

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

www.saintstanislauspncc.org

Email: Events@SaintStanislausPNCC.org

The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

529 East Locust St. Scranton, PA 18505 – Rectory 570-343-6017

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 20, 2019



“Do whatever he tells you.”

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

Edward Borek: Parishchair@saintstanislauspncc.org

Announcements: Bulletin@saintstanislauspncc.org

Bills/Payments: Treasurer@saintstanislauspncc.org

Parish Information: Office@saintstanislauspncc.org

TODAY

SOCL Class following 9:30 mass – **CANCELLED**

St. Stanislaus Handbell rehearsal following SOCL Class –

CANCELLED

10:55 am – Adult Forum – **CANCELLED**

MONDAY, January 21st

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

THURSDAY, January 24th

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 25th

St. Stanislaus Youth Basketball games →

NEXT SUNDAY, January 27th, 2019 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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.

ANS UPDATES – The Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society would like to acknowledge & offer their sincerest thanks to our Earth Angels, Jean Sherman & her daughter Kim Herrera for December altar care!!! We are truly blessed to have another mother daughter duo who kept our Lord's home sparkling like the star over Bethlehem! We ask The Holy Spirit to bestow his blessings on Jean, Kim & granddaughter/ daughter Jocelyn for their gift of time & commitment in taking care of our awesome cathedral at this most joyous time of the year!!

We will resume our schedule with our 1st monthly meeting of the New Year on **January 27th** in the Board Room following Adult Forum Christian Living! President, *Kathy Michalina*

Lectors:

1/20 – 8:00 – J. Andrzejewski

9:30 – J. Ostroski & P. Kowalski

11:15 – L. McConlogue

1/27 – 8:00 – K. Michalina

9:30 – E. Hughes & M Hughes

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



INVITATION – January 18-25, 2019 is the annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme chosen for 2019 is “Justice, Only Justice You Shall Pursue” (Deuteronomy 16:20). Throughout 2019, join Christians everywhere in praying “that they may all be one” joining our prayer with that of the Lord Jesus Christ.

“Justice, Only Justice You Shall Pursue” (Deuteronomy 16:20) is an appropriate theme for celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2019 as contemporary challenges exist “where corruption, greed and injustice bring about division. We are called together to form a united witness for justice and Christian unity that becomes a means of Christ’s healing grace for the brokenness of the world. Only by heeding Jesus’ prayer “that they all may be one” can we witness to living unity in diversity.”
- Fr. Tom Orians, SA.

All parishioners of the Saint Stanislaus Cathedral are invited to participate with the parishioners of other Christian denominations in Scranton at Saint Peter’s Cathedral, Wyoming Avenue, this coming Thursday, January 24th at 12:10 pm for an Ecumenical Celebration of God’s Word. The Rev. Rebecca Tanner, moderator, Ashley Presbyterian Church, will serve as homilist. Bishops and clergy of our Church will be in attendance that afternoon as well.

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 soup** on Sunday, **January 27th, 2019** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

THIS WEEK’S LITURGIES

Monday, January 21

8:30 am – sp. John Boczar (anniversary) by Kathy Boczar-Matza and family

Tuesday, January 22

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Wednesday, January 23

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Thursday, January 24

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, January 25

8:30 – sp. Vincent Rebicek (11th anniversary) by Sydney Newman

Saturday, January 26

8:30 am – sp. Stanley Repecki by family

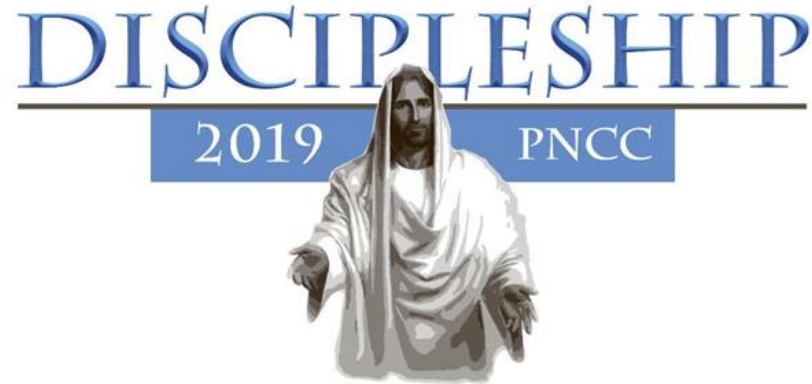
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY – Jan 20 – Bruce and Shirley Melesky

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – Jan 20 – Vienna Piazza, Randy Crispino; Jan 21 – Vito Gerardi, Anna El Abid; Jan. 23 – Jillian Aebli, Brielle Reed

FRIENDS in the HOSPITAL –January 19th – *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.

Future Direction Subcommittee of the Supreme Council
Polish National Catholic Church



January 1, 2019

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

We begin this New Year in our Lord 2019 and our Holy Church focuses on Discipleship. 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 and as we begin 2019 we have a special message from our Prime Bishop and a reflection on Renewed Discipleship by Rev. Dr. Scott J. Lill. May we take these words to heart and grow closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ this new year!

Message on Discipleship from our Prime Bishop

Renewed Discipleship in 2019:

With the hanging of each new calendar, we are gifted by God with the opportunity for a fresh start. Most of us enthusiastically embrace this chance for a personal reboot in the form of “New Year’s resolutions,” which cover everything from improving our personal health and increasing our physical fitness to strengthening our relationships with other people or even bettering our financial situation. Some of them entail wholesale changes to the way we live, while others call for smaller, simpler modifications to our daily routines. Certain people, exhibiting intense dedication and deep-seated self-discipline, seem to be able to make continual headway toward meeting their goals throughout the entire year, while others with their own laser-focused attention, whole-hearted efforts and more than a few prayers for help and cries for mercy, also make steady and consistent

progress...until right around the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. (*Yes...I’m looking at you, 2019 goal to run 6 miles every morning at 5:00 AM.*)

Regardless of how far into the New Year we actually make it before throwing in the towel, it is paramount that we all recognize that true success in each of these sincere endeavors can really only be measured by a single-criteria: *perseverance*. After all, we are all works in progress and (aside from a miraculous intervention akin to the conversion of one Saul of Tarsus) none of us is transformed in an instant. Further, all of these efforts are underpinned by the results of an honest self-assessment and motivated by a single implicit acknowledgement: the need to change. It is when we put these two points together, that we come to see the essence of every realistic New Year’s resolution, regardless of its particular object: *a sincere commitment to just keep working to be better*.

With hopeful hearts and open minds, we Polish National Catholics are about to collectively embark upon a year-long consideration of what it truly means to be disciples of Jesus Christ. This will give each of us the chance to further fortify areas of our lives that are already spiritually and morally well-ordered and also the opportunity to formally recognize and actively address aspects yet in need of improvement. Throughout the year, we will be presented with matters for prayer, topics for reflection, chances for honest introspection and opportunities to act—all aimed toward the single goal of becoming more authentic disciples of the Lord Jesus. Knowing this, it makes sense that we begin these efforts by briefly considering what Christian discipleship really means (*to be continued*)

