

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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Quinquagesima Sunday

March 3, 2019

“A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.”

Luke 6:40

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

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING following 9:30 mass

MONDAY, March 4th

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 6th – Opening of the Lenten Season

The Masses of this solemn day are listed under the heading, **THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES**

THURSDAY, March 7th

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, March 8th

St. Stanislaus Youth Basketball games →

SATURDAY, March 9th

9:15 – 10:00 am – Private Confession, adults & especially children, chapel, lower Cathedral

NEXT SUNDAY, March 10, 2019 – First Sunday of Lent

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

TENEBRAE SINGERS – Beginning on **March 13**, men who wish to sing in the Good Friday Tenebrae will gather for rehearsals during the Wednesday evenings of Lent in the Fellowship Hall, following the Stations of the Cross services. Please contact Jack Ostroski or Beth Howden for more details.

THANK YOU! – Dear Family of St. Stan's. First let me express my sincerest thanks to you for all your prayers, cards, flowers and love sent to me. I am overwhelmed by your outpouring of love, compassion, concern and support. I am walking with God on my pathway to recovery. He is my partner and is leading the way. Take his hand, as I have, and walk with him. He will always be there to guide and lead you. Love and Blessings to All. *Sylvia Kowalski*

ANS THANK YOU – Acknowledging our 2 "Earth Angels" for February Altar Care.....Debbie Godek & Eve Hughes. We thank the "Holy Spirit" for the gift of these dedicated women of our sodality who volunteer their time & help in so very many areas of our cathedral parish. God Bless you bothnow & forever ...Amen!!!

Lectors:

3/3 – 8:00 – K Michalina

9:30 – E. Hughes & L. Pfohl

3/10 – 8:00 – J. Andrzejewski

9:30 – M. Hughes & M. Stankowski

11:15 – L. McConlogue

Friday Game times

6:30-7:00 pm – Pre-k & 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

PRE-LENTEN PREPARATIONS – As we approach and prepare to enter into the Season of Great Lent on March 6th, I invite and encourage you to observe a holy Lenten season through self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word.

Please find time each day to read the portion of Scripture you will find in your special Lenten bookmark inserted into each bulletin today. **TAKE EXTRA BULLETINS FOR YOUR CHILDREN TODAY** so that they each can have a bookmark too. This Lent, as you read and meditate on God’s word, consider doing something you might never have thought before to do: ask yourself where God may be leading you in your personal life and in your discipleship within the corporate life of the body of Christ, His Church at St. Stanislaus Cathedral.

Remember the four spiritual disciplines of Lent: Prayer, Almsgiving, Bible reading and Abstinence from flesh foods each Wednesday and Friday, and from the most serious of your moral failings or weaknesses. As you give up something for seven weeks that you are particularly fond of, abstain as well from those things that distance yourselves from God such as greed, unkindness, untruth, disregard for others, self-centeredness. As you abstain from these, eliminating them from your patterns of behavior, take on their opposite virtues in their stead. As Christ healed and served others, you might spend an hour with someone who is alone and who would welcome your company. You might offer a young mother an hour a week to relax while you watch her children, or take a casserole to an older adult who lives alone and join him/her for dinner one night. Or simply quit telling falsehoods and speaking gossip and destructive talk about others.

May this Lenten period be a time to renew your faith and your commitment to God and God’s community here at your Cathedral Parish of St. Stanislaus.

One of the FOUR LENTEN DISCIPLINES – **BOOKMARK Daily Bible Readings, *The Sermon on the Mount***

This season of Great Lent offers another opportunity to participate in an important discipline, that of reading brief snippets of scripture each day from your Bible.

God is great in his providence towards us in that the overall theme of this year’s daily Bible readings comes from the Beatitudes described by Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount. As I observed with you in my sermon two weeks ago on the Sermon on the Mount, this theme supports the Discipleship 2019 emphasis within our Church. As I taught on that occasion, “ the Beatitudes - are the personal qualities of a Christian disciple. The beatitudes,” I said, “are the heart and soul of our discipleship – as we embody and personify Jesus himself.” I see God’s hand at work here providing us with such reading material as this for Lent which connects directly with our current reflections on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ in the PNCC.

Please follow each day the short scriptural snippets from that great Sermon’s Beatitudes that will not only guide the development of your discipleship, but it will also remind you you are blessed, you are salt and light, you are founded on a Rock, you are promised treasures in heaven and more.

HELP YOUR CHILDREN learn the Bible citation format here: [Luke 15:1-7](#)

Luke is a Book in the Bible.

15: is a chapter of a Book in the Bible.

1-7 are the verses of the chapter of a Book in the Bible.



LENTEN SERVICES AND EVENTS

A rich array of spiritual opportunities is listed below for all our parishioners to avail themselves of during the coming season of Great Lent which begins this week:

Ash Wednesday Masses – **March 6th** – **12:00 NOON and 7:00 PM**
(Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park attendees will worship at the hours given above)

Fridays – 12 noon – Stations of the Cross, chapel, lower Cathedral

Wednesdays – 7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross, Cathedral
Various societies and parish ministries will read the meditations each week.
(Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park attendees *will* worship at the hour given above on either day)

Saturdays – 9:15 – 10:00 am – Private Confessions, chapel, lower Cathedral

Saturday – **March 23rd** – 10:30 am to 1:00 pm – Scranton Seniorate Lenten Retreat,
Saint Adalbert’s Church, Dickson City

Holy Tuesday – **April 16th** – 4:00 pm – Chrism Mass, Cathedral

Holy Thursday – **April 18th** – 7:00 pm – Mass of the Institution of the Eucharist

Good Friday – **April 19th** – 12:00 to 3:00 pm – Holy Hour, Stations, Mass of the Pre-sanctified, opening of the Tomb of Jesus

Good Friday – **April 19th** – 7:00 pm – Tenebrae, chanted, gentlemen of the Cathedral

Holy Saturday – **April 20th** – 4:00 pm – Vigil of the Risen One

VALENTINE DANCE 2019 – I would like to take this opportunity to especially “Thank” the dedicated ladies of the ANS Catering, the men of the YMS of R, and the Cathedral UYA for helping make this year’s valentine dance a success. Many long hours of preparation took place that week from preparing the delicious homemade food, along with helping set up the hall with the many decorations which allowed us to transform our youth center from a gymnasium to a dinner/dance atmosphere. Everyone who attended had great comments and look forward to next year’s event. Thank you again for your cooperation, dedication, and hard work in making this dance such a great fundraiser towards the youth center operational expenses. *Jake Stankowski, Valentine Dance Coordinator*

CATHEDRAL YOUTH GROUP NEWS – The St. Stanislaus Youth Group will once again be making their “Homemade Bread” for the Easter Holiday. Orders can be placed downstairs in the church hall, for Plain or Raisin, at a cost of \$10.00 per loaf, or contact Jacob or Mary Stankowski @ 570- 341-0986. **Deadline for all orders will be March 17th, 2019 (may be earlier if quota is reached sooner, so please place your orders early). The bread will be available for pick-up on Saturday, March 30th, 2019, around 2:30-3:00pm (in the Youth Center), or following the 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. mass on Sunday, March 31st, 2019 (downstairs in the church hall). Since a limited amount of bread will be made we request all orders, especially plain should be placed as soon as possible.** Once again we would like to “thank you” for your continued support of our organization and as always for making this fundraiser such a great success!

SHHHHHH.....IT'S A SECRET!! – Our ANS Sister, Chris Ross will be making some of her delicious soups 5 out of 7 Wednesdays during this Lenten Season. Unfortunately there will be no pre-orders & will be available only on Wednesdays after Lenten Devotions. The cost is \$10.00 per quart. Proceeds will benefit the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society!
Thank You & Enjoy!

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.

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 you 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.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS – Please help adorn our Alters for Easter by donating \$20.00 in honor or memory of a loved one. Checks may be made out to ANS Flower Fund. Checks can be mailed or left in the Parish Office by 4/6/19. Any questions contact Connie Tellep at 570-222-4409 or jtellerp@nep.net.

FOOD PANTRY – Please bring **toilet paper** on Sunday, **March 10th** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – **Mar 4** – Kyle Lennert; **Mar 5** – Brandon Reed; **Mar 9** – Jordan Patrick

FRIENDS in the HOSPITAL – **March 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, March 4

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Tuesday, March 5

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Ash Wednesday, March 6

12:00 noon – Holy Mass, distribution of blessed ashes

7:00 pm – Holy Mass, distribution of blessed ashes

Thursday, March 7

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, March 8

8:30 – sp. Florence Patrick (birthday) by family

Saturday, March 9

8:30 am – sp. Carolyn Wilk-Seliga by son Roger E. Seliga

Ash Wednesday
reminds
us we are not here
forever, and
challenges us
to live
the very best
every day!