

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 10, 2019



“Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

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 Class following 9:30 mass

St. Stanislaus Handbell rehearsal following SOCL Class

10:55 am – Adult Forum

MONDAY, February 11th

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

TUESDAY, February 12th

7:00 pm – YMS of R Branch 1 monthly meeting – Youth Center

THURSDAY, February 14th

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, February 15th

St. Stanislaus Youth Basketball games →

SATURDAY, February 16th

10:00 am – Prime Bishop Hodur 66th anniversary Requiem Mass, Cathedral

NEXT SUNDAY, February 17, 2019 – Septuagesima Sunday

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

OUR SAVIOR CHAPEL in Tripp Park will have their annual meeting on Sunday, February 17, 2019 after the 11:15 mass.

ANS UPDATES – The next ANS monthly meeting & election of officers will be Sunday, February 17th after the Adult Forum, in the Board Room. I encourage "all sodality members" to attend & participate in this very important meeting!!!

Also I would like to extend an invitation to all female parishioners to consider joining The Adoration of The Most Blessed Sacrament Society! We are moving forward with many new & different ideas that have changed the essence of this society and welcome new members at this time or in the near future!!!

Sincerest heartfelt thanks to our "Earth Angels".....Mary Lou Crispino & her daughter Stacey Crispino Shrive for January Altar Care!

We ask in our prayers to the Holy Spirit to bless these very special women who devote their time in taking care of the Lord's House & maintaining the beautification of our awesome & glorious cathedral!!

- Kathy Michalina, president

Lectors:

2/10 – 8:00 – K. Michalina

9:30 – J. Ostroski & P. Kowalski

11:15 – E. Golembeski

2/17 – 8:00 – J. Andrzejewski

9:30 – M. Hughes & M. Stankowski

11:15 – E. Golembeski

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

THE SEASON of PRE-LENT – The Polish National Catholic Church has officially reinstated the Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima Sundays in 2014 throughout the entire Church. The celebration of this season as a preparation for Holy Lent is now highlighted as a part of the Liturgical Year. “Septuagesima” means “seventy,” and Septuagesima Sunday comes roughly seventy days before Easter. Subsequently, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima Sundays come roughly sixty and fifty days before Easter, respectively. The liturgical color of this season which prepares us to anticipate the spiritual rigors of the Lenten Season is rose. Lent then takes on the somber hue of purple signifying the seven-week period of penitence and introspection and our conversion of heart.

A rather poetic rendering of the details of Pre-Lent from a separate liturgical source follows here:

The leading feature of this season, then, is the total suspension of the Alleluia, which is not again to be heard upon the earth until the arrival of that most happy day, Easter’s dawn, when, having suffered death with our Lord Jesus, and having been buried together with Him, we shall rise again with Him to a new life. [Also] The sweet hymn of the angels, “Gloria in excelsis Deo,” which we have sung every Sunday since the birth of our Saviour in Bethlehem, is also taken from us.....from now till Easter..... After the Gradual of the Mass, instead of the thrice repeated Alleluia, which prepared our hearts to listen to the voice of God in the holy Gospel, we shall hear but a mournful and protracted chant, called, on that account, the Tract.

Floral adornments of the high altar are still appropriate through Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, though such adornment may be abandoned if so desired.

19TH ANNUAL MISSION and EVANGELISM WORKSHOP – This year’s theme is “**Identity: Who We Are in Christ**” and will be hosted by the Holy Trinity Parish, Plantsville, CT **Friday, March 29 - Sunday, March 31, 2019.**

Over the past nineteen years the National Commission on Mission and Evangelism has presented to the faithful and clergy of the Church an opportunity to explore one of many faith-driven aspects of the Church on a National level, as well as experiencing the Church on a local Parish level. Our goal for each Mission Workshop has been that the Faithful come away with a burning desire to bring faith-driven work of the Workshop back to their parishes and be a light to that local Community of Faith, the Parish, and the communities in which they live. This year’s Mission Workshop will be held at Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville, Connecticut. Our accommodation is at **Comfort Suites** located at 64 Knotter Dr., Southington, CT 06489.

The guaranteed **room rate of \$105.00** plus tax. Please use the **code: “Polish National Catholic Church”** when making your reservation. The **deadline** cut - off date for obtaining this guaranteed room **rate is Friday, March 8, 2019.** When you fill out your registration form, send it along with a check for **the Workshop Registration Fee of \$75.00** per person. Please make the check payable to: Holy Trinity Parish. The deadline for registering is March 15, 2019. For registrations post-marked after **March 15, 2019, the registration fee is \$95.00.** We pray that you will consider joining us for the Nineteenth National Mission & Evangelism Workshop of the P.N.C.C., and we look forward to

your attendance. If you have any questions, please contact: Very Rev. Jaroslaw Nowak, Commission Chairman Parish Phone: (313) 365-5191 email: nowak@netscape.com.

THE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING is scheduled for March 3. Anyone interested in serving on the Parish Committee—please submit your name to Parish Office. There will be **no Mass celebrated at the Cathedral Chapel** in Tripp Park to accommodate attendance at the Cathedral annual congregational meeting.

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.

LENTEN FISH FRY DINNER – will be held on Friday, March 8, 2019 at Holy Mother of Sorrows, Dupont (Frank Bednash Memorial Hall), from 2 - 7 PM. Take-outs will begin at noon. Dinner includes: 2 pieces of fish, fries, vegetable, coleslaw, dinner roll and beverage. Donation is \$10.

FOOD PANTRY – Please bring **shampoo** on Sunday, **February 17, 2019** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

THIS WEEK’S LITURGIES

Monday, February 11

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Tuesday, February 12

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Wednesday, February 13

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Thursday, February 14

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, February 15

8:30 – Mass of the day

Saturday, February 16

8:30 am – sp. Dorothy Strok by Liz & Joe Wieckowski

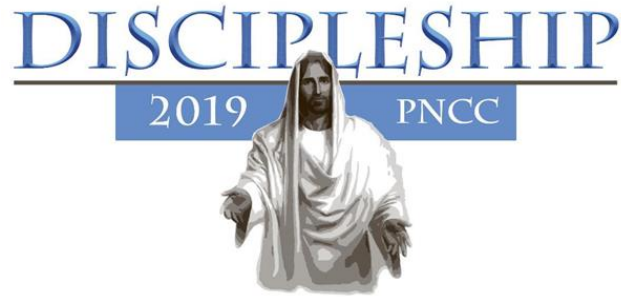
10:00 am – Prime Bishop Hodur – 66th Anniversary Requiem Mass

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – **Feb 12** – Eric Middleton, Michael Meleski; **Feb 14** – Susan Raub, Christine Ostroski, Donald Blackledge; **Feb 15** – Caroline Golembeski; **Feb 16** – Donald Godek

FRIENDS in the HOSPITAL – **February 9th** – *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.

A RESPONSE – It’s your choice not to believe in God, but why do you mock those of us who do? If we’re wrong, what have we lost when we die? Nothing! How does our faith in Jesus Christ bring you any harm? You think it makes me stupid? Gullible? Ignorant? That’s ok too. How does that affect you? If you’re wrong, your consequence is far worse. I would rather live my life believing in God and serving Him, and find out I was right, than not believe in Him and not serve Him, and find out I was wrong. Then it’ll be too late!



January, 2019

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

Renewed Discipleship in 2019 (conclusion)
by Father Scott Lill

continued from last week's bulletin Our Lord radically transformed the nature of the relationship between teacher and student in that He, Himself, is the perfect teacher (Jn 13:13), He, Himself, is the subject matter (14:6) and He, Himself, is even the didactic methodology (Mt 11:28-30). The ultimate end of discipleship is to grow ever closer to him, in every way, in every aspect of our lives. He who started the Church by calling the Apostles by name to follow Him, has called all of us to ongoing discipleship as the irreplaceable foundation for the entire course of our lives, the standard by which we should make every decision and the surest principle of all our actions. Knowing this, we must always assiduously and consciously journey with Jesus our Teacher, recognizing that we will never arrive at our ultimate destination until we reach the fullness of that Kingdom which He inaugurated, about which the Church preaches and labors to build.

Therefore, as the New Year's resolutions fall from our lips, may they take the form of a sincere prayer of recommitment to the Lord and a promise to persistently engage our call to be authentic disciples of Jesus and everything that this entails, never giving up even should we stumble and fall for the Lord will always help us get back on the pathway that He has marked out. Indeed, each new year brings to us an opportunity for a fresh start...and thanks be to God for that because we usually need it! We, as Polish National Catholics, will have the opportunity to embrace this together in 2019—may we do so with irrepressible joy. So, ring the bell! It's 2019 and...class is in session. But, then again, for us it's always in session.

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.



Many
Christians
grow up in
church, but
never grow in
Christ. They
know hymns,
but they don't
know "HIM".