

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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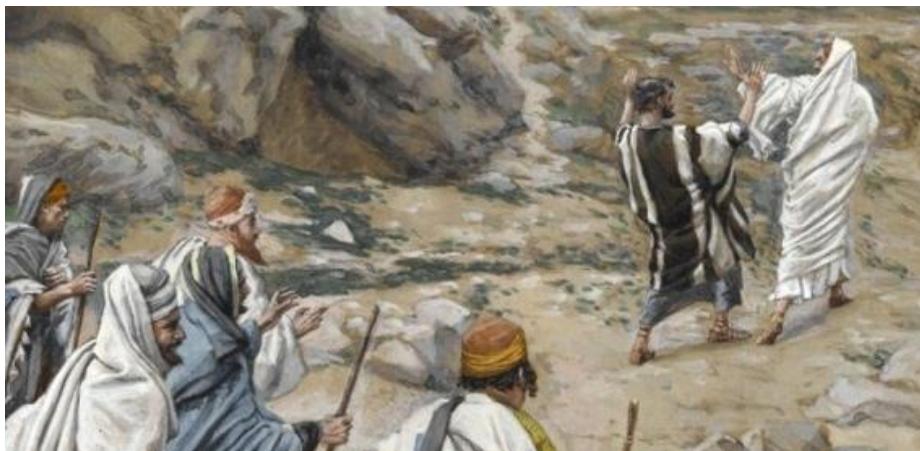
The Right Reverend Bernard J. Nowicki, DD, pastor – bishop@saintstanislauspncc.org

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

Mrs. Beth Howden – Organist / Director of Music

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 3, 2019



They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.

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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Parish Information: Office@saintstanislauspncc.org

TODAY

SOCL Class following 9:30 mass

St. Stanislaus Handbell rehearsal following SOCL Class

10:55 am – Adult Forum

MONDAY, February 4th

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

THURSDAY, February 7th

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY, February 10, 2019 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

THE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING is scheduled for March 3. Anyone interested in serving on the Parish Committee please submit your name to Parish Office.

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE FORMS FOR 2019 – 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.

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:

Lectors:

2/3 – 8:00 – J. Andrzejewski

9:30 – J. Snyder & L. Pfohl

11:15 – L. McConlogue

2/10 – 8:00 – K. Michalina

9:30 – J. Ostroski & P. Kowalski

11:15 – L. McConlogue

- 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 **tooth brush** on Sunday, **February 10, 2019** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – **Feb 3** – Jake Stankowski, Kylie Patrick; **Feb 5** – Gloria Makowski, Mary Coloma; **Feb 6** – Jacob Gerardi, Joanne Edwards; **Feb 9** – Jeanne Kowalski, Michael Gorgol

FRIENDS in the HOSPITAL – **February 1st** – *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, February 4

8:30 am – sp. Joseph A. Szeliga by son Roger E. Seliga

Tuesday, February 5

8:30 am – sp. Mary Ostroski by children & grandchildren

Wednesday, February 6

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Thursday, February 7

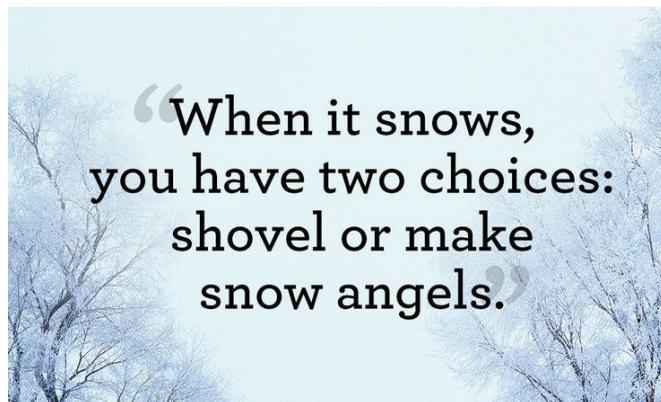
8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, February 8

8:30 – sp. Joan Krupski by Greg Duffy & Joanna Grasso

Saturday, February 9

8:30 am – Mass of the day



Future Direction Subcommittee of the Supreme Council Polish National Catholic Church

February 1, 2019

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

As we begin this second month of Discipleship: 2019 we focus on teaching by example. We, as disciples of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, continue to learn from His example in our reading and hearing of the Sacred Scriptures. How Jesus lived. What He taught. As His disciples today we need to teach others by example – teach them about the one that teaches us. It is not by forcing or guiltning someone into following Christ but rather by the way we chose to live – showing Jesus living in and through us – in a nutshell being Jesus to others!

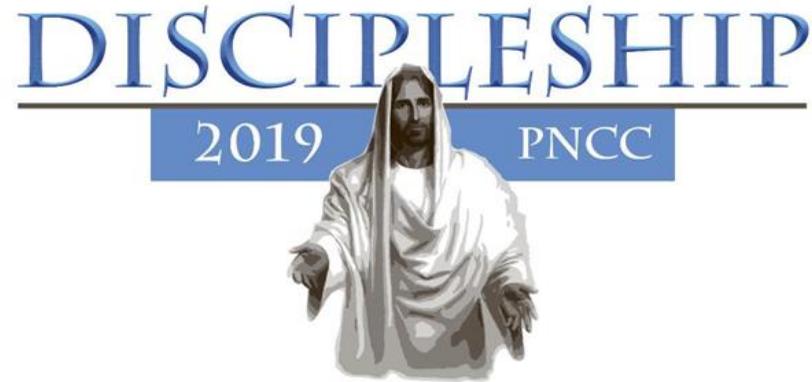


[Click on the link for this message from Father Senior Robert Nemkovich on Discipleship 2019](#)

During this month our Holy Church is calling us to take a look at our lives and find a way we can role model the life of Christian discipleship – being Jesus to others. A great way to do this is living the Virtues. Living a virtuous life, we know is living in a good and righteous way. The seven Heavenly Virtues are Faith, Hope, Charity Fortitude, Justice, Temperance and Prudence. How do we live these virtues on a daily basis? Which can we enhance during this month and teach others by our example – just as Jesus teaches us by His example?

Remember St. Paul's words to the Colossians (3:12-14): *As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.*

Future Direction Subcommittee of the Supreme Council
Polish National Catholic Church



January, 2019

[Message on Discipleship from our Prime Bishop](#) – click here on the link on left

Renewed Discipleship in 2019 *(continued from last week)*

by Father Scott Lill

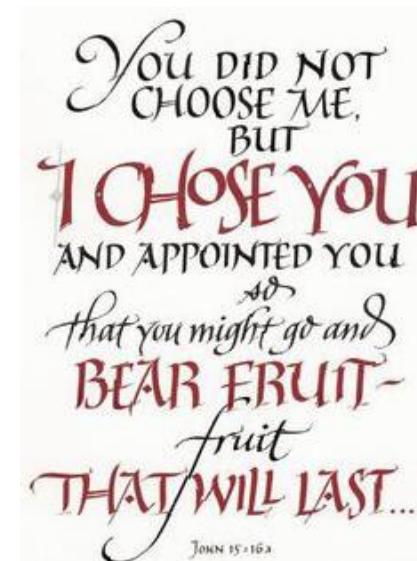
In the most basic sense, a disciple is a student, and we all know from experience that every student, regardless of the course of study, needs a teacher. The ongoing process of exploring one's relationship with God and growing in the spiritual life is no different. During the time of our Lord Jesus' earthly life, many wished to more fully understand their own place within the covenants made by the God of Israel with his chosen people Israel. They earnestly desired to delve more deeply into the Law and the Prophets, hoping to gain clearer insight into what God expected from them.

To guide them in this, they would choose a particular rabbi, under whose tutelage they would study for a period of time. Sometimes the students would even travel with the more famous rabbis, seeking to learn not just from their instruction but by emulating their example. This was not simply an academic pursuit for its own sake, however, for they were all seeking something much deeper. They knew that they needed to change, to grow, to improve, and they were looking for someone to teach them—to give them a vision of who they could become and a how to accomplish this. Eventually, though, the disciples would have learned all that the rabbi had to teach them through their instruction and example and they would move on, with some of them becoming rabbis themselves. St. John the

Baptist played a similar role for a little while with many different people coming to him in search of something better. The Forerunner not only confirmed their need for conversion, he explained what they should do and, perhaps most importantly, he led by his own example. But even his time as their teacher came to an end, when along came the One whom the Baptist himself proclaimed as “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1: 29). Along came the Teacher of teachers and he changed discipleship in two important ways.

First, the Lord Jesus spoke clearly when proclaiming to his disciples at the Last Supper, that “you did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit...” (John 15:16). In this moment, we see Jesus THE Teacher, assembling his school—indeed, the Church—pupil by pupil, disciple by disciple, and letting them know there would be expectations for them. What inexpressible joy should fill our hearts when we hear these words! What consolation and hope should come from knowing that the Lord has called each of us by name and has made us his very own in the waters of Baptism! Jesus the Divine Teacher has chosen us to be his disciples, and understanding this even a little should give us a sense of self-worth solidly rooted in the loving esteem with which the Lord holds his people.

Second, Jesus established eternal relationships with his disciples. We must never think that our own discipleship was merely a period of training that ended with Confirmation or whenever we last attended a class in our parish's School of Christian Living. Quite to the contrary, Christian discipleship is permanent as Jesus always has more to teach us, more of Himself to reveal to us, greater works of service for us to embrace on his behalf, ever-greater efforts of self-improvement that he would have us fervently engage. After all, he sets the bar pretty high for his disciples: “You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48) *to be continued*



Discipleship within the Ministry of Parish Administration

The annual meeting of the St. Stanislaus parish will be held Sunday, March 3rd. One of the items at this meeting is the election of the parish committee which is important in guiding the direction of our parish over the next 12 months or more. Positions include Chairman, 1st and 2nd Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Secretary, and Directors. Descriptions of these positions will appear in future bulletins and on our website. **Please take a moment to consider joining this team for the 2019-2020 term. Any questions regarding requirements and responsibilities can be directed to a current committee member.**

Chairman – The role of the Chairman is to preside over the monthly Parish Committee meeting and oversee all administrative activities in the Parish office. In the past, the position has often required the Chairman to be comfortable with maintenance and care of the Parish properties. This is not a requirement of the position as these matters can be handled through various skilled professionals and volunteers. Responsible for the management of our full-time maintenance workers. The time required for this position is 4 hours a week but can fluctuate when necessary.

Vice Chairman 1 & 2 – These roles work alongside each other as they carry out various administrative tasks and handle the planning and execution of committee tasks. These officers also participate in Sunday collection counting as scheduled with the Directors. The time for this position is 3 hours per week but can fluctuate when necessary. Oversee Stewardship Pledge Program. Projected time required is 3 hours per week. Attend monthly meeting of parish committee on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Treasurer – The role of this person has changed dramatically within our parish with less hours required to perform the duties of this position than previous treasurers. Person should have accounting or business management background. Person will oversee the recording and reporting of the parish financial obligations; oversee planning of future financial responsibilities and enact financial activities approved by the parish committee. Projected time required is 3 hours per week. Attend monthly meeting of parish committee on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

- Make sure investment reports are up to date and distributed accordingly
- Plan for the quarterly payments to PNCC and diocese
- Ensure paperwork is up to date for reporting to committee
- Ensure reports are prepared for timely financial reviews
- Direct questions from staff to appropriate people for answers
- Work with Parish Book Keeper and assist with any clarifications regarding Parish financial activities
- Make deposits

Recording Secretary – Responsible for keeping the minutes of the Parish Committee meetings. Receives and responds to correspondences directed to the Parish. Works with the Parish

Office Manager in matters regarding parish membership. Projected time required is 2 hours per week. Attend monthly meeting of parish committee on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Financial Secretary – Will assist the full time Office Manager with matters pertaining to financial record keeping (filing), tracking parish membership, and working with the Stewardship Pledge Program. They will organize and schedule the Assistant Financial Secretaries. Projected time required is 2 hours per week. Attend monthly meeting of parish committee on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Assistant Financial Secretary - These are non-committee member positions responsible for the financial data entry on Sunday morning. Elected volunteers work with the Treasurer regarding the recording of financial data on a scheduled basis typically every 4-5 weeks.

Director – Attend monthly meetings held 3rd Tuesday of every month at which you will be required to participate in decision making for the parish, planning for the future direction of the parish, and provide constructive input to make projects successful. Also required to work in the parish office approximately 3 Sundays a year, until noon, to assist parishioners with questions, welcome new members, tally and review contributions. Projected time required is 1 hours per week. Attend monthly meeting of parish committee on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Envelope Committee – These are non-committee member positions. Review and tally weekly envelope contributions and ensure contributions are directed to the appropriate fund. Requires approx. 1 hour per week.

Financial Reviewer (constitution refers to them as Auditor) – These are non-committee member positions. Requires a quarterly meeting of approx. 2-3 hours to review the transactions and financial accounts of the parish for the purpose of having open financial records to our parishioners. There are 4-5 auditors who meet as a group to perform the review.

