

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 28, 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:

6/28 – 8:00 – John Andrzejewski
9:30 – Eve Hughes
11:15 – David Rychleski
7/5 – 8:00 – Kathy Michalina
9:30 – Dave Seliga
11:15 – David Rychleski

Wednesday, July 1st

7:00 pm – Gospel of Luke Bible Study

Saturday, July 4th

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm – One Hot Meal

11:00 am – Holy Mass at Spójnia Farm, Waymart – 4th of July Picnic to follow
(see announcement)

Next Sunday, July 5th – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass: **8:00 am** Traditional **9:30 am** Contemporary **6:00 pm** Contemporary
11:15 am Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park

New Summer Mass Schedule: 6 pm Sundays in July & August – Holy Mass will be celebrated in the *lower chapel* each Sunday evening at 6 during July and August from July 5th through an including August 30th. Younger families have expressed a desire for this summer accommodation given schedules of family activities and travel in order to be able to attend weekend Masses at the Cathedral. Others as well have found appealing the idea of a later Mass in the summer months on Sunday.

The regular Holy Masses of Sunday mornings at 8:00 and 9:30 will continue to be celebrated as per usual.

One Sunday Mass will be celebrated each month at the Cathedral Chapel at Tripp Park on July 19th and August 16th at the usual hour. Other Sunday services of worship with distribution of Holy Communion will be scheduled whenever a deacon is available at 11:15 am. Cathedral members worshipping at the Tripp Park Chapel are able to worship with Cathedral members at the Cathedral's *lower chapel* on Sunday evenings or Sunday mornings in the Cathedral upstairs.

We hope this extra option can be helpful all around in the coming months.

26th General Synod Delegates – Please contact the parish office at 570-961-9231 or by email at office@saintstanislauspncc.org. if you're interested in being a delegate to the 27th General Synod in Manchester, NH on September 28th through September 30th, 2026. You may also contact June Sarnowski at 570-586-1576.

Looking for that special dessert for that 4th of July Party????

Today is the last day to order your 4th of July paczki. Please See Sign-up sheet in Parish Hall.

Variety 4 per container **Cost \$ 6.00**

Variety of 8 (2 containers) **Cost \$11.00**

Variety of 12 (3 containers) **Cost \$15.00**

Pick up date is Friday, July 3rd in the Parish Hall from 12 Noon to 1 o'clock P.M. (Please use side entrance) Any questions ...please call or text Kathy Michalina @ 570-954-5559.

"Thank you for supporting our 4th of July fundraiser. Your generosity helps celebrate America's 250th birthday and directly funds our upcoming ANS projects"!

God Bless You

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God Bless AmericaLand that we LOVE 

Annual July 4th Celebration at Spójnia Farm



We invite all to join us at Spójnia Farm and the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center for a day of worship, fellowship and enjoyment on July 4, 2026.

Holy Mass will be celebrated by Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky at 11:00 a.m. followed by an afternoon of fun, sponsored by the United Y.M.S of R.

Please join us for prizes, games, activities and, of course, delicious food – Homemade potato pancakes, gołąbki, kluski, pierogi, kielbasa with sauerkraut and other picnic foods.

You can also say hello to and visit with the staff and youth campers of this year's United Y.M.S. of R. Kurs Encampment.

Assistance Needed – We are in need of someone that can measure the Theater Curtains in our Youth Center. If you or someone you know can help, please contact Linda Seliga at 480-329-7021 or Parish Office at 570-961-9231. Any info is greatly appreciated!

The Annual Flea Market on July 31st and August 1st is our parish's biggest fundraiser. We are asking for monetary donations for the food and kitchen supplies that will be needed such as kielbasa, ground beef, cabbage, takeout containers, paper products, beverages, etc. The name of anyone who donates will be displayed on a Youth Center wall during the Flea Market. You can send a check to the Parish office payable to St. Stanislaus PNCC with flea market in the memo or you can put your donation in an envelope marked Flea Market and drop it in the collection basket or you can give it directly to Florence Sadauskas.

Thank you for your support.

Flea Market Committee

Flea Market Time is Fast Approaching – Setup of tables is going to be after **9:30 mass on Sunday July 5th**. Please come over to the Youth Center to help set up tables for our Annual Flea Market.

**** Save the Date** – Flea Market is **Friday, July 31st and Saturday, August 1st**

**** Sorting and Organizing** starts Monday July 6th, 10:00 am till 3:00 pm, Monday thru Friday. ALL are invited to help, even an hour or 20 minutes is a BIG HELP.... And Greatly Appreciated.

**** Donation Drop offs** Begins Monday July 13th, 10:00 am till 3:00 pm Monday thru Friday

**** Additional Drop off Days** Saturday July 11th, 10:00 am till 3:00 pm and Saturday July 25th, 9:00 am till 2:00 pm

**** Donations End Saturday July 25th**

**** Call Walter Sadauskas** to arrange **donation pick-ups** if needed.570-866-0983

**** "Piggie" Halupki Making Saturday July 11, 9:00 am till around 6:00 pm**, please come out for fun and fellowship...*There is a job for EVERYONE*, even if you have never made them before or are horrible in the kitchen. Our Seasoned Kitchen Staff will guide you in the fine art of piggies. So don't miss this important event.

**** If these dates still do not fit into your busy life schedule and you want to volunteer, PLEASE Call Lorne Notari 570-840-2108** to make arrangements for "special" after hours work times. We will work with you to arrange for everyone to be able to help out. If you have time after work or whenever we will get you in and guide you with projects that need to be completed to make this year's Flea Market a Big Success..

****** THANK YOU** and God Bless,
Lorne Notari
Flea Market Chairman

Gerrity's Fresh Grocer Cards Available – Linda Seliga has graciously volunteered to sell \$25.00 Gerrity's Fresh Grocer Cards after both the 8:00 and 9:30 mass on Sunday mornings. All proceeds benefit the St. Stanislaus Cathedral Parish.

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

YMS of R Grove Rental – Hurry, hurry, hurry to reserve your day at the YMS of R grove for 2026! If you would like to reserve the YMS of R Grove or a summer 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.

Altar Flowers – The floral pieces at the high altar today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of Arlene Jarocha offered by her sister Marie.

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, June 29
8:30 am – Holy Mass

Tuesday, June 30
8:30 am – Holy Mass

Wednesday, July 1
8:30 am – Holy Mass

Thursday, July 2
8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, July 3
8:30 am – Holy Mass

Saturday, July 4
8:30 am – Holy Mass

Church Dates Ahead

July 4–11th – Kurs, Waymart

July 12th – Second Sunday Picnic

Aug 3–7th – Youth Convocation, Jaffrey, NH.

Aug 22nd – 12th Annual YMS of R Golf Tournament, Waymart

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

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All We Need to Know About America Was Spelled Out in the Revolutionary War

By Brian Kilmeane

As I think back to the year 1776, I can’t help but wonder what the Founding Fathers would think of our nation today.

They fought to create a country that, in so many ways, should never have been formed, should never have functioned, should never have survived — let alone thrived.

Think about how long the odds were: a collection of farmers, shopkeepers, tradesmen and ordinary citizens volunteered to take on the finest fighting force in the world and, after eight grueling years, won.

Could they ever have imagined that those 13 desperate colonies would come together, gradually add 37 more states, and become the world’s premier economic and military superpower 250 years later?

My sense is they would not be surprised.

Here’s why.

Anyone willing to pick up a musket and take on a professional army after only weeks of training — leaving family, farms and futures behind — was already displaying the kind of courage that builds nations. Anyone willing to accept payment in a new currency that could easily have become worthless was not simply dreaming of independence. They were betting everything on it.

These Americans were not only dreamers. They were doers. They were people who expected hard things, accepted hard things and then did hard things anyway.

So why would their successors be any different?

Yes, beating the British would be hard. But everything about life in early America was hard. Many had personally chosen to cross an ocean and come to an unsettled land with no guarantee of food, shelter, work, safety or success. They bet on themselves before they ever bet on a nation.

They came to a society that demanded self-reliance. Over time, they built their own institutions, formed their own communities, founded some of the world’s finest schools and cherished the freedom and opportunity that the emerging America offered. None of it was

easy. None of it was assured. But they never asked for guarantees. They asked only for a chance — the very thing the old world had denied them [....]

Now think about their journey.

When that freedom was threatened by British force, taxation, military occupation and forced billeting, it makes complete sense that these fierce, free-spirited, liberty-loving Americans would take up arms. They were fighting to hold on to what they had earned and what they had worked for.

By simply surviving those early years, they had built a generational toughness and pride — a belief that odds could be overcome because they had overcome them before.

That is why the answer to whether they would be surprised by America's rise can be found in the finer points of our War for Independence.

Set the scene 250 years ago.

The British were using the colonies as a cash cow, imposing heavy taxes while deploying troops as enforcers to suppress unrest and take over private homes at will. Eventually, they pushed the colonists beyond the breaking point.

For that first generation of Americans, the choice became simple: This must end. And if it does not end peacefully, we will fight to make sure it ends.

The world must have laughed at the thought of a pedestrian militia taking on the British Empire. But when roughly 22,000 colonists showed up for army service, it was clear they were not playing pretend. They were deadly serious — even though they were facing a British force that would eventually grow far larger and better equipped.

They knew the odds were long. They knew the fight would be longer. They knew winning would be more than difficult.

And that was fine with them.

Because everything they had done in life was difficult. Why would independence be any different?

The fight began with promise at Lexington and Concord and Bunker Hill. But soon George Washington nearly lost his entire army in the Battle of Brooklyn, and the signers of the Declaration of Independence had every reason to fear that their signatures might become their death warrants.

But Americans don't quit. They adapt.

Time and again, this country seems to find the right leader at the right moment. In that moment, General George Washington was that leader.

He and his men pulled off a stunning victory at Trenton on December 26, 1776, and shocked the world again just eight days later by defeating the Redcoats at Princeton.

American colonists and British soldiers exchanged fire at the Battle of Lexington

Those were not merely battlefield victories. They were proof of concept. They showed that this fragile American experiment had something inside it that could not be measured only in muskets, money or manpower.

It had resolve.

In the end, the resilient and resourceful Washington would lead his men through more than eight long years of sacrifice, setbacks, hunger, disease, doubt and bloodshed — culminating in victory at Yorktown and finalized by the Treaty of Paris.

Yes, it was hard. Victory was almost unthinkable. But for early Americans, nothing was too hard to attempt. Hard was expected.

So we return to the question we started with: Would our founders and first fighters be surprised that the country they created would become the dominant power in the world 250 years later?

My answer, based on our past, is no.

They would not be surprised. Dare I say, they may even have expected it.

Because despite our flaws, failures, divisions and detours, there has always been a belief among Americans that we can accomplish what we set out to do. We are not afraid to fail. We are willing to adapt. We argue, stumble, regroup, and keep moving until we win.

That was true when Washington crossed Delaware. It was true when his army marched to Princeton. It was true when 13 colonies became a country. And it remains true today.

America has always defied the odds, taken on impossible tasks, and somehow found a way to prevail.

Yes, it has been hard. Yes, it has defied logic, but that has always been part of the American story.

And I could not be more grateful that it remains the case today — and, I believe, will remain so far into the future.