

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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Ms. Rebecca Elfman – Organist / Director of Music

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 22, 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

Special Parish Meeting following 9:30 Mass to elect two delegates to the 14th Central Diocesan Synod.

Tuesday, September 24th

6:30 pm – Prish Committee monthly meeting

Thursday, September 26th

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

Next Sunday, September 29th – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:15 am Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park

Fundraiser to Support One Hot Meal – One Hot Meal will sponsor a **Pasta and Meatball Dinner** on **Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 5:30 pm** in the Youth Center.

This fundraiser is of vital importance to ensure that this community outreach program will continue.

Cost: \$20.00 Adult – \$10.00 Child

Reservation signup sheets are located in the Church Auditorium.

For more information, please contact Carol Nasser at 570-840-5502 or Linda Seliga at 480-329-7021.

We thank you for your support.

Sign up for Catechism Classes – It is time to begin signing up for Catechism classes for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Children for First Holy Communion must be 8 years of age when receiving the Sacrament and 14 years of age when receiving Confirmation. If your child or grandchild is ready for these Sacraments, please contact the parish office at 570-961-9231.

Classes will begin on **Saturday, October 5th, 2024**.

- Confirmation class - every **Saturday at 10:00 am**
- First Communion class - every **Saturday at 11:00 am**

Lectors:

9/22 – 8:00 – John Andrzejewski

9:30 – Eve Hughes

11:15 – David Rychleski

9/29 – 8:00 – Kathy Michalina

9:30 – Tera Jean Notari

11:15 – David Rychleski

SOCL Classes – Want to be a part of the Sunday SOCL class of 2024-2025? Sign up in the Parish Hall! Class will start in the library on **October 6th, 2024 after 9:30 am Mass**. Children through 6th grade are encouraged to sign up!

Start the Party Vacation Bible School 2024 – A little late is better than never!

A sincere thank you to all of our AMAZING volunteers who came out in force to help with Start the Party VBS 2024! With a grand total of 14 kids, all hands-on deck were much appreciated. We truly couldn't have done it without you! If you haven't done so already, make sure to check out the bulletin boards in the Parish Hall to see all the fun we had!

See you next year for VBS 2025!!!

300 Club Winners – The first 300 Club drawing was held September 15, 2024. Congratulations to all winners:

\$100.00 - Mollie Conrad

\$ 50.00 - Diane Williams

Joanne Stankowski

\$ 25.00 - Pat Hartman

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Nine more weeks to go. Tickets are still available if anyone would like to join this St. Stanislaus Cathedral fundraiser.

Blood Drive – The Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society will be sponsoring a BLOOD DRIVE at our **Youth Center on Wednesday, October 23rd**.

Please stay tuned for more information.

Your support is most definitely needed in this worthy cause. The Red Cross blood bank donations are unfortunately very low.

St. Adalbert's YMS of R Chicken Barbeque and ANS Bake Sale will be held on **Saturday September 28th from Noon to 3:00 PM (Take-Out)** at 515 Mary Street in Dickson City. Call Mike Shiner at (570) 947-2333 if you would like to reserve a dinner in advance. Donation is \$15 and includes chicken, baked potato, green beans, a roll, and dessert. A variety of delicious baked goods will also be available for purchase.

The Chair – “*What's in a name? That which we call a rose /_By any other name would [still] smell as sweet.*”

These are the desperate words Shakespeare places on Juliet's lips as she attempts to convince Romeo his last name doesn't matter to her, or at all. Of course, she's wrong because he's a Montague and she, a Capulet, both of whose families are sworn enemies.

She might have tried to say the same about a chair, but she'd be equally wrong. After all, in her view, a chair is simply any four-legged platform, with or without a back on it, that bears the torso of the one sitting on it. Or to paraphrase Juliet:

That which we call a chair / By any other name would [still] support the sitter. Actually no.

Depending on who the sitter is, the chair will have very different names. The monarch? Has his *throne*. The bishop-in-charge? Has his *cathedra* (from which comes the name of his church building, the cathedral). The pastor? Has his *sedalia*.

Up to June 1st this year, Bishop Bernard sat on a chair called the *cathedra* since he was the Bishop Ordinary of the Central Diocese, the bishop-in-charge. From June 1st this year, Bishop Bernard occupies the same chair now referred to as the *sedalia* since from that same date the title of Bishop Ordinary and the authority accruing to that title reside in the person of ***the Prime Bishop*** who ***now holds two positions of authority in our Church***, that of Ordinary of the Central Diocese and Primate of the entire denomination. ***Bishop Bernard continues on as pastor of the Cathedral Parish***. Hence, his chair is now the chair of a pastor, the *sedalia*.

Prayer for the Prime Bishop – During Holy Mass we, in our Diocese, pray for the Prime Bishop using these words: “ We pray for Anthony, our Prime Bishop *and Diocesan Bishop* “ since the Primate is also the episcopal head of the Central Diocese. Priests in other dioceses outside of the Central Diocese do not make their prayers for the Prime Bishop in this form as he is not the episcopal head of their diocese.

Office Team & Maintenance – We are so blessed to have Mary Zahorsky keeping our office organized and running smoothly! She has quickly taken on a leadership role, helping our Cathedral operate efficiently. Mary Stankowski, our wonderful bookkeeper, works closely with her to manage our finances. Behind the scenes, Walt Sadauskas is handling various repairs, with the help of Mike Beggin when he's not busy tending to our beautiful cemetery. And keeping everything tidy and in order around the Cathedral campus is Gary Bonk. When you see any of these dedicated team members, don't forget to share a smile and thank them for their hard work!

Newsletter – Our newsletter is still on pause, but stay tuned—it’s set to launch this Fall!

Digital Sign – We’re eagerly awaiting the final pieces of our church logo to arrive by the end of the week for our new digital sign.

New Truck – Our church is on the lookout for a reliable used pickup truck to help with church-related tasks. If you know someone who can help, please contact the parish office, and we’ll have our team look into it!

Wreaths Across America – We’ve partnered with Walmart for potential donations to support this meaningful cause, but we could use more help! If your employer can contribute a monetary donation, please reach out to us.

Youth Center – Our youth center has become a vibrant part of our community! As we transition to a more flexible way of managing it, we kindly ask for patience and grace as we navigate the challenges that come with change.

Cathedral Chairlift – Great news! Our chairlifts have passed inspection and are state approved once again, allowing parishioners and visitors easy access to upstairs services, funerals, and events.

One Hot Meal Fundraiser – Our *One Hot Meal* program, in partnership with the St. Francis of Assisi Clothing Closet Truck, is a lifeline for those in need throughout Scranton. Please consider attending or donating to this vital cause.

All Saints/All Souls / Advent / Christmas – As fall approaches, we’re excited for the special events we have planned. These are unique opportunities to gather with family and friends. Instead of focusing on what might keep you from attending, let’s give thanks for these moments of togetherness, especially as such traditions become less common in today’s busy world. Let’s celebrate them!

Get Involved! – You don’t need an invitation! Whether you’re new to the parish or have been a member for years, getting involved is one of the best ways to feel connected. The ANS, YMS of R, and Choir all welcome new members—just show up to a meeting and see how you can lend a hand. If none of these groups fit your interests, feel free to reach out to us via the parish office with your ideas. We’d love to hear from you!

Parish Committee – Our parish committee meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month to discuss and vote on important matters. We’re also active throughout the month, organizing events, following up on issues, and handling everything from legal matters to leaky pipes. If you’d like to get more involved, consider joining the committee next year!

Wishing you all the best. God bless you and your families!

Income vs Expenditures for May 2024 St. Stanislaus, PNC Cathedral – Thank you to all of our faithful members' patience while we are working on delivering this important information in a more timely manner. As with any new endeavor there are administrative hiccups that can cause delays. However, in an effort to provide accurate information concerning our beloved Cathedral’s fiscal health, the Parish Committee has authorized the publication of the following:

May 2024

Income \$17,055.00.00

Expenses \$25,583.88

Net Loss -\$8,528.88

Altar Flower Fund – What a gesture of affection it would be to make a donation for flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one! To follow through on exactly that, please contact Connie Tellep at 570-222- 4409. A donation of \$60 would cover the cost for a Sunday. Of course, a donation of any amount to the fund is always welcomed. Simply send a check made payable to ANS Flower Fund, to the Parish office or just drop the envelope in the collection basket. Thank you for your help in bringing beauty in glorifying God.

THIS WEEK’S LITURGIES

Monday, September 23

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Tuesday, September 24

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Wednesday, September 25

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Thursday, September 26

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, September 27

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Saturday, September 28

8:00 am – Holy Mass

YMS of R Grove Rental – Reserve your day at the YMS of R grove for 2024! If you would like to reserve the YMS of R Grove for a fall outing, **please contact Artie Golembeski at [570-575-5231](tel:570-575-5231) or via email at artbowl@msn.com**. Spots are filling up fast. So if you have a family reunion or a birthday party coming up, why not reserve the grove for the day.

THE STARFISH STORY

One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking up and gently throwing things into the ocean.

Approaching the boy he asked: "Young man, what are you doing?"

The boy replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out.

If I don't throw them back, they'll die."

The man laughed to himself and said, "Do you realize there are miles of miles of beach and hundreds of starfish?" "You can't make any difference."

After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish and threw it into the surf, then smiling at the man, he said;

"I made a difference to that one."

