

# St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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**The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church**

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## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 15, 2019



**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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### TODAY

Bishop Bernard is in Woodland Park, NJ to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation there, and will remain in the area for bequest settlement proceedings in Brooklyn.

### MONDAY, September 16<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

### THURSDAY, September 19<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm - Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

### NEXT SUNDAY, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Spojnia Sunday

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

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**BANNS OF MARRIAGE** – The first banns is now published for the union in holy matrimony of Miranda Catherine Rybak and Peter Carl Arvonio.

**HURRICANE DORIAN RELIEF EFFORTS** – The words of Prime Bishop Anthony to us from two years ago, are sadly relevant again regarding the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas and along our country's southeastern seaboard. At that time the Primate encouraged "all the clergy and members of the Polish National Catholic Church continue in their powerful prayers for all who are affected: those who have lost everything especially loved ones, those who are providing help and rescue, as well as all those who have died." As we did then, we can today take those words to heart, and, as the Primate stated, "It is also now time to put our Christian faith into action to help those who are in need." Toward that end, three viable charitable organizations are listed below for us to individually contribute to in their relief efforts for the victims of Hurricane Dorian. *Please be as generous as you can.*

The American Red Cross

[www.redcross.org/Hurricane/Dorian](http://www.redcross.org/Hurricane/Dorian)

Samaritan's Purse

[www.samaritanpurse.org/](http://www.samaritanpurse.org/)

Salvation Army

<https://give.helpsalvationarmy.org/give/166081/#!/donation/checkout>

**APARTMENT for RENT** – The **first-floor apartment** at 1115 Pittston Ave. is available for rent. 2 bedrooms/dining room/ kitchen & full bath. Off street parking available. Anyone interested please call Ed Borek at the Parish Office 570-961-9231.

**CATECHISM PREPARATIONS** – We will begin classes of preparation for children who have not yet received their first Holy Communion or made their confirmation. Classes will begin in October and will be open to children who are in second grade for first Holy Communion preparation; and who are no younger than 13 years of age when the classes begin for Confirmation preparation. The courses of preparation for first holy communion and for the sacrament of confirmation are one and two years, respectively. Please leave a voicemail at the parish office (570.961.9231) to indicate your desire to place your child either of these preparatory classes. Adults who have not yet taken the opportunity of being confirmed in the faith may also call the rectory to indicate an interest in participating in a one year course of preparation to receive this sacrament.

**WOMB TO TOMB, Our Cathedral's Philosophy of Christian Education** – We're continuing with our revitalization of our Cathedral School of Christian Living (SOCL). The first wave of postcards went out to let the parents and caregivers of our children and young people know the reopening is happening. The next wave of mailings is ready to go, too. We plan the enrollment in our Cathedral SOCL to range from age 1 month (with the special three-year 'Splash!' program) through childhood and adolescence, and on through young and advanced adulthood with the Adult Forum. Also, our plans for special needs children and for toddlers are expanding as well; and enrollment will be open to everyone from within the Cathedral parish and from among any of your friends and relatives from the community outside our Parish. Hence, our enrollment ranges from cradle to grave, or, from womb to tomb!

The SOCL is an essential ministry to all our people, a ministry which needs a few more volunteers to contact Luann Kaszuba and Barb Nowicki (570.962.9231) to help in leading the various levels of Sunday school class. This will include team teaching and the help of assistants for teaching flexibility.

The SOCL is an essential ministry to provide for the growing need for spiritual guidance in these times. No one can dispute the fact that our American culture is saturated with change that, along with many favorable things, offers many unsavory influences and forces as well. One of the most stable aspects in the religious sphere has always been our SOCL, the weekend educational efforts we need to offer to people outside of Mass. Unquestionably now, more than ever before, our youngsters, adolescents and especially the adults need a counterweight to the massive cultural shifts that our society is experiencing.

So, please respond positively to our invitations to join an SOCL class this fall. Respond positively to the postcards you may be receiving as a parent or caregiver. Invite friends and relatives from outside the Cathedral parish to participate with you in Sunday school. Some people have experienced their greatest revelations concerning God's love and his plan for them sweetly and quietly in Sunday church class. Some people may only remember some of the songs and some of the lessons, but they never forget all of the love they experienced in Sunday school.

Admittedly, we've started simply last year but very enthusiastically. And as always, our School of Christian Living classes are like the plant nurseries you visit in garden centers; under the soil, miracles are happening that lead to growth and blooms!

**ANS UPDATES** – Our Cathedral Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society will be sponsoring A Basket Raffle Drawing of approximately 3 - 5 baskets will be held on October 25th in conjunction with the Special Synod that day. Contributions for these baskets may be made from among any on the following categories: Cash, Gift Cards, Liquor or Lottery Tickets. Perhaps a business is known to you that would be inclined to donate towards this effort as well. If so, please contact, Debbie Godek, Eve Hughes or Kathy Michalina with this information. ALSO, our Adoration Society will be holding a 300 CLUB DRAWING at \$20 per ticket beginning December 1, 2019 through February 2, 2020 after each 9:30 Mass. Details to follow.

**TO ALL THE WOMEN OF THE CATHEDRAL AND THEIR FRIENDS** - On **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** the Diocesan Board of the United Women's Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society will sponsor a **One Day Women's Retreat** for all women of the Central Diocese regardless of membership in the ANS (Celebrating the Christian Life @ Any Age, Any Stage.). If you enjoyed our "TEA" with "Friends Of The Heart" a while back, then you'll love being with this trio of very special ladies once again as they make our Saturday fun, interesting and special as they encourage us to accept the various stages of life by avoiding certain pitfalls & finding fulfillment.

**Topics:** "Living in the Dash"

"Dashing off with Dora the Explorer"

"Finishing the Dash with Hyacinth Bucket" (pronounce that Bou-Kay, please!)

**Where:** St. Stanislaus Cathedral, lower auditorium

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Cost:** (\$20.00 per person) A light lunch will be included.

Our invitation is OPEN TO ALL. Why not bring a friend or family member?

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** – **It's never too early to think of Christmas presents for Operation Christmas Child!** Because it's the perfect time of year to get some nice back-to-school bargains, St. Stanislaus UYA decided to gear up early with this annual project and to also work in conjunction with the PNCC's Future Direction Committee's 2019 Year of Discipleship with August's focus on CHILDREN.

If you would like to make a difference in the life of a needy child, please participate with us! We will have some shoe boxes (and a sample of a completed box) available every week after mass. Feel free to use your own shoe boxes, too: just make sure to wrap the lid and box separately. There are the easy-to-follow guidelines at [www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child). If you cannot fill a shoe box but would like to help, you can make a **\$9 contribution just for the shipping of a shoe box.**

We were blessed to be introduced many years ago to this awesome program by our late youth chaplain Bp. Stanley Bilinski. We started because *he* saw value in it; we have continued annually because *we* see value in it. Please consider joining forces with us to make this a record breaking year for our Operation Christmas Child project by helping us reach **our goal of 25+ boxes!** All filled boxes will be collected in the church hall now through November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your continued support of our outreach efforts. *The St. Stanislaus UYA*

**SPÓJNIA SUNDAY** – September 22, 2019 shall commemorate the historic association of the PNU and Polish National Catholic Church and serve as reaffirmation of the commitment of the PNU in the many fields of Christian endeavor. *Article XXVI, Section 2 of the Constitution and By Laws of the Polish National Union*. On Sunday, September 22, 2019 as the PNCC celebrates Spojnia Sunday – let us always remember to support the efforts of our sister organization as the PNU continues to support the members, clergy and parishes of the PNCC. For more information on the Polish National Union please contact your PNU Branch Secretary, visit the web site [www.pnu.org](http://www.pnu.org), or call the PNU Home Office at 800-724-6352 for more information.

**CHEERS TO 111 YEARS!** – The PNU is celebrating the 111<sup>th</sup> year of “Providing Financial Security and Enriching Lives through Faith, Service, and Culture”. As a part of the celebration the PNU has developed an annuity promotional rate that allows those interested to celebrate with us. Now through September 30, any new annuity account is eligible for a one year promotional interest rate of 3.25% for deposits starting at \$1,000 through \$11,110. Deposit \$11,111 or more and take advantage of our anniversary rate which is 4.36% or 1.11% higher than the current promotional rate. Contact your Branch Secretary or District Director, visit us online at [www.PNU.org](http://www.PNU.org), email us at [info@pnu.org](mailto:info@pnu.org), or call the home office at 800-724-6352 for additional information and details..

**SPÓJNIA SUNDAY 2019 HONORING the MEMORY of CEO IRENE JUGAN**

SPOJNIA SUNDAY – September 22, 2019 - This year, in conjunction with the traditional Spójnia Sunday observance the PNU is honoring the work and dedication of the late CEO Irene Jugan through a month long “Heart & Soul” remembrance. There are two ways that she can be remembered and honored during this month long celebration which includes Spójnia Sunday. The first is through participation in the **PNU Irene Jugan Heart & Soul Award** for which nominations are being accepted through **September 15, 2019**. This is expected to be awarded annually and criteria for nominations can be found on the PNU Facebook page or inside the Straż. Submissions can be made by email to [insurance02@pnu.org](mailto:insurance02@pnu.org).

The second remembrance program, **Irene Jugan Moments**, involves sharing your favorite memories of Irene with us to post on Facebook. Everyone is invited to submit their favorite photo and memory of Irene to [straz@pnu.org](mailto:straz@pnu.org). Submissions are invited throughout the entire month of September. Details can be found in the Straż as well as on the PNU Facebook page. “...Be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” *1 Corinthians 1:58*

**POLISH NATIONAL UNION of AMERICA DISTRICT 1** is holding a **Dine to Donate** fundraiser at the **Texas Roadhouse in Dickson City on Thursday, September 19 from 3pm-10pm**. Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food bill to District 1 when you give them the invitation which can be found in the church hall. You could also show them the invitation on your phone. The invitation can be found on the Polish National Union of America Facebook page. Thank you for your support. See you then!

**LIFE LINE SCREENING**, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St Stanislaus Polish National Catholic Cathedral on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

**In order to register for this event and to receive discount off the original price, please call 1-888-229-0469 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word circle to 797979**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – The floral pieces at the high altar today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of Susan Gorgol offered by mother Marie and children

**FLOWER FUND** – is accepting donations in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Checks should be made out to the ANS Flower Fund and can be dropped off in the Parish Office. Any questions contact Connie Tellep at [jtellep@nep.net](mailto:jtellep@nep.net) or [570-222-4409](tel:570-222-4409).

**FOOD PANTRY** – Please bring **instant oatmeal** on Sunday, **September 22<sup>nd</sup>** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** – **Sept 15** – Kelvin & Janet Swanger; **Sept 19** – Michael & Kathy Matza

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – **Sept 15** – Felicia Petrillo, Nathan Kalteski; **Sep 18** – Marie Gorgol; **Sep 19** – Cheryl Lukasiewicz; **Sept 20** – Elizabeth Zygmunt; **Sept 21** – Marlene Hill, Frank Farrence

**THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES**

**Monday, September 16**

8:30 am – sp. Carol Merkel by Jim Merkel

**Tuesday, September 17**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

**Wednesday, September 18**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

**Thursday, September 19**

8:30 am – Healing Mass

**Friday, September 20**

8:30 – Mass of the day

**Saturday, September 21**

8:30 am – sp. Irene Harrison by Frank & Molly DeSarro, children & family

**FRIENDS in the HOSPITAL** – **September 12<sup>th</sup>** – \*Mt. View: Rosalie Aebli, Paulette Wincovich

**FRIENDS RECOVERING at HOME** – Annette Cimino, Jean Cwynar, Joann Edwards, Ceil Gorgol, Josephine Kwiatkowski, Helen Lukasiewicz, Bob Matylewicz, Chet Nezelkewicz, Jean Sherman, Jake Stankowski. Please pray for them.

Look for something positive in every day, even if some days you have to look a little harder.