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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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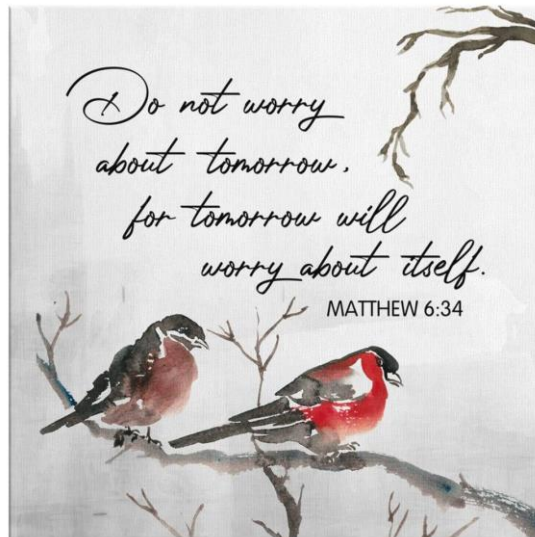
The Right Reverend Bernard J. Nowicki, DD, pastor – bishop@saintstanislauspncc.org

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Ms. Rebecca Elfman – Organist / Director of Music

Quinquagesima Sunday

February 19, 2023



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

10:45 am – SOCL Classes

We welcome Father David Gaydos, professor of Liturgics, Savonarola Theological Seminary, as our guest celebrant and preacher at the second Mass.

Lectors:

2/19 – 8:00 – J. Andrzejewski

9:30 – E. Hughes & M. Hughes

11:15 – D. Rychleski

2/26 – 8:00 – K. Michalina

9:30 – M. Hughes & B. Seliga

11:15 – D. Rychleski

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd – Opening of the Lenten Season

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

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

Thursday, February 23rd

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale Rehearsal

Friday, February 24th

11:00 am – Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

12:00 noon – Stations of the Cross, lower Cathedral Chapel

Saturday, February 25th

10:00 am – Confirmation Class

Next Sunday, February 26th – First Sunday of Lent

Holy Mass: **8:00 am** Traditional **9:30 am** Contemporary

11:15 am Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park

Yearly Reports are Ready – The yearly reports for the annual meeting are ready and in the parish hall for you to pick up. Please take only one per family.

Annual Parish Meeting – The annual parish meeting is being scheduled for its usual time on the first **Sunday in March, March 5th**.

There will only be one mass on that Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and the annual meeting will commence after mass in the parish hall. Annual reports will be placed in the parish hall for all parishioners to obtain. They will be available in the later part of February before the meeting.

One important item on the agenda will be a change to the amount of dividends and interest that can be drawn from the Endowment Fund.

If anyone is interested in joining the parish committee for this year please contact Carol Nasser (570-840-5502), Linda Vitcavage (480-329-7021) or the parish office 570-961-9231).

Please keep this date open to participate in this important meeting.

Scouts Thank You – Thank you to everyone who made last week's Scout Sunday celebration very special. From procession to reception, everyone made the scouts and leaders feel very welcome.

With sincere appreciation,

The scouts and leaders of Troop/Pack 42, Troop 160 and Troop/Pack 407

ANS Annual Meeting – The ANS Annual Meeting with election of officers will be held on Sunday, February 26th following 9:30 Mass in the boardroom.

Why not try Choir for Lent? – We are in need of singers for a Tenebrae service on Good Friday. This group of men typically convenes each Wednesday after evening Lenten Devotions to rehearse simple music for this event. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the vestibule. We need at least 4 people to commit to this, or we will have to come up with a plan B.

In addition, please consider joining the choir for a trial period of Lent and Holy Week! Choir rehearsals are 6:30-8, and we begin rehearsing upcoming anthems at 7. All are welcome to try this and see how much good it can do for your community and your spiritual health... not to mention that each rehearsal is followed by convivial snacks of wine and cheese! This sign-up sheet is also on the bulletin board in the vestibule-- or just show up.

Bible Study: “THE STORY” – The Bible written as you have never experienced before.

Wednesdays before Stations of the Cross
6:00 pm - 6:50 pm, Conference Room, lower auditorium

The Bible is often described as “the greatest story ever told.”

Have you ever wished you could easily read it and understand its story? Did you ever get lost in the format of chapter and verses when you tried?

On Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. this Lent, you will have the chance to begin to read the Bible as one continuing story of God and his people as a novel! Yes! That is why the book we will be focusing on is called, THE STORY. “It allows the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel!” “This STORY offers us a glimpse of people in a different time and place who are yet very much like us today.” It is also God’s STORY. It is “the STORY of his master plan unfolding in their lives and in your own life. Delve into God’s STORY and “experience the joy that comes as you align your own story with God’s.

This Bible study will include reading a chapter of the novel on your own, and then attending the Wednesday evening session where you will view a video and share your reactions and interests in the STORY. Through these experiences you will come to KNOW the STORY of the Bible, UNDERSTAND the STORY of the Bible, LIVE the STORY of the Bible, and be able to TELL the STORY of the Bible.

Won’t you join us? There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall, or speak to Bishop Nowicki for more information on this activity and those who will lead it. Books and materials provided.



Pre-Lenten Preparations – As we approach and prepare to enter into the Season of Great Lent this Ash Wednesday on February 22nd, 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 outlined for the week in each bulletin beginning today. 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. As you give up something for seven weeks that you are particularly fond of, abstain as well, perhaps more importantly, 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.



The Four Lenten Disciplines – Praying, Fasting, Almsgiving and Daily Bible Readings

Let's live Lent as People of the Resurrection.....

....following our Saviour as he takes up his cross. We repent of our sins. We live Lent knowing the end of the story. Our sins are forgiven, washed away in Jesus' blood. The promise of the empty tomb is the promise of paradise!

PONDER THE LOVE OF GOD
Repent and Receive Forgiveness

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| <i>Ash Wednesday, 2/22</i> | God redeems His people | Psalm 77:12-15 |
| <i>Thursday, 2/23</i> | A gift of love | Luke 15:8-10 |
| <i>Friday, 2/24</i> | Have mercy | Psalm 51:1-7 |
| <i>Saturday, 2/25</i> | Made clean | 1 John 1:7-10 |



Lenten Services and Events

Ash Wednesday – February 22nd – 12:00 noon – Holy Mass, distribution of blessed ashes
7:00 pm – Holy Mass, distribution of blessed ashes

Fridays – 11:00 am – Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations
12 noon (**beginning February 24th**) – Stations of the Cross, chapel, lower auditorium

Wednesdays –
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Wednesdays before Stations of the Cross
6:00 pm - 6:50 pm, Conference Room, lower auditorium

7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross, Cathedral

Various societies and parish ministries will read the meditations each week.

(Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park attendees may worship at the hour given above on either day)

Holy Tuesday – April 4th – **TBD** – Chrism Mass, Cathedral

Holy Thursday – April 6th – 7:00 pm – Mass of the Institution of the Eucharist

Good Friday – April 7th – 12:00 to 3:00 pm – Holy Hour, Stations, Mass of the Pre-sanctified, opening of the Tomb of Jesus

Good Friday – April 7th – 7:00 pm – Tenebrae

Holy Saturday – April 8th – 4:00 pm – Vigil of the Risen One

Education & Stipend Application for 2022/2023 – Now is the time to start submitting the stipend application for the Education and Youth Commission of the PNU. The deadline for submission is April 15th, 2023 (please note all applications must be postmarked by this date). Applications can be found on the PNU website (under downloadable forms for the Education & Youth Commission) along with the criteria information or in your parish hall.

- Member of the PNU who has a life insurance policy in good standing for at least 5 years. Social membership does not apply.
- A student currently enrolled in a University or College for the academic year 2022/2023.
- A fall and spring tuition statement.
- A schedule of classes for each semester (both fall'22 and spring'23) showing the total number of credits taken during each semester, or proof of enrollment from the Registrar from the university along with proof that the student was full or part time.

John & Dorothy Markiewicz Family Scholarship 2023

The Board of Directors of the PNU in conjunction with the Education and Youth Commission are excited to announce a new member benefit. The family of John & Dorothy Markiewicz have decided to provide a living legacy of their parents. This legacy will come in the form of a \$1,000.00 annual scholarship to members of the PNU youth members who are pursuing a higher education. Applications can be found in your parish halls.

- Member of the PNU who has a life insurance policy in good standing for at least 5 years. Social Membership does not apply.
- A student currently enrolled in a University or College for the academic year 2022/2023, both undergraduate or graduate students focusing in the healthcare field of study.
- Proof of enrollment either from the Registrar or a copy of the fall and spring semester class schedule showing the number of credits taken for each semester. A tuition bill form both semesters must be submitted as well.
- Deadline for submission is April 15th, 2023.

If there are any questions or concerns please contact Mary Ann Stankowski, chairperson Education & Youth Commission, via email at eyc@pnu.org or 570-341-0986

Apartment for Rent – The first floor apartment at 1115 Pittston Ave. is for rent. It is a 5 room, 2 bedroom apartment with off-street parking, washer & dryer hook up and heat and water included. Monthly rent is \$910. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please contact the parish office at 570-961-9231.

Easter Flower Donations – With Lent fast approaching please consider donating \$25.00 to the ANS Flower Fund in honor or memory of loved ones. Your donation will help beautify our Alters for Easter. Please make checks to ANS Flower Fund and drop in Offertory Basket or mail to 529 E. Locust St. Scranton, PA 18505 by March 30th. Please include names of loved ones. Any questions please contact Connie Tellep (570) 222-4409.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Daily Mass schedule changed to 9:30 am

Monday, February 20

9:30 am – Holy Mass

Tuesday, February 21

9:30 am – Holy Mass

Wednesday, February 22

12:00 NOON – Holy Mass,

distribution of blessed ashes

7:00 pm – Holy Mass, distribution

of blessed ashes

Thursday, February 23

9:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, February 24

9:30 am – Holy Mass

Saturday, February 25

9:30 am – Holy Mass

SAVE THE DATE

During Lent:

Wednesdays – Stations of the Cross with Benediction

6:00 pm - Bible Study: "THE STORY"

7:00 pm – Cathedral

Fridays – Stations of the Cross, lower chapel

11:00 am – Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

12:00 pm – Lower chapel

Saturday, March 4th – One Hot Meal, Take out only

12:00 – 1:00 pm

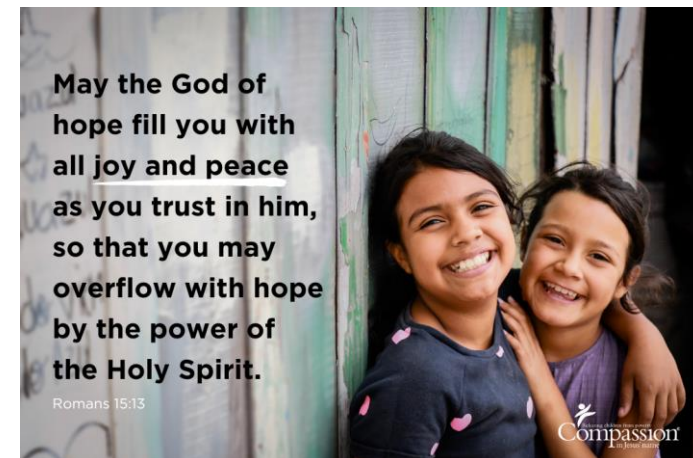
Sunday, March 5th – Annual Parish Meeting

Following 9:00 am Holy Mass ONE MASS THIS DAY

Saturday, March 18th – Scranton Seniorate Lenten Retreat

11:00 am – Providence of God Parish, North Scranton

1:00 pm – Luncheon



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

Compassion