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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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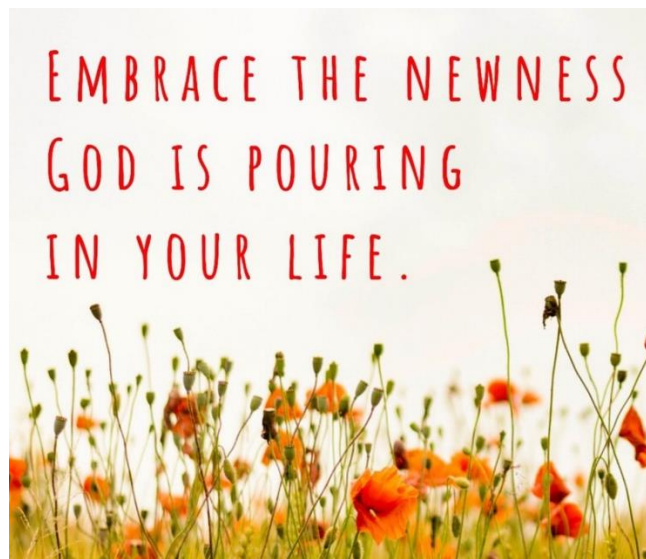
The Right Reverend Bernard J. Nowicki, DD, pastor – bishop@saintstanislauspncc.org

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Ms. Rebecca Elfman – Organist / Director of Music

Quinquagesima Sunday

February 11, 2024



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

Tuesday, February 13th

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

Ash Wednesday, February 14th – 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 15th

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

Friday, February 16th – **71st Anniversary of the Death of Bishop Hodur**

10:00 am – Holy Mass, Cathedral

Saturday, February 17th

10:00 am – Confirmation class

11:00 am – First Communion class

Next Sunday, February 18th – **First Sunday of Lent**

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

11:15 am Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park

Annual Parish Meeting – The annual parish meeting is scheduled for its usual time on the first **Sunday in March, March 3rd**.

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.

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

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

Lectors:

2/11 – 8:00 – John Andrzejewski

9:30 – Eve Hughes

11:15 – David Rychleski

2/18 – 8:00 – Kathy Michalina

9:30 – Judy Snyder

11:15 – David Rychleski

Meal in the Upper Room – A program of melody, meditation, and meal will be conducted in conjunction with the Scranton Seniorate Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 16, 2024 beginning at 10:00 am at St. Stanislaus Cathedral. The Lenten Retreat will also include our seasonal penitential preparations along with the opening meditation on the Upper Room Meal conducted in our lower Chapel preceding the Meal. Please plan to attend this very beautiful and inspiring presentation.

Seating is limited to 40 participants. Reservations are needed and can be made through June Sarnowski at (home) 570 562 2086. Reservations will be accepted through and including Wednesday, March 6th.

ANS Thank You – I would like to offer my sincerest & heartfelt thanks to our faithful members of the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society for their participation in Adoring the Body & Blood of Christ at Sunday morning Holy Mass.

Also.... Thanks be to our members for Altar Care. May the Holy Spirit bestow his blessings on our Earthly January Angels.

President,
Kathy Michalina

Vacation Bible School this year for St. Stanislaus – *Calling all volunteers and everybody interested in promoting Christian education for the young within our Parish and our surrounding community!* St. Stanislaus' Vacation Bible School will be taking place this summer beginning the last week in July from the 29th!

In order to make this event the huge success we would like it to be, we are going to need volunteers to help with decorating, reading lessons, arts and crafts, snack time, and more! Any help is greatly appreciated. If you are interested, please reach out to Jessica Notari for the latest details at (570) 616-5175 or notari.jt@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your support.

23rd Mission & Evangelism Workshop – “The Christian Ambassador’s Toolbox” will be held on **Friday, April 12, through Sunday, April 14, 2024**, at **Saint Barbara’s Parish of the PNCC in Houtzdale, PA** in central PA. Hotel accommodations: **Hampton Inn Clearfield**, Clearfield, PA 16830.

The cut-off deadline date for obtaining the guaranteed room rate of 25 double queens, \$109.00, 20 Kings, \$109.00 plus tax, is **Thursday, March 21, 2024**.

The registration fee is \$50.00. The deadline for registration is **Tuesday, April 2, 2024**.

The Four Traditional Lenten Disciplines: *Praying, Almsgiving, Fasting, Scripture Reading*

PRAYING is the first of the Lenten disciplines:

- praying daily at home;
- praying every Sunday in Church at Mass;
- praying every week at Lenten devotions on Wednesdays or Fridays with three opportunities weekly to attend the Stations of the Cross at three convenient locations:

in the Cathedral on Wednesdays, 7:00 pm
in the lower chapel on Fridays at 12:00 noon

- coming to church 15 minutes before every Sunday Mass to read and meditate on the scripture readings provided in the order of service for the Mass;
- coming to church 15 minutes before every Sunday Mass, to read and meditate on the hymn texts selected for the Mass since hymns are poetic prayers, reflections and also mini-sermons which can provide you with guidance and comfort.

ALMSGIVING - monetary offerings, grants, gifts, bequests and donations:

- responding to requests you receive in the mail for worthy charities;
- providing increased offerings to the Church at its various levels – parochial, diocesan and national;
- contributing more broadly to various parish projects, needs;
- arranging the inclusion of a generous bequest to the Church from your estate after your death.

FASTING is a long-hallowed Lenten discipline:

- adjusting your dietary routines by abstaining from eating meat on every Wednesday and Friday – without substituting lobster and scallops instead;
- giving up one or more things you like to eat or something you enjoy doing through the whole season;
- *fasting from wrongdoing*, that is, doing good to others, doing acts of love towards others, doing random acts of kindness towards others.

READING SCRIPTURE:

- Bible reading each day through Lent on the theme given below of living out the Season of Lent as Resurrection People.
- All these disciplines require a sacrifice – the sacrifice of your time for prayer, Lenten devotions, scripture reading, fasting and almsgiving.

This is the Lenten mortification you hear about each year. But it’s less about the mortification of the flesh than about something much worse, and for many of us, far more painful; this *Lenten mortification outlined for you above is about the mortification of your personal schedules* – which would need to be adjusted the seven-week period in order to accommodate your participation in the various Lenten disciplines, as you prioritize those activities over other activities in your schedules.



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

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

*(HELP YOUR CHILDREN learn the citations in the Bible:
Luke is a Book in the Bible.
15: is the 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

Ash Wednesday – February 14th – 12:00 noon – Holy Mass, distribution of blessed ashes
 7:00 pm – Holy Mass, distribution of blessed ashes

Fridays – 12 noon (**beginning February 23rd**) – Stations of the Cross, chapel, lower chapel

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 may worship at the hour given above on either day)

Holy Tuesday – March 26th – **TBD** – Chrism Mass, Cathedral

Holy Thursday –March 28th – 7:00 pm – Mass of the Institution of the Eucharist

Good Friday –March 29th – 12:00 to 3:00 pm – Holy Hour, Stations, Mass of the Pre-sanctified, opening of the Tomb of Jesus

Good Friday –March 29th – 7:00 pm – Tenebrae

Holy Saturday – March 30th – 4:00 pm – Vigil of the Risen One

2024 Pledge Forms – New pledge forms and donation statements for the 2024 year have been sent to all parishioners. Please remember to fill out your pledge form and return it to the parish office. You may contact the parish office during normal business hours with any questions at 570-961-9231, or by email, office@saintstanislauspncc.org. Thank you and may God bless you for your support of our Cathedral.

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 20th**. Please include names of loved ones. Any questions please contact Connie Tellep (570) 222-4409.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday, February 12

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Tuesday, February 13

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Ash Wednesday, February 14

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

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

Thursday, February 8

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, February 16 – 70th Anniversary of the Death of Bishop Hodur

10:00 am – Holy Mass

Saturday, February 10

8:00 am – Holy Mass

SAVE THE DATE

February 14th – Ash Wednesday

12:00 pm and 7:00 pm – Holy Mass with distribution of ashes

February 16th – Anniversary of the Death of Bishop Hodur

10:00 am – Holy Mass

DURING LENT:

Wednesdays – Stations of the Cross with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm – Cathedral

Fridays – Stations of the Cross

12:00 pm – *Lower chapel*

Saturday, March 2nd

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm – One Hot Meal

Sunday, March 3rd – Annual Parish Meeting

Following 9:00 am Holy Mass ONE MASS THIS DAY

Saturday, March 16th – Scranton Seniorate Lenten Retreat

10:00 am – 12:00 pm – featuring the Meal in the Upper Room
– St. Stanislaus Cathedral