

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 19, 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
6:00 pm Contemporary, *lower chapel*

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Wednesday, July 22nd

7:00 pm – Gospel of Luke Bible Study

Next Sunday, July 26th – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass: **8:00 am** Traditional **11:00 am** **Contemporary - the Grotto at the cemetery**
6:00 pm Contemporary, *lower chapel*

A Special Synod Delegate Election Meeting will be held on **Sunday, July 26th** in the lower auditorium following 9:30am mass.

Increase in cost of Flowers – Due to the increase cost of flowers the ANS is increasing the cost of flowers in honor of or memory of loved ones to \$70.00.

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 Drop Offs

Donation Drop offs continue 10:00 am till 3:00 pm, Monday, July 20th thru Friday, July 24th

Donations End Saturday July 25th 9:00 am till 2:00 pm

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

One Hot Meal Food Pantry – Please bring **cereal/oatmeal – basic** next Sunday for the One Hot Meal food pantry. Thank you for your support.

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.

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 \$70** 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, July 20

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Tuesday, July 21

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Wednesday, July 22

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Thursday, July 23

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, July 24

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Saturday, July 25

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Church Dates Ahead

July 25 – Last Day for Flea Market Drop Offs

July 26 – Special Synod Delegate Election Meeting

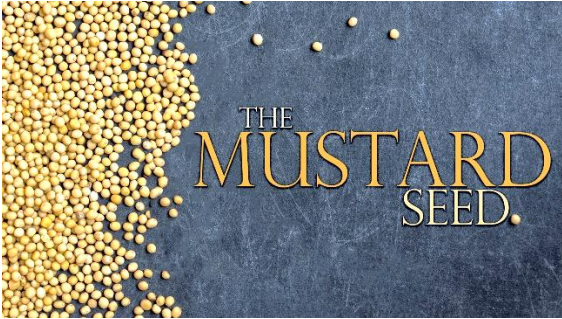
July 31st & August 1st – Flea Market

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

Aug 22nd – 12th Annual YMS of R Golf

Tournament, Waymart

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



A 16th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME REFLECTION

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed. (Matthew 13:31)

In his parables, Jesus often made use of familiar, everyday objects to capture his listeners’ imagination and help them see God’s work from a new perspective. In today’s Gospel, he uses a tiny mustard seed to illustrate the surprising nature of God’s kingdom. “It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet . . . becomes a large bush, and the ‘birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches’” (Matthew 13:32). Great things, Jesus is saying, can come from small beginnings.

We see this principle play out in the history of the Church. From their hiding place in the upper room, Jesus’ disciples took the message of his resurrection to the whole world. Through the power of the Spirit and the preaching of those first apostles, the Church grew—and continues to grow—in phenomenal ways.

Sometimes, though, God’s work may have such tiny, unimpressive beginnings and grow so slowly that we barely notice it. This tends to be true in our spiritual lives, too. That kind of growth is often hidden, like the yeast that the woman put into “three measures” of flour (Matthew 13:33). We may not see dramatic signs of Christian maturity in ourselves or our loved ones right away. On the contrary, it can be easy to spot the “weeds” in our lives and our world that seem to take root and grow so quickly. And that can be discouraging!

That’s why Jesus encourages us to remember the mustard seed. He wants us to trust in the goodness of the seed of faith he has placed within us and in his Church. He wants us to keep looking for the green shoots of his kingdom. And he wants us to keep asking for the grace to nurture their growth in ourselves and the people around us.

So don’t worry! God’s work often starts off small and slow. He is faithful, and his seed will bear fruit!

“Lord Jesus, thank you that your grace is always at work. Help me to see it.”