLAUS YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE – Our basketball league is under way, games are every Friday night in the youth center. Come out and cheer on your favorite player or team as we start a new season of fun and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

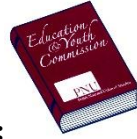
ANNUAL VALENTINE DANCE – The YMS of R will host the annual Valentine Dance on Saturday, February 09, 2019. The cost for this event is \$35.00/person or \$70.00/couple. A buffet dinner is included from 7:00 - 8:00 pm; B.Y.O.B. (beer and soda provided); with music and dancing by “The Jeffrey James Band” until 12:00 a.m. For tickets, information, and reservations please contact Jake Stankowski @ 570-341-0986.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR – The National Church Center of the PNCC is seeking to hire a self-motivated and experienced Building Maintenance Supervisor. Duties include maintaining the exterior and interior of the National Church Center, snow removal, minor repairs and coordinating scheduled third party maintenance contractors. Additional duties will be as assigned. Experience in the field of building construction is a plus. High school level education is a must.

Applications can be completed at the offices of the Polish National Union of America, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, PA 18505 and resumes can be submitted via email at Info@pnu.org.



A Message from the Education & Youth Commission:



Now is the time for all students who are pursuing an undergraduate degree or a post-secondary certificate to start the application process for the PNU stipend (December 1st – April 15th). The criteria for the stipend application, is as follows:

- a student currently enrolled in a college or university, part-time or full-time-(academic year 2018/2019).
- a member of the PNU having a life insurance policy – current paying, single premium, or fully paid-up and in good standing for at least 5 years.
- One application can be filled out in its entirety and returned no later than April 15th, 2019 to: PNU c/o Education & Youth Commission- Attn: Mary Ann Stankowski, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa 18505.
- This application and information sheet can be found through the PNU website (www.pnu.org) as a downloadable form for the Education & Youth Commission, or in your parish halls.

This is a great opportunity for our families and students to research and review the benefits of being a member within the PNU and see what this commission represents so they can become the future leaders within our church community!

Any questions or concerns, please direct to Mary Ann Stankowski, EYC@pnu.org.

FOOD PANTRY – Please bring **canned fruit** on Sunday, **January 20th, 2019** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday, January 14

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Tuesday, January 15

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Wednesday, January 16

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Thursday, January 17

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, January 18

8:30 – Mass of the day

Saturday, January 19

8:30 am – sp. Joan Krupski by Jodie & Bill Borum

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – **Jan 13** – Christopher Stankowski; **Jan 14** – Austin & Ethan Stankowski; **Jan 15** – Kathleen Michalina; **Jan 17** – Carol Olster; **Jan 19** – Kevin Karsnak, Ralph Crispino

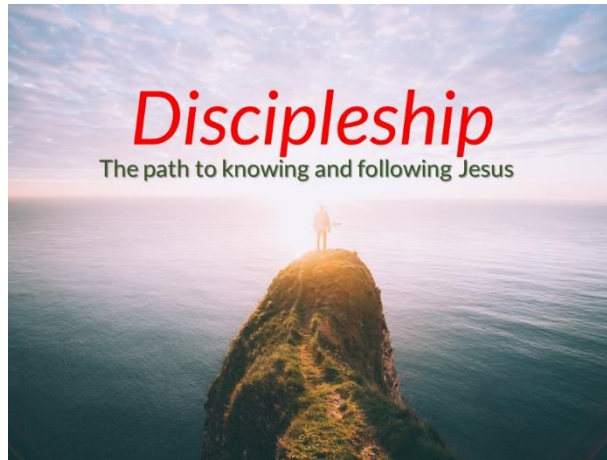
FRIENDS in the HOSPITAL –**January 11th** – *Mt. View: Rosalie Aebli, Amelia Liska, Paulette Wincovich

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.

You will seek
me and find me
when you seek
me with all
your **HEART.**
Jeremiah 29:13

HAPPY NEW YEAR everybody, and welcome to the **Year of Discipleship** in the PNCC and here at St Stan's!

In the words of our national PNCC Future Direction Sub-Committee recently given to us *As our Lord said to His disciples "Follow Me" for His public ministry, He continues to call us to follow Him and wants our relationship with Him to grow and strengthen as the days, months and years goes by. Our PNCC is calling us to renew our Discipleship in our Lord this year as we begin 2019....*



Soooo – let's get a handle on this idea of discipleship, shall we?

Not too long ago I was watching a Netflix presentation about the Masons, with a focus on their place of origin, Freemasons' Hall in Great Queen Street, London. As I became drawn into the narrative of this society's founding and growth, I was struck by how clearly they laid out the expectations of **each** mason. By contrast, I was struck by how often our Church is hesitant to name the expectations of discipleship for its members.

Our Future Directions Sub-Committee has begun laying out these expectations and will continue that effort throughout the year. I'd say, it all boils down to five basic opportunities to "grow and strengthen our relationship with Jesus" here at St Stan's.

Worship – We worship God together, through his Son Jesus. Worshipping regularly is a part of who we are as Catholic Christians. The people of God join together in the house of God to worship and honor God (Psalm 150). Worship is about community: the Christian community gathers to worship, to pray together, and to continue its growth in the faith.

Grow – We become affiliated with a parish society, Bible study, the School of Christian Living to grow in faith and our walk with Jesus. Jesus went to the synagogue "as was His custom" (Luke 4:16). Synagogue for Jesus was a place of discernment, learning scripture, and growing in the

knowledge and love of God and neighbor. We join with other PNCC-ers here in order to grow together.

Mission – We are called to love our neighbors. We are encouraged to be involved in some mission emphasis. Jesus had a special place in His heart for the poor, marginalized, outcast, and lost. We are called to be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus Christ in our world. We seek to love and serve others and believe this is vital in our Christian walk.

Talents and Abilities – All of us have talents and abilities that can be used for the glory of God. Some have the gift of teaching or leading. Others have the gift of administration, or may be gifted in finance and can help the church to be faithful stewards of the gifts offered for ministry and mission. Some have the gift of compassion, or love to send cards to those who are sick. Some feel called to reach out to the unchurched, while others have the gift of hospitality. Yes, all of us have some God-given gift, talent, or ability that we can use for the glory of God.

Proportional Giving – Stewardship is a spiritual discipline and an act of worship. Our offering is a recognition that everything we have and are is a gift to us from God. We are all blessed. We are all called by God to offer our first-fruits and our [portion] to God for the work of His kingdom (Leviticus 27:30-33; Deuteronomy 14:22-29). Our offering at a regular percentage of giving is an act of gratitude, an act of obedience, and an act of our covenantal agreement with God. Our offering is used, then, in ministry and mission on behalf of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So let's take time to reflect on these five expectations as we undertake a life of Catholic Christian discipleship. After all, God proved he loves us so much by giving His only begotten Son *to live* among us, *to teach* us of God's love and kingdom, *to die* that we might be forgiven, and *to rise* that we may have eternal life. God has promised to be with us always. Discipleship, then, is our faithful response to this God who "so loves the world" (John 3:16).

Bishop Bernard

