

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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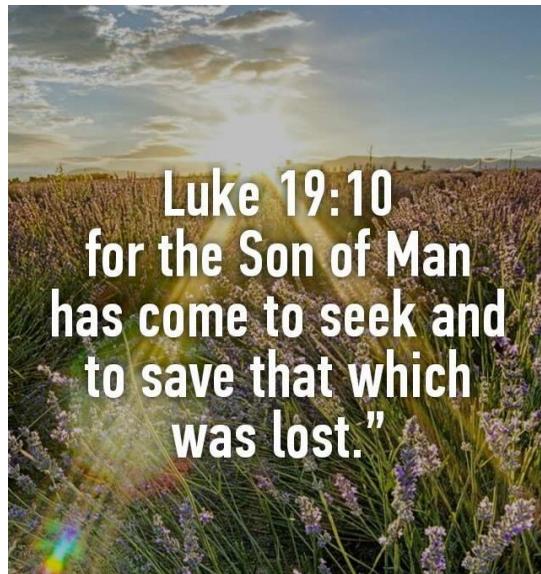
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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 3, 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

11:00 am - Adult Forum

11:00 am - St. Stanislaus Handbell rehearsal

MONDAY, November 4th

6:30 pm – Bible Study Resumes

THURSDAY, November 7th

6:30 pm - Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

SATURDAY, November 9th

9:30 am – Confirmation class

10:30 am – First Communion class

NEXT SUNDAY, November 10th – Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

2020 LECTOR BOOKS have arrived and are available for pickup in the Parish Office.

ANS NOVEMBER UPDATES – The Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament would like to acknowledge & offer a heartfelt THANK - YOU to our society member's Christine Gerardi & daughter Maria Gerardi Hughes for October Altar Care!!! We pray to the HOLY SPIRIT to BLESS these dedicated women of our society in maintaining care of The Lord's Home in our beautiful cathedral!!!

****The DRAWING of the ANS BASKET RAFFLE will be this morning after 9:30 mass!!****

GOOD LUCK to ALL!!!!

Join us to see if "YOU" are one of our LUCKY WINNERS!!!

SPECIAL THANKS – I wish to thank the Cathedral Chorale for the lovely fall floral arrangement and their card of get well wishes. In addition, many thanks to my fellow parishioners for their individual and group cards while I was hospitalized. I am recuperating at my sister's home in Jefferson Twp. Bless all of you and my fondest regards. *Mary Coloma*

THE PRAYER SHAWL AND BLANKET MINISTRY will meet on **Wednesday, November 13**, at 6:30 pm in the cathedral library. We hope to see you there. In St. Matthew's Gospel 25, Jesus tells us that when we help any person in need, we are actually doing it to Him. The work that these dedicated ladies are doing, they are doing it for Jesus.



St. Stanislaus Hand Bell Choir News!



Our hand bells are all refurbished and ready to be played. The only thing we need is more participation. If you think you aren't musically inclined you are wrong, it is not as hard as it sounds. We have been very fortunate to have a wonderful and talented group of young individuals play amongst us, but unfortunately some of them have moved onward with their education, employment, etc.

We would love to have some new faces and talent join us on Sunday, following the adult forum classes (11:00-11:30). No matter what your age status (preferably 3rd grade & up) – as long as you can determine the distinction between pink and blue dots and count – YOU'RE GOOD!! (Parents and other adults are welcome to come and help point for those younger members too.)

Not only will you have a great time but you will become a part of the wonderful music ministry here at the Cathedral. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Stankowski @ 570-341-0986.

With the support from our Parish Community donations (especially Mr. Gantz), and through the very generous donations made in loving memory of Annette Cimino, I was researching information which will enable us to purchase a set of hand chimes, which will enhance our choir with a different sound.

I look forward to welcoming everyone on Sundays.

Thank you,
Mary Ann Stankowski, Hand Bell Director

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA – SAVE THE DATE – For the 2nd year, St. Stanislaus UYA is partnering with Wreaths Across America to support their mission to Remember, Honor and Teach about America's veterans. On **Saturday, December 14, 2019, at 12 noon** we will have a wreath-laying ceremony at our cemetery on Kane Street in conjunction with ones occurring at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 1,600 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

We will be accepting donations now through December 14th so that each veteran at rest in our cemetery will be honored and remembered. You can make a donation in memory of your loved one who was a veteran or just make a general donation toward the cost of the many wreaths that are placed on every veterans' grave at our cemetery.

We hope you will support this effort by donating \$15 to sponsor a wreath in honor of or in memory of an American hero and show our veterans and their families that we will not forget. We would also ask for your participation on that Saturday to help lay the many wreaths for our veterans.

The UYA will have a table set up after each 9:30 mass now through the end of November to accept donations. Checks can be made payable to **St. Stanislaus Cathedral UYA**. You may also send in your donations to the Parish Office, Attention Wreaths Across America.

You can contact Maria Hughes or any UYA member for more information. To read more about Wreaths Across America's mission, go to wreathsassamerica.org. Thank you in advance for your contribution and help with this important project.

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.samaritanaspurse.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 17th.**

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

2019 Education and Youth Commission Raffle – The Education & Youth Commission of the Polish National Union of America is once again hosting a raffle to benefit our College Stipend Program. **The raffle will be held on December 5th, 2019 @ the PNU Home Office, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa. Donations for these tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10.00.**

First Prize – \$400 cash

Second Prize – Amazon Echo

Third Prize – \$100 cash

We greatly appreciate your support and generosity as we continue to support the ministries of this commission to benefit our youth. Monetary donations are always graciously accepted towards the funding for this stipend program, and can be mailed directly to the following address:

Education and Youth Commission of the PNU

c/o Mary Ann Stankowski

1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa 18505

(checks made payable to Education and Youth Commission).

Thank you, and if you are interested in tickets they are available in your parish halls, PNU Home Office, or just contact Mary Ann Stankowski at 570-341-0986, or eyc@pnu.org.

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.

PNCC Future Direction
November 2019 Message: Following in their Footsteps

As we begin November with the Solemnity of All Saints, we have the example of all the Saints to serve as an example for us as we continue to become more faithful disciples of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thanks to Rev. Scott J. Lill for this month's message: Following in their Footsteps.

There is a beautiful 2-mile walking trail that gracefully loops around the little league and softball fields in the middle of our small town. Wide enough for pedestrians and bicyclists to comfortably pass each other while exchanging greetings and sometimes much needed encouragement, the track is covered by soft gravel that's easy on the knees even when one is ascending the mercifully designed gradual slopes that make up part of the terrain. Sections of it move into beautiful wooded areas, and there are even a few small streams that flow beside the heavily frequented pathway which, on days heavy with rain, sometimes spill out onto the pathway and cause little, easily avoided puddles. The trail is richly adorned by a wonderful variety of trees which, towering above, provide the beautiful blossoming of hope in the springtime, much needed shade in the heat of summer, and a splendid burst of color in the autumn. It really is as idyllic as I describe, so there is little wonder that it is so heavily used by both townsfolk and visitors from around the greater area who make regularly scheduled use of the walking trail...during about 75% of the year.

Winter here is a much different story. The only thing that slumbers more deeply than nature itself is the collective motivation of the aforementioned walkers who do their best to somehow stay active inside their houses and batten down the hatches until late March. Until then, our beautiful walking trail is buried under inches, and many times feet, of heavy snow this is still somehow driven around by the bone-chilling winds that help make our pathway pretty much impassable. I learned this lesson the hard way a few years ago on a particular January 2nd, when I, as yet still ardently committed to my one day old resolution, bundled up and ventured out into the cold of the early morning and headed down the freshly plowed street to an entry onto the walking trail. Convinced that my boots and 2 pairs of thick socks would keep my feet warm and dry and somehow empower me to boldly trudge along, I drew a deep breath, stepped over the almost waist-high bank freshly made by the plow and right down into the almost knee-high snow of the pathway. I had two immediate realizations. The first was "wow, am I an idiot," and the second was "someone else has already been here this morning." I was amazed that the tracks of this person started at a point further down the path from me and then moved further up the pathway than I could see, such that I could make them out both behind me and in front of me.

Wondering whether I should just acknowledge failure, climb back over the snowbank and skulk back home, I had to make a quick decision. Still believing—although much less fervently—that this was still a tolerable idea and not wanting to be shown up, I decided to move ahead. After ten incredibly challenging steps, I did what seemed most reasonable: I started walking in the footprints already made by my predecessor. Moving ahead about another 30 yards, each step now somewhat easier but by no means easy, I slogged along by walking where another, under the same difficult conditions, had walked before me with a greater degree of success than I. Already cold and out of breath by then, I rationalized that this wasn't actually a bad effort for the second day and, finding a point where I could more easily leave the walking trail, I rolled over the snowbank, back onto the street and headed home, giving one

final look toward the trail that had bested me, but not the one who walked before me as evidenced by the footprints moving further along than I had that day. I would later find out that this had been one of my parishioners and that both she and her dog had made it all the way around!)



On the first day of this month of November, we honor all of God's Saints. In venerating them, we are really worshipping the One who called them by name and who abundantly bestowed the grace to respond and follow, whose holiness radiates from within them and who now holds them up as role models for us. In his Incarnation, his teaching and ministry, and Passion, Death and Resurrection, our Lord Jesus revealed Himself as the only pathway that leads to his Kingdom. His Saints are the ones who have already faithfully followed Him and, in their turn, have left their mark, their footprints if you will, upon the life of the Church. They have shown us what authentic, consistent discipleship looks like and now they invite us to join them on the way.

Sometimes it's easier, perhaps even pleasant, to walk the way of discipleship when the conditions are favorable, sort of like our town's walking trail much of the year. But, what about when things turn gloomy out ahead of us and yet we are still called to follow? What do we do when the storm clouds of life roll in heavily upon us and our families in the form of financial struggle or social alienation and yet the pathway is laid out before us? What about when the chilling winds of persecution arise and begin to buffet against us, and we are still called to follow in the face of them? How can we possibly continue when we become mired down by sickness and suffering and even death itself or when the pathway is blocked by our own failings or sense of unworthiness? What can we do when we just find the journey too taxing and deem it impossible to carry our own crosses one more step and are on the verge of just surrendering? It is especially at these times that we can look to the Saints who have faithfully journeyed with Christ, have now finished the course and have been led by Him into eternal glory. They understand quite well the challenges of our journey, for they "are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb" (Rev. 7:14).

The Saints were once who we are now, and they are now who we hope to be. They wait for us now at the end of the pathway, and led by the Mother of God they pray that our Lord will bestow the Gifts of the Holy Spirit needed for us to follow in their footsteps, obediently going as far as our Lord asks us, progressing a little further each day and persevering even when the pathway is difficult to traverse. So, let us pay them the greatest measure of veneration by emulating their examples so that, in time, we may join them within the “great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue...wearing white robes and holding palm branches...” and crying out “in a loud voice: Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb!” (7:9-10).



We congratulate Very Rev. Jaroslaw Rafalko who was elected as a candidate for bishop at the PNCC Special Synod on October 25th. Also, congratulations to Very Rev. Ottar Myrseth who was elected as a candidate for bishop at the Synod of the Nordic Catholic Church. Please keep both of these Bishops-Elect in your prayers.

Please keep this church-wide undertaking in your daily prayers – asking God to bless this work and allow it to bear fruit for the building of His Kingdom through our Holy Church. Let us follow the example of the saints we continue to become more faithful and ardent disciples of Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

PNCC Supreme Council Future Direction Committee
 Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky, Prime Bishop
 Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich Jr., Chairman

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 Anthony Lucarz offered by his son Rev. & Mrs. Janusz Lucarz & family.

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 or [570-222-4409](tel:570-222-4409).

FOOD PANTRY – Please bring **canned soup** on Sunday, **November 10th** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY – **Nov. 3** – Jonathan & Amanda Evans, Gregg & Stacey Mooney; **Nov 5** – Donald & Sally Blackledge; **Nov 8** – Bernard & Barbara Kalteski

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – **Nov. 4** – Lisa McConlogue; **Nov. 5** – Mark Matylewicz; **Nov. 6** – James Merkel, **Nov 8** – Kim Kalteski, Lauren Lednovich; **Nov 9** – Cecelia Thomas, Debra Gerrity

FRIENDS in the HOSPITAL – **November 1st** – *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, November 4
 8:30 am – Mass of the day
Wednesday, November 6
 8:30 am – Mass of the day
Thursday, November 7
 8:30 am – Healing Mass
Saturday, November 9
 8:30 – sp. Walter Ogonosky by
 Carolyn Bernardi Knutson

7 promises of God:

- ~I will be with you.
- ~I will protect you.
- ~I will be your strength.
- ~I will answer you.
- ~I will provide for you.
- ~I will give you peace.
- ~I will always love you.