

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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December 1, 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 Class

Tuesday, December 3rd

6:30 pm – Branch 1 YMS of R in the Youth Center (see announcement)

Wednesday, December 4th

6:30 AM – Rorate – Marian Mass of Advent

Thursday, December 5th

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

Saturday, December 7th

10:00 am – Confirmation class

11:00 am – First Communion class

11:00 am – **Scranton Seniorate Penitential Devotions, Providence of God Parish**

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm – One Hot Meal

Next Sunday, December 8th – Second Sunday of Advent

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

11:15 am Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park

Oplatek – Christmas Wafer – Oplatki are available in the parish hall after the Sunday Masses, or you may pick them up during the week by contacting the Parish Office at 570-961-9231. We ask that you consider making a donation to help defray the cost of the wafers.

Carry on the Polish custom of breaking bread at the Wigilia, Vigil Dinner, on Christmas Eve and sharing your good wishes for good health, wealth, and happiness. If a loved one cannot be present this year, try sending a piece of Oplatek in a Christmas card to them with your good wishes.

ANS Filled Kolachi Roll Sale – The ANS will begin selling for Christmas, a delicious favorite enjoyed by many, Filled Kolachi Rolls!

Popular in Eastern Europe, this delicacy is a traditional delight paired with a great cup of Coffee/Tea or your beverage of choice.

Flavors include Apricot, Poppy seed, Prune, Raspberry or Walnut. **The Cost per Roll is \$10.00.** **The Deadline for orders is Sunday 12/15/24.** Information regarding a pickup date will be announced.

Please look for the signup sheet in the Parish Hall to place your orders, contact one of our ANS members, or call the Parish Office @ 570-961-9231.

Thank you for your patronage!

Lectors:

12/1 – 8:00 – Kathy Michalina
9:30 – Eve Hughes
11:15 – David Rychleski
12/8 – 8:00 – Kathy Michalina
9:30 – Tera Jean Notari
11:15 – David Rychleski

Branch 1 YMS of R Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, December 3rd at **6:30 pm** in the Youth Center. We will set up the Christmas tree first, with the meeting and refreshments immediately following.

Christmas *WITH ADVENT* is the most wonderful tiiiiiiiiime - of the year The annual cycle within the Church renews itself TODAY, the first Sunday of Advent, the season we use to self-reflect in order to ready our hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. It's darkness and light that will be featured during the Advent Season especially during our Rorate votive Masses in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary each Wednesday from 6:30 in the morning.

We arrive at the lower chapel of the Cathedral to begin Holy Mass in the morning's darkness, but we conclude and depart our worship in the morning's dawning light. This reflects Isaiah's description of mankind's experience of the coming of God's Christ that "The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them" (9:2 NASB). Of course, looming in the shadows around us are all the troubles of this world that often darken our spirits. These mid-week Masses and those on Sunday together with our daily prayers and our Scranton Seniorate Advent Penitential Service help us look to Jesus, the Light of the World, who overcomes all darkness with his gifts of hope, peace, joy and love. **Three Rorate Masses** are scheduled before Christmas this year **on the 4th, 11th and 18th.**

Our **Scranton Seniorate Advent Penitential Service** of introspection, penitence and forgiveness is offered to you **on Saturday, December 7th, at Providence of God** Lithuanian National Catholic Church **from 11:00 am.**

Christmas Eve in the afternoon and nighttime, and subsequently Christmas Day in the morning will include **Masses at 4:00 pm and 10:30 pm, and 10:00 am,** respectively.

The Living Nativity will be offered to the glory of God in your presence on the Polish National Catholic Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds, **Sunday, December 29th at the 9:30 am Mass ONLY IF we can have** a sufficient number of children to fill out the cast of characters that comprise our living tableaux. Parents who are interested in having their children participate in this seasonal montage, please **contact the Parish Office at 570.961.9231** to leave you child(ren)'s name(s). Please make this phone call **by December 3rd** for us to make the necessary preparations simply because "it's the most wonderful tiiiiiiiiime - of the year!

Breakfast Buffet with Santa – YMS of R Branch #1 hosts their annual Breakfast Buffet with Santa **in the Parish Youth Center on Sunday, December 8th after 9:30 am Holy Mass.**

Tickets are Adults: \$10.00; Children ages 4 to 12: \$5.00; Children ages 3 and under: Free. Please make reservations in the Parish Hall after 9:30 am Mass on Sundays or **call Frank Gerardi at 570-587-3672.**

A limited number of tickets will be available at the door, so please make your reservations by Thursday, December 5th.

United YMS of R Winter Clothing Drive – The United Y.M.S. of R. Board is once again calling on all Parishes and Y.M.S. of R. Branches in the PNCC to *be* Christ to your community with a winter clothing drive. The **drive begins now and concludes January 6, 2025,** the Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord.

Items needed: **coats, sweatshirts, pants, t-shirts, winter hats, gloves, underwear, undershirts and socks.** Items received will be donated to local charitable agencies.

Wreaths Across America – On **Saturday, December 14th at noon** a wreath-laying ceremony will be held **at our cemetery on Kane Street.**

SPONSORS NEEDED!!! Due to the trying economic times several of our sponsors from last year have not been able to come forth to purchase wreaths and help defray our costs (est. \$17 per wreath).

Please **donate \$17 for the wreath honoring your loved one** who served in the Armed Forces. **Just place the \$17 in an envelope** with (1) your name, (2) the name of the person you want to remember and (3) any identifying information about the location of the grave. Then drop it in the **collection basket or bring it into the church office. Please make checks payable to *Wreaths Across America.*** **All donations must be received by Tuesday, November 26th** so we can place the order for the wreaths. You may also go online to www.wreathscrossamerica.org, and click on **Sponsor Wreaths.** Please mark your calendars and join us for the Wreaths Across America ceremony.

Christmas Flower Donations – Once again the Flower Fund needs your help. With Advent fast approaching it is time to consider donating for Christmas Flowers to adorn our altars. For **\$30 or more** you can honor, remember, or just donate to the fund. Checks may be made out to the ANS Flower Fund by **December 15th** and mailed to 529 E. Locust St. Scranton, 18505 or dropped in the collection basket on Sundays. Please include the names of loved ones to be honored. Any questions please contact Connie Tellep 570-222-4409.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday, December 2

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Tuesday, December 3

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Wednesday, December 4

6:30 am – **RORATE MASS**

Thursday, December 5

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, December 6

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Saturday, December 7

8:00 am – Sp. Cecilia Gorgol by J.P. Nidoh.

11:00 am – Advent Penitential Service, Providence of God, North Scranton

