

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 26, 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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Today

Special Parish Meeting to elect delegates to the XXVII
General Synod following 9:30 Mass

Wednesday, July 29th

7:00 pm – Gospel of Luke Bible Study

Saturday, August 1st

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm – One Hot Meal in the lower auditorium of the cathedral

Next Sunday, August 2nd – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:15 am Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park

6:00 pm Contemporary, *lower chapel*

Seeds of Faith Garden – You are invited to a Garden Party at Savonarola Theological Institute at 1031 Cedar Avenue, Scranton **TODAY at 7:00 pm**. The theme for the evening is Return to Paradise through the Heavenly Garden of Our Blessed Mother Mary. The evening will feature prayerful musical reflections offered by Lindy Morelli and Friends. Also included is a tour of the seminary, a visit to our community garden and grounds, fellowship and refreshments. This event is catered and free of charge. Contact Deacon Todd at 570-241-8989 with any questions or inquiries.

FLEA MARKET NOTES

It's almost here! This Friday, July 31st and Saturday August 1st, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm both days.

We're sorry for any inconvenience but there will be NO Pick-ups for the Flea Market this year due to a lack of volunteers and equipment.

Baked goods are needed for the Flea Market – cakes, pies, breads, cookies. **Please drop off Thursday until 4:00 pm or either day of the event.** Replenishments are needed for Saturday.

Monetary donations are **still being accepted**. See Florence Sadauskas. The name of anyone who donates will be displayed on a Youth Center wall during the Flea Market.

One Hot Meal Food Pantry – Please bring **peanut butter and jelly** 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 Robert & Connie Stankowski Sr., Robert Stankowski Jr., Baby Stankowski, from Lori Davis, Barbara Stankowski & Families.

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 27

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Tuesday, July 28

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Wednesday, July 29

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Thursday, July 30

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, July 31

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Saturday, August 1

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Church Dates Ahead

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

Planting Seeds of Faith
by Jack Hayford

So the Lord said, “If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.” -Luke 17:6

The symbolism of the seed is used throughout Scripture. In this text, Jesus challenged His followers to have faith as a “seed.” Jesus is called the “Seed” (Gen. 3:15); the Word of God is designated as “seed” (Luke 8:11; 1 Pet. 1:23); the growth of the believer is likened to a plant (John 15); and the evangelism of the world to a harvest (Matt. 13:30). This only begins the imagery of “seed faith” in the Bible.

.... the essence of which is that the little we have to bring to God is not a limit to faith’s possibilities. When we place in His hands the smallest of our strength, our resource and our ability, they are sown like a seed, and there is a guaranteed fruitfulness and harvest forthcoming.

What does the Bible say about Sowing Seeds?
from Holy Focus

Galatians 6:7

"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows."

This verse is a spiritual law and a sobering truth. Whatever you plant, whether kindness, bitterness, faith, or pride, will eventually grow into something. It’s not just about consequences; it’s about trust. God takes every seed seriously. What you choose to invest your time, energy, and words into matters deeply. So plant what you actually want to harvest.

2 Corinthians 9:6

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

Generosity isn’t just about money; it’s about how freely we give of ourselves. This verse teaches us that abundance follows generosity. When you hold back, your harvest reflects it. But when you give with a full heart, you step into the kind of joy and overflow God designed for you. The size of the harvest is tied to the courage of your sowing.