

# St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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## Septuagesima Sunday

February 17, 2019



*“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.”*

**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

ANS meeting (see announcement)

### MONDAY, February 18<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

### TUESDAY, February 19<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm – Parish Committee monthly meeting

### WEDNESDAY, February 20<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm – Prayer Shawl meeting (see announcement)

### THURSDAY, February 21<sup>st</sup>

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

St. Stanislaus Youth Basketball practice

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

6:30 - 7:15 pm – 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade

7:15 - 8:00 pm - 6<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> grade

### FRIDAY, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

St. Stanislaus Youth Basketball games →

### NEXT SUNDAY, February 17, 2019 – Septuagesima Sunday

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

**THE SEASON of PRE-LENT BEGINS TODAY** – The celebration of this season is a preparation for Holy Lent. The three Sundays of Pre-Lent come roughly seventy, sixty and fifty days before Easter. 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.

During Pre-Lent the Alleluia heard before the proclamation of the Gospel is already eliminated from the Mass and will continue to be so through Lent until Easter morning. In place of the Alleluias we will hear only a mournful and protracted chant called the Tract. Also beginning in Pre-Lent is the elimination of the singing of the Gloria which will remain silenced through the Lenten season until the Resurrection of Jesus is proclaimed on Easter.

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.

**OUR SAVIOR CHAPEL** in Tripp Park will have their annual meeting **TODAY** after the 11:15 mass.

#### *Lectors:*

2/17 – 8:00 – J. Andrzejewski

9:30 – M. Hughes & M. Stankowski

11:15 – E. Golembeski

2/24 – 8:00 – K. Michalina

9:30 – J. Scheuneman & J. Snyder

11:15 – E. Golembeski

#### **Friday Game times**

6:30-7:00 pm – Pre k & Kind

7:00-7:30 pm – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades

7:30-8:15 pm – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades

8:15-9:00 pm – 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grades

9:00-9:45pm – 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grades

**ANS UPDATES** – The next ANS monthly meeting & election of officers will be held **TODAY** after the Adult Forum, in the Board Room. I encourage "all sodality members" to attend & participate in this very important meeting. I would like to extend an invitation to all female parishioners to consider joining The Adoration of The Most Blessed Sacrament Society!

**THE PRAYER SHAWL AND BLANKET MINISTRY** will meet on Wednesday, February 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the church library. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING of the St. Stanislaus parish will be held Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.** 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, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

**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.

**19<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:nowak@netscape.com).

**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](mailto:Info@pnu.org).

#### **THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES**

**Monday, February 18**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

**Tuesday, February 19**

8:30 am – sp. Augustine J. Kowalski  
by Paul & Sylvia Kowalski & family

**Wednesday, February 20**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

**Thursday, February 21**

8:30 am – Healing Mass

**Friday, February 22**

8:30 – Mass of the day

**Saturday, February 23**

8:30 am – sp. Stanley Repecki by  
family

**FOOD PANTRY** – Please bring **soap/body wash** on Sunday, **February 24<sup>th</sup>** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – **Feb 18** – Linda Umerich, Marlene Yaron, Michael Osterstrom; **Feb 21** – Patricia Kanton; **Feb 23** – Brenda Karsnak

**FRIENDS in the HOSPITAL** – **February 15<sup>th</sup>** – \*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 SHIP of DISCIPLES** – So, did you realize your Cathedral Parish conducts eighteen different ministries each year as part of its parochial program? That’s right. There are many opportunities for you, a disciple of Jesus, to practice the Discipleship themes that are the heart of this year’s nationwide PNCC focus for everyone. Here they are with the youth ministries in italics:

*Altar Servers*  
Cathedral Chorale  
Lectors  
*Young People Choir*  
Parish Committee  
*Bell Choir*  
Sunday Greeters to Sabbath Worship  
Young Men’s Society of Resurrection  
Women’s Society of the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
School of Christian Living  
*Children / Young people classes*  
Adult Forum sessions  
Adult Bible Study  
*United Youth Association*  
*Cathedral Youth Basketball League*  
One Hot Meal  
Prayer Shawls and Healing Blankets  
Youth Center Catering  
*Boy Scout Troop 42*

These efforts represent the ministries of hospitality, youth, music, administration, service and education. And the common denominator among them all is – *holiness* – because these are not solely clubs and societies and organizations for their own sake in the works they accomplish. Each of these areas of our parish life also ministers to the members it attracts for the primary purpose of edifying each one of them spiritually. These ministries are established with the expectation that their members are encouraging each other in practicing their Christian faith through all the projects and activities they undertake. All these different endeavors, then, combine in serving to build up the body of Christ.

After all, it’s what this discipleship initiative is all about! It’s about your seeing the holy in the mundane. It’s about our demonstrating the holy in our everyday life. It’s about sanctifying the world around us with spirit of Jesus – because we – his disciples – are alive in that world. Our Cathedral parish ministries provide all of you the opportunity to follow St Paul’s reminder to you that you be among those who “equip God’s people to do [Christ’s] work and build up the church, the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:12) wherever you are – even while making piggies, while opening our YMS of R Park, and while skiing the slopes of Montage Mountain. In a word – everywhere.

It’s with this understanding of our own discipleship as I explained above that Father Senior Robert Nemkovich wrote this encouraging reminder to us in the February Future Directions online discipleship distribution:

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 –*

even while making piggies, while opening our YMS of R Park, and while skiing the slopes of Montage Mountain. Indeed, everywhere!

If you’re not already involved in any of these ministries, start to grow your discipleship with us in one or two of them. And if you are already involved, then begin to increase your discipleship dynamic within the parish ministry you’re currently ministering in according to St Paul’s descriptions in Ephesians and Colossians above.

#### **A Discipleship Prayer**

*Father*, you created me and put me on earth for a purpose.  
*Jesus*, you died for me and called me to complete your work.  
*Holy Spirit*, you help me to carry out the work for which I was created and called. *Amen!*

#### **A Brief, A Very Brief Discipleship Meditation**

*[Jesus said,] “Whoever believes in me believes ..... also in him who sent me. Whoever sees me, sees also him who sent me.”* John 12:44-45

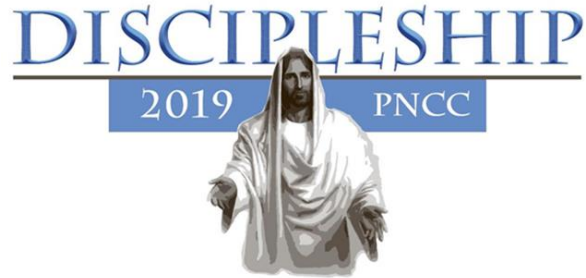
A young woman who is told God lives on top a mountain journeys to it and begins the long climb to the top to be with God. As she begins, God thinks, “I’ll show people on Earth that I love them by going down this mountain to live among them.” When the young woman reaches the top of the mountain, God is not there, so she thinks, “God does not live here! Maybe God doesn’t even exist.” Many times we look for God in the wrong places. We forget that God came down from Heaven and lives among us.

Can you see this truth reflected above in A SHIP of DISCIPLES? Think on it a while.  
*God dwells wherever we let him in.* - Ancient Jewish saying

*Bishop Bernard*



**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 guiltig 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](#)

This month it is suggested that we organize and attend some type of informal, faith-based discussion gathering for adults within our parish or cluster of parishes. Some suggestions for what this setting might be are: Soup, Sandwich, and Sermon; Wine and Spirits; Potluck Dinner and Discussion; Book Club and Bubbly....and you get the idea as we are all called to Discipleship: 2019:

1. Prevent the thought of trying something new from overwhelming you or others in your parish by focusing on just doing this ONCE to begin with. Don't worry about building out a whole schedule for these gatherings. Just plan the first one and then see what happens. Build from there.
2. Construct a setting that can help people to visualize that this will be something different and not the same old same old, we've tried this before, been there done that, church thing. If you can, create a casual setting in your church hall using comfortable chairs, accent tables, an area rug, plants and flowers or whatever you have available, to coincide with when you introduce the idea of this gathering. Let people see that the setting will be something different and more relaxed.

3. If childcare may be an issue in getting some of the adults in your parish to commit to even one time, consider having the kids come along and they can watch a movie together in another room. Naturally this is all dependent upon the age of the children and what resources are available, but the message here is to try and find a solution that will work for everyone for this one time.
4. Once a date and time is finalized, continue to promote this event. Email the parishioners with friendly reminders as the event approaches. Send out a postcard reminder such as a "Save the Date" kind of thing. Make a big deal about this gathering, reminding people how important their participation is.

As for the topic it had been suggested at Holy Synod to refresh our faith – perhaps a teaching or section from our Catechism or a Gospel passage and how this relates to our living as disciples each and every day of our lives to get the discussion started.

We would also like to bring to your attention a couple of items happening across our Church. The PNCC 19th Annual National Mission and Evangelism Workshop will be held March 29-31, 2019. Another one for your consideration helps our YMS of R.

On July 4, 2019, Spojnia Farm properties will be celebrating its 90th anniversary. To continue the tradition the United Y is focusing its efforts to give the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center the upgrades it needs for the youth of our church and the young at heart. Our faithful and parishes are being asked to donate to the "90 for 90" campaign in celebration of the 90th anniversary of Spojnia Farm. Thousands of people have stayed at Spojnia Farm or the Bishop Hodur Retreat Center in the last 90 years – an important part of our history.

Please keep these church-wide undertakings 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.

Remember as our Lord taught us by His example, may we, as His disciple today, teach others by the way that we live our lives – showing them Jesus.