

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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December 8, 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

Breakfast Buffet with Santa, in the Youth Center following
9:30 Holy Mass

Kolachi Samples will be available **TODAY** after 8:00
& 9:30 Mass in the Parish Hall. Please stop by for a
tasty treat while enroute to the Santa Breakfast!!!

Wednesday, December 11th

6:30 AM – Rorate – Marian Mass of Advent

Thursday, December 12th

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

Saturday, December 14th

10:00 am – Confirmation class

11:00 am – First Communion class

12:00 noon – Wreaths Across America (see announcement)

Next Sunday, December 15th – Third Sunday of Advent

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

11:15 am Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park

Advent Rorate Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary – offered **each Wednesday in Advent**
at **6:30 am** on December 11th, and the 18th.

Wreaths Across America – Please join us at **12:00 noon on Saturday, December 14**, for the
laying of over 360 wreaths on our VETERANS' graves.

One Hot Meal would like to thank the following people who kindly donated to our monthly
parish outreach in memory of Marie Gorgol. Our gratitude to: Frank and Jennifer Gerardi,
Paul and Linda Gorgol, Frances Owcarz for your generous donations.

Also, a special Thank You to Cheri Barlow for sponsoring the December "One Hot Meal" in
memory of John and Frances Rowinski.

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.

Lectors:

12/8 – 8:00 – Kathy Michalina

9:30 – Tera Jean Notari

11:15 – David Rychleski

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Rorate Masses reflect the themes from the ancient hymn entitled “Rorate Caeli” from which the Advent Masses take their name:

RORATE CAELI (transl: Drop down dew, ye heavens ...)

*Refrain: Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One.*

1. Be not angry, O Lord, and remember no longer our iniquity: behold the city of the Holy One is become a desert: Sion is become a desert: Jerusalem is desolate: the house of thy sanctification and of thy glory, where our fathers praised thee. *Refrain:*

2. We have sinned and are become as one that is unclean: and we have all fallen as a leaf, and our iniquities like the wind have carried us away: thou hast hidden thy face from us, and hast crushed us in the hold of our iniquity. *Refrain:*

3. Behold, O Lord, the affliction of thy people, and send forth Him Who is to come: send forth the Lamb, the ruler of the earth, from the Rock of the desert, to the mount of daughter Sion: that he may take away the yoke of our captivity. *Refrain:*

4. Be comforted, be comforted, my people: thy salvation cometh quickly: why art thou consumed with grief: for sorrow hath estranged thee: I will save thee: fear not, for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer. *Refrain:*

The hymn is a dialogue between God and the faithful

.... where the faithful ask for forgiveness for their sins and beg for a savior.

The Rorate Mass is a symbol of the Church's waiting

The candles at the Rorate Caeli Mass symbolize the Church waiting in darkness until Christ's light comes into the world.

The Rorate Mass is a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

.... and is traditionally celebrated in Advent just before dawn.

We depart the church as the sun begins to rise. We began in the dark but we time it out to finish the Mass as the day is dawning. In those church buildings facing east, the windows above the high altar begin to light up as we move toward the end of Mass. At St Stanislaus Cathedral, candles are also placed variously throughout the spaces in the lower auditorium.

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!

Decorating the Church for Christmas – We will be “decking the halls” and the Church on **Sunday, December 22nd following the 9:30 a.m. Mass.** Much help is needed. Much fun is promised. Good fellowship guaranteed. Great satisfaction assured. This year, come to experience it all!

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 9

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Tuesday, December 10

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Wednesday, December 11

6:30 am – **RORATE MASS**

Thursday, December 12

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, December 13

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Saturday, December 14

8:00 am – Sp. James Merkel by Frank Logan and family.

SAVE THE DATE

December 14th – Wreaths Across America

12:00 Noon at St. Stanislaus Cemetery

December 22nd

Decorating the Cathedral for Christmas following second Mass

Sunday, December 24th – Christmas Eve

4:00 pm – Vigil Mass

10:10 pm – *Glad Tidings We Bring, voices & instruments in a concert of Christmas music before the Shepherds' Mass*

10:30 pm – Christmas Eve Mass of the Shepherds: *Pasterka*

December 25th – Christmas Day – Nativity of our Lord

10:00 am – Holy Mass, Cathedral

10:30 am – Holy Mass, Tripp Park Chapel