

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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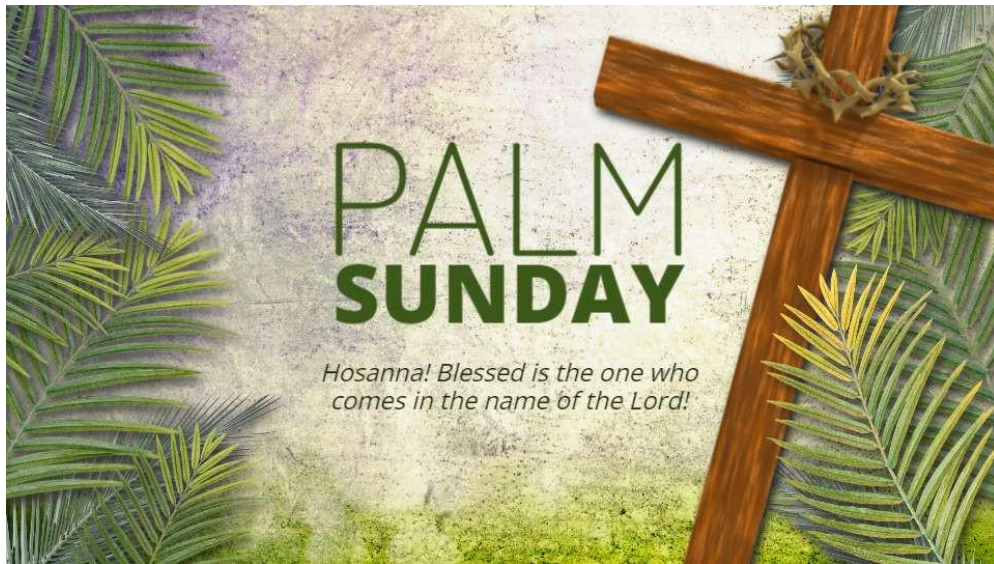
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The Right Reverend Bernard J. Nowicki, DD, pastor – bishop@saintstanislauspncc.org

The Reverend Sean Dodd, assistant pastor – frdodd@saintstanislauspncc.org

Ms. Rebecca Elfman – Organist / Director of Music

March 29, 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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Lectors:

3/29 – 8:00 – Kathy Michalina

10:00 – Maria Hughes

11:15 – David Rychleski

4/5 – 8:00 – John Andrzejewski

10:30 – Eve Hughes

11:15 – David Rychleski

Tuesday, March 31st

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

4:00 pm – Chrism Mass

Wednesday, April 1st

7:00 pm – Tenebrae rehearsal

Next Sunday, April 5th – Easter Sunday

Holy Mass: **8:00 am** Traditional ****10:00 am**** Contemporary

11:15 am Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park

Parish Financial Summary for February – As part of our ongoing commitment to openness and good stewardship, below is a simple summary of parish income and expenses for February 2026.

Saint Stanislaus Parish
Income and Expense by Area

Area	Income	Expense	Net
Church	\$21,558.54	\$34,306.95	-\$12,748.41
Rectory	0.00	4,201.57	- 4,201.57
Cemetery	1,700.00	3,630.71	- 1,930.71
Youth Center	12,934.98	5,196.37	7,738.61
Pittston Ave Apts.	3,665.00	1,967.66	1,697.34
*Tripp Park	0.00	250.00	- 250.00
TOTAL	\$39,858.52	\$49,553.26	-\$9,694.74

This remains a reminder of the importance of faithful giving and careful stewardship in supporting the mission and daily operations of our parish.

*Please note the Tripp Park expense that was captured in our financials was a singular invoice for snow plowing that was submitted to us as a church.

Holy Week Services

Holy Tuesday – March 31st

4:00 pm– Chrism Mass, Cathedral

Holy Thursday – April 2nd

7:00 pm – Mass of the Institution of the Eucharist

Good Friday – April 3rd

12:00 pm – Holy Hour before the Most Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose

1:00 pm – Litanies of the Passion and the Sorrowful Mother

2:00 pm – Mass of the Pre-Sanctified

3:00 pm – Placing the figure of Christ’s lifeless body into the Tomb

7:00 pm – Tenebrae

Holy Saturday – April 4th

9:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm – Blessing of Easter Food, Cathedral

7:00 pm – Vigil of the Risen One

Easter Sunday – April 5th

8:00 am – Solemn Procession & Holy Mass of the Resurrection

****10:30 am** – Holy Mass of the Resurrection

**** Mass time change: please note carefully**

The Four Lenten Disciplines – Praying, Fasting, Almsgiving and Daily Bible Readings

THIS IS THE PROMISE

The promise of eternal life

<i>Palm Sunday</i>	Jesus enter Jerusalem	Luke 19:28-40
<i>Monday</i>	The resurrection and the life	John 11:17-27
<i>Tuesday</i>	Because I live, you will live	John 14:15-20
<i>Wednesday</i>	The promise of life	1 John 2:20-25
<i>Thursday</i>	The Last Supper	Matthew 26:26-29
<i>Friday</i>	The Lamb of sacrifice	Luke 23:44-49
<i>Saturday</i>	A borrowed tomb	Luke 23:50-56

Seeds of Faith Garden – Savonarola Theological Seminary has started a community garden project behind the seminary called Seeds of Faith Garden. I, Deacon Todd, will be the coordinator of the project and can be found at the seminary (just drop by). I am inviting anyone who has an interest in gardening, or in helping us with the planting, growing, and the construction involved, or with the promotion, to come and join us. We are in need of ideas and elbow grease in general; the project has already started, and some growing was done last year. This year I hope to greatly expand the project. We have specific needs like chicken wire to keep out woodchucks, and wood for building raised beds etc.

Gospel of Luke Bible Study – Join us on **Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.** in the Cathedral library, lower auditorium, **beginning April 8**, for a **weekly Bible study** on the Gospel of Luke. **Once each month**, we will also **watch an episode of The Chosen** followed by reflection and discussion. All are welcome.

Retired Flag Collection – Troop 42 from St. Stanislaus Church will be starting a project to collect your old, faded, torn flags. The troop and the leaders will collect the flags and dispose of them properly. They will do the disposal during one of their meetings. A bin will be placed in the church auditorium with a sign for old, faded flags.

Thank you for participating in Troop 42's flag disposal project.

Please contact Art Golembeski with any questions you may have at 570-575-5231

Retirement Dinner for Fr. Walter Placek – A Retirement Dinner honoring Fr. Walter Placek will be held on **Sunday, April 12, 2026**. The day will begin with Holy Mass at 11:00 am at Providence of God Parish, Scranton celebrated by Prime Bishop Anthony. Dinner will follow at 1:00 pm at La Bona Vita, 200 Reilly St Dunmore, PA, catered by La Cucina.

To join us in commemorating Father Walter’s retirement and his 23 years as pastor of Providence of God Parish, contact Janet Kelly at 570-561-7446 to make dinner reservations and select an entrée. Entrée choices are chicken Francese, broiled sole, or boneless pork chop in mushroom wine sauce. The cost is \$50 per person. Make checks payable to Providence of God and send to attn: Janet Kelly, 1743 North Sumner Ave., Scranton, PA 18508. **Reservations must be made no later than Sunday, April 5th.**

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

The Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil

The Easter triduum, marking the days of Jesus' passion and resurrection, is the most important time of the church year. It begins with the evening Mass of Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes on Easter Sunday.

Prepared by the days of Lent, Christians celebrate on these holiest of days the saving work God has accomplished in Christ.

From the events remembered these days, so sorrowful and so joyful, the church learns the deepest lessons. In rites and words, the mysteries of Jesus' final hours are with us again, his passion, his cruel suffering, his rising from the dead.

These are days for fixing our eyes on the holy mystery of his cross and filling our ears with the words of his gospel. Nowhere else does God's love appear so vividly. In the love Christ showed for a sinful world we find the beginning of our church, the source of our sacraments, the key to understanding the human story, and our hope for eternal life.

Holy Thursday

The Easter Triduum begins with Mass on Holy Thursday evening, when Jesus sacramentally anticipated the gift he would make of himself on the cross. His command to serve others is dramatically recalled this night in the ceremony of the washing of the feet, which he performed in the supper room for his disciples. Like the Paschal lamb, killed and eaten by the people, according to the Old Testament account read from Exodus this evening, he is a sign of God's salvation.

Good Friday

The Good Friday rites center around the reading of the Passion of Jesus. With simple dignity that story is retold, followed by prayers for the entire world, for this powerful mystery brings blessings to the world. According to ancient tradition, an image or relic of the cross is venerated this day, and the sacrament of Christ's love for his church is received. It is a day of fasting and quiet mourning.

The Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil is the high point of the Easter triduum celebrating the passion and resurrection of Jesus. With a rich display of symbols, rites and readings, the church in worship expresses her faith in the mystery that brings her into being.

Light conquers darkness

The vigil opens with a service of light.

The lighting of the fire and the Easter candle go back to rites that long preceded Christianity. The candle, carried with loving reverence and lyrically praised in word and song, is a sign of Christ, "the light of the world," and celebrates the victory of light over darkness that humanity has ever longed for.

God's love endures forever

A series of readings recalls the great interventions of God in history, from creation to the redemption of Israel from Egypt, and ends with the story of Jesus' resurrection. The great "alleluia" proclaims with quiet joy the triumph of God's Son. Those preparing for Baptism then receive the sacraments of initiation. The blessed water sprinkled over others signifies the blessing of new life.

Rejoice! This night says as it brings before us the deepest symbols of our hopes and fears. The darkness, sign of evil and death, has been overcome by light. A lamp, a candle has been lit; a fire is enkindled in our hearts; a nourishing water flows through our lives; a baptism destroys what is unclean and brings to life again.

Rejoice! this night says to all creation. The Word who made all things, as a new Adam, freshly proclaims God's promise of life. All creation celebrates God's love.

Mass of Chrism this Tuesday, March 31st at 4:00 pm – The Chrism Mass gathers the diocese around its bishop before the beginning of the Triduum, the three most solemn days preceding Easter, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On their departure, the priests take home the holy oils and sacred chrism needed for various sacraments throughout the coming year.

The Liturgy of this Mass celebrates the dignity of all those who have been made Christ's disciples through baptism and anointing. For this exceptional and holy moment, everyone is gathered jointly in unity, i.e. the people together with their priests around their bishop for the consecration of the chrism. Everyone is reminded by such a gathering as this, that no one ever responds to this liturgical call alone or on one's own. Our oneness in Christ through baptism and its holy anointings is manifested in the Liturgy of this Mass

The Chrism Mass uniquely gives attention to the ordained figures of the Diocese as they renew their priestly promises within the liturgy. It is the ordained priesthood that serves all who have been baptized in order that they would be strengthened, sanctified and instructed.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday, March 30

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Wednesday, April 1

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Sp. Bishop Franciszek Hodur
(birthday)

SEE HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
FOR THE REMAINDER OF
THE WEEK.

Church Dates Ahead

March 31st: Chrism Mass, Cathedral

April 5th: Easter

Apr 18th: 25th Conference of Scholars, Scranton

May 15-17th: YMS of R Bowling Tournament

Hosted by Holy Trinity Parish, Woodlawn, NY

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

