

# St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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

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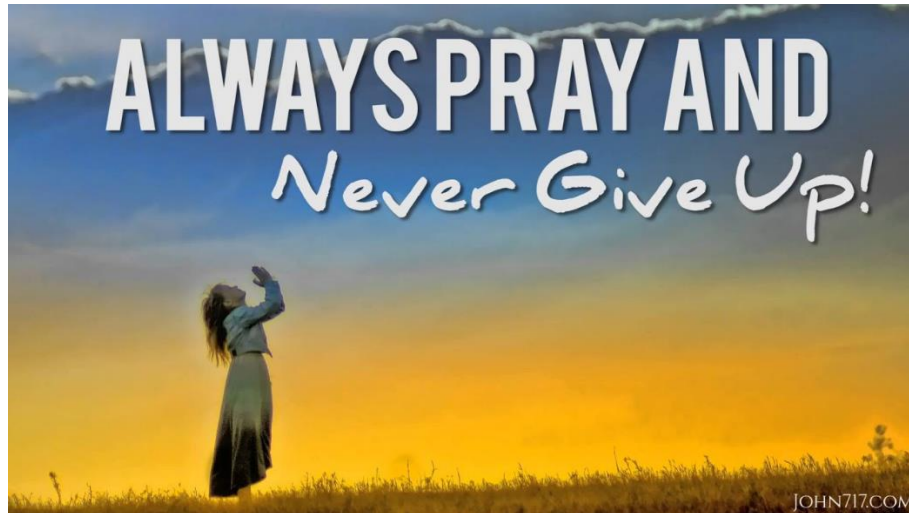
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## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 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

10:45 am – SOCL Classes

10:55 am - Adult Forum

11:00 am - St. Stanislaus Handbell rehearsal resumes in the choir loft

11:30 am – ANS monthly meeting

### MONDAY, October 21<sup>st</sup>

**NO** Bible Study today

### THURSDAY, October 24<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm - Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

### FRIDAY, October 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am – Special Synod, Opening Mass, St. Stanislaus Cathedral

9:30 am – Special Synod to elect candidates for bishop, Youth Center

### SATURDAY, October 26<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am – Confirmation class

10:30 am – First Communion class

### NEXT SUNDAY, October 27<sup>th</sup> – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**SPECIAL SYNOD** – On Friday, October 25th, the Special Synod to elect candidates for bishop for the PNCC will begin with Holy Mass at 8:00 a.m. in our Cathedral. Please join in the celebration of Holy Mass to begin the Synod. Help will also be needed in the Youth Center to serve the delegates their nourishment during the day. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish office or one of the members of the ANS Catering. Please keep the clergy and delegates to the Special Synod in your prayers, that they may make wise decisions in the selection of bishops for the Polish National Catholic Church.

#### Your Prayer for the Holy Synod

O Holy Spirit, as the moments of Holy Synod approach, inspire and enlighten our bishops, clergy and delegates. As You descended upon our Lord Jesus Christ at the moment of His baptism, descend once again upon His body, the Church. In the preparations that will take place and in the proceedings that will occur, let all gathered in Holy Synod, listen to Him Who is our Lord. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with the Father and the same Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCES – Wypominki** – Please begin preparing your lists of loved ones for inclusion in the reading of the names of departed loved ones on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Wypominki envelopes will be available in the lower narthex of the Cathedral.

**ALL SAINTS and ALL SOULS DAYS** – Friday, **November 1<sup>st</sup> is All Saints Day** and will be celebrated with **Mass at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.** in the Cathedral. On Saturday, **November 2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls Day Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 noon** at the Cathedral and the **cemetary ceremonies will be conducted at 7:00 pm.** WYPOMINKI – remembrance names – will be read at Mass on All Saints Day and also at the Mass of All Souls Day.

**ANS FUND RAISERS** – 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 25<sup>th</sup>** 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. Eligibility is for 10 weeks regardless if you win on any given week. Weekly Drawings are: 1 @ \$ 100.00 – 2 @ \$ 50.00 – 4 @ \$ 25.00.

**CEMETERY TREE PROJECT DONATIONS** – Donations for six of the nine trees recently planted at our cemetery have been made by: Helen Lukasiewicz, Ed Borek, Walter & Florence Sadauskas, Nancy Pron & Lynn Oliver, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Maziarz, Norman Stefanowicz. We extend our sincere appreciation for your donations.

Please consider memorializing your loved ones with a donation of eight hundred dollars to cover the purchase cost of each tree, a suitable bronze memorial plaque will be placed at the tree's base and mounted on a metal stand. There are only 3 trees left that have not been "adopted".

Additionally we thank Norman Stefanowicz for his very generous donation toward phase 2 and 3 of the Picnic/Recreation Project. Donations for this continuing project are encouraged and greatly appreciated.

**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.

**PORK LOIN DINNER** – **Providence of God Parish** on Oak St in North Scranton is having a Pork Loin Dinner on **Monday, November 4, 2019** from 4:00 to 7:00 PM in the Church Hall. The menu includes pork loin, homemade red beets, small red potatoes, baby carrots, apple sauce, homemade desserts, and coffee. The price for a ticket is \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. Take outs are available. You can make reservations or get tickets from Janet Kelly at 570-347-8904 or Father Walter at 570-388-6061.

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

The floral piece at the altar of Sacrifice today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of Carol Merkel (2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary) by Jim, Wendy & Paul.

**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 **fruit snacks** on Sunday, **October 27<sup>th</sup>** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** – **Oct 23** – Robert & Joan Bogdanski

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – **Oct 21** – Patty Golembeski; **Oct 24** – Frank Gerardi; **Oct 25** – Joan Bogdanski

**FRIENDS in the HOSPITAL** – **October 17<sup>th</sup>** – \*Mt. View: Rosalie Aebli, Paulette Wincovich

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

### ***THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES***

**Monday, October 21**

8:30 am – sp. Carolyn Wilk-Seliga by son Roger E. Seliga

**Tuesday, October 22**

8:30 am – sp. Carol Merkel (anniversary) by husband Jim Merkel & daughter Wendy Merkel

**Wednesday, October 23**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

**Thursday, October 24**

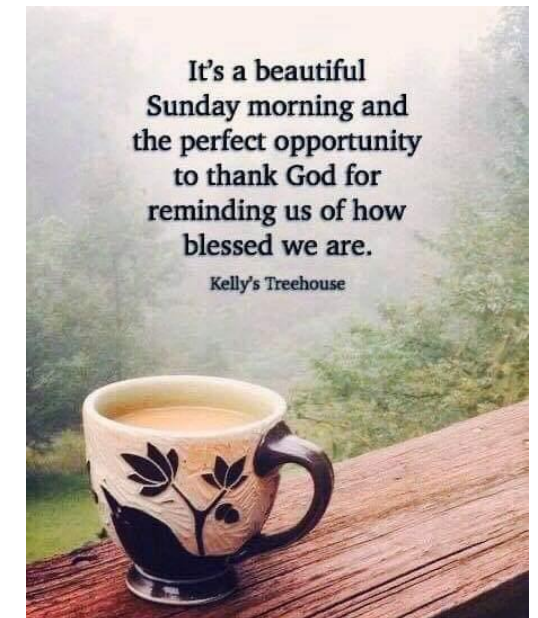
8:30 am – Healing Mass

**Friday, October 25**

8:30 am – sp. Robert Schuster, Sr. (birthday) by wife Eleanor Schuster

**Saturday, October 26**

8:30 am – Mass of the day



### **Christian Family as Seminary**

So – would your family say there is a seminary IN your home? Or – would they also say your home IS a seminary? (DEFINITION: *seminary - a college that prepares students to be priests, ministers, or rabbis.*) I ask this because last Sunday the was designated as the PNCC Solemnity of the Christian Family where we emphasize the truth that parents have a big impact on their children in general, especially when it comes to religion and morality. And the reason this is so, you might ask? Well, it's because kids often model what they see. Now, even though teenagers crave independence and often rebel against their parents, many still respect the morals and belief systems they grew up with. Many uphold those same values and religious beliefs as the adults in their life, and they end up actually raising their children with similar standards!

### **Religious Service Attendance**

Parents can affect their children's religious beliefs by attending religious services regularly. Young adults report that two of the most powerful factors that influenced their religious beliefs were the religious lives of their parents and how often they attended religious services with their parents during their childhood and teen years, says Christian Smith and Patricia Snell in their book, "Souls in Transition." Children and teens learn about religious doctrine and morality from pastors and religious leaders, but - more importantly - *they uphold those values because they absorb them then model the beliefs and attitudes their parents lived and demonstrated.*

### **Spiritual Example at Home**

Children and teens are perceptive and impressionable, so they pay close attention to their parent's behavior. When they see their parents (1) praying, (2) reading religious materials, (3) watching religious TV shows, (4) giving to those in need, (5) treating friends and family with respect, (6) dealing honestly with others, (7) showing integrity and (8) demonstrating love and compassion, they often mimic those same behaviors. They might attend religious events or support ministry opportunities because they see and respect their parent's involvement. However, the reverse is also true. Children who see their parent's hypocrisy, or their lack of interest in religion *and religious education as we have here at the Cathedral* – those children might also follow those same lifestyle patterns.

### **Moral Choices**

Children view parents as role models and mentors and are influenced by their moral choices. Parents who (1) appreciate others, (2) show generosity, (3) act with fairness and (4) uphold mature ideals help children and teens make wise moral choices, writes psychologist Richard Weissbourd on the Psychology Today website. When children view their parents as moral, honest, devoted individuals, they are more likely to practice the same behavior.

### **Child's Behavior**

Religious parents can have a positive effect on their children's conduct. Richard Petts, a sociologist at Ball State University in Indiana, reports that children with two parents who frequently attend religious services, or children raised by a strictly religious single mom, or kids in married families with only a

religious mother are the least likely to act out, according to the Live Science website. Children raised in these homes are less likely to engage in physical fighting, arguing and bullying.

So on this uniquely PNC Solemnity of the Christian Family it's well for us to realize that our Cathedral families are real Polish National Catholic seminaries of religious and moral teaching, no less so than the one a block and a half from here on Cedar Avenue corner Elm. For the expansion of the Kingdom of God, for the benefit of his holy Church and for the spiritual strength of our children, its Christian families *in tandem with our Parish School of Christina Living efforts* – it's families who are our children's faith developers - and faith maintainers.

*Bishop Bernard*

### **SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANING**

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain.  
On the day of prayer all the people gathered,  
but only one boy came with an umbrella.  
That's FAITH.
2. When you throw babies in the air,  
they laugh because they know you will catch them.  
That's TRUST.
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning,  
but still we set the alarms to wake up.  
That's HOPE
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.  
That's CONFIDENCE
5. We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children.  
That's LOVE.
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence  
'I am not 80 years old;  
I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.'  
That's ATTITUDE.

Consider trying to live your life like the 6 stories.