

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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Sexagesima Sunday February 8, 2026



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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Tuesday, February 10th

7:00 – Branch 1 YMS of R Monthly Meeting, Parish Hall

Thursday, February 12th

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

Saturday, February 14th

10:00 am – Confirmation class

11:00 am – First Communion class

Next Sunday, February 15th – Quinquagesima Sunday

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

11:15 am Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park

Lectors:

2/8 – 8:00 – Kathy Michalina

9:30 – Patrick McHugh

11:15 – David Rychleski

2/15 – 8:00 – John Andrzejewski

9:30 – Maria Hughes

11:15 – David Rychleski

Welcome New Members – We extend a warm welcome to Carolyn Hendricks and Sandra Bogdanski Philbin as new members of St. Stanislaus Cathedral.

They were accepted as members of St. Stanislaus at the Parish Committee Meeting held on January 27th.

Congratulations Carolyn and Sandra. We look forward to worshipping and working with you.

Our Bells Are Sounding Again - ‘Hark how the bells, sweet silver bells, all seem to say’ come pray today.... Once again we hear the full complement of our steeple messengers ringing out their reminders to us of the beginning of each Mass and religious service along with the hours of the day, morning, noon and night. The mechanisms that allow our bells to voice their distinctive messages have been upgraded and replaced and only await your generous donation to help defray the cost of their improvement.

Young Adults Group – Help Us Plan Our Weekly Gathering!

The Young Adults Group is choosing a new meeting day and would like to know what works best for the young adults in our parish. Scan the barcode to share your availability, and feel free to pass this along to others who may be interested.



AMERICA 250

America's Path to Religious Liberty (from American Essence, Jan.-Feb. 2026)

1620 Pilgrims Found Plymouth Colony

About 100 Puritans sail from England aboard the Mayflower to found Plymouth Colony, seeking freedom to worship apart from the Church of England.

1634 Catholic Settlers Arrive in Maryland

The Ark and the Dove, carrying more than 100 new settlers, arrive in Maryland under Lord Baltimore's charter, establishing a refuge for English Catholics from Protestant persecution that grew to thousands of settlers within decades.

1649 Maryland Toleration Act

Maryland's assembly passes one of the first laws to protect religious freedom for Christians, ensuring that settlers of varying denominations could worship without fear.

1663 Rhode Island Charter Guarantees Religious Freedom

Roger Williams' charter for the Colony guarantees full religious liberty, drawing hundreds of Quakers, Baptists and Jews who are fleeing persecution in Europe.

1681 Charter Granted to Found Pennsylvania

About 2000 Quakers follow William Penn to Pennsylvania, creating a "holy experiment" in tolerance that attracts tens of thousands of religious freedom seekers by 1700.

1786 Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom

Written by Thomas Jefferson, the statute ends state-supported religion, ensuring every citizen's right to worship – or not – according to conscience.

1791 First Amendment Ratified

The ratification of the First Amendment constitutionally guarantees freedom of religion, protecting all faiths from government interference and setting a global precedent for liberty of conscience.

1840s-1850s Catholic Immigration Wave

Some 2.5 million Irish and German Catholics flee famine and persecution, founding new churches and schools in the United States.

1881-1924 Jewish Immigration Surge

Roughly 2.5 million Jews escaping pogroms and antisemitism in eastern Europe resettle in the United States, establishing vibrant religious and cultural communities.

1953 Refugee Relief Act

This act authorizes special non-quota immigrant visas for about 200,000 people fleeing communist regimes, including 38,000 Hungarians and 2,000 Chinese seeking religious and political freedom.

1978 American Indian Religious Freedom Act

Congress affirms Native Americans' right to practice their traditional religions, protecting access to sacred sites and ceremonies long restricted by federal policy.

1979-Present Iranian Baha'is

Over 10,000 Iranian Baha'is flee from the Iranian regime's persecution of their faith.

One Hot Meal Food Pantry – Please bring **soup and crackers** next Sunday for the One Hot Meal food pantry. Thank you for your support.

Altar Flowers – The floral pieces at the high altar on February 1st were offered to the glory of God and in memory Joseph & Nellie Zike offered by Harry & Christine Zike.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday, February 9

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Tuesday, February 10

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Wednesday, February 11

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Thursday, February 12

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, February 13

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Saturday, February 14

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Church Dates Ahead

February 1st – February 15: Pre-Lent

February 16th: 73rd Anniversary Requiem Mass,
Prime Bishop Franciszek Hodur

February 18th: Ash Wednesday
Masses: 8:30 am *lower chapel*, 12 noon, 7 pm

March 1st: Annual Congregational Meeting

March 8th: Solemnity of the Institution of PNCC

March 14th: Scranton Seniorate Lenten Retreat,
St. Adalbert's Parish, Dickson City

March 29th: Palm Sunday

April 5th: Easter

Apr 18-25th: Conference of Scholars, Scranton

May 29-31st: Mission & Evangelism Workshop

June 17-20th: YMSR Men's Retreat, Waymart

July 4-11th: Kurs, Waymart

Aug 3-7th: Youth Convocation, Jaffrey, NH.

Sept 28 – 30th: PNCC Synod, Manchester, NH