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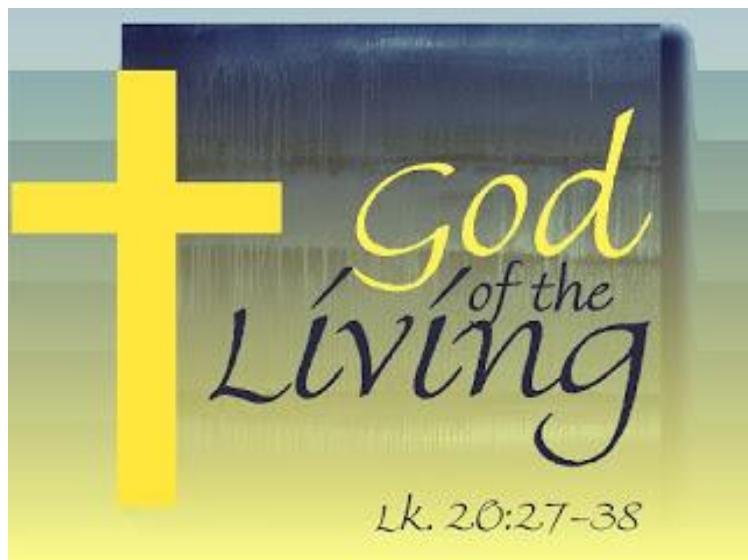
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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 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

ANS monthly meeting following Adult Forum

MONDAY, November 11th

6:30 pm – Bible Study

TUESDAY, November 12th

7:00 pm – Branch #1 YMS of R monthly meeting, Youth Center

WEDNESDAY, November 13th

6:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Meeting, library

THURSDAY, November 14th

6:30 pm - Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

SATURDAY, November 16th

9:30 am – Confirmation class

10:30 am – First Communion class

NEXT SUNDAY, November 17th – Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Seniorate Advent Penitential Service – The Advent season is a time of preparation that both directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. Let's start our observance of the season with **the Sacrament of Penance**. **On Saturday, November 30th**, we'll hold our annual Scranton Seniorate Penitential Service here **in the lower chapel of the Cathedral at 11:00 am**. **A new kind of penitential service** is being created for this occasion; creative, modern and with a focus on Mary, the mother of the long anticipated Messiah. Plan to be present on the 30th for the most important of all your Christmas preparations.

Rorate Masses 2019 – For us, from within our Catholic Christian spirituality, for us, Advent is the dawn. This time of year has not yet realized the bright light of Christmas. Advent for you and me is a time of preparation for something exceedingly joyful that is yet to come. It is a time of penance, when our souls are still struggling through the darkness of misdeeds and lapses from goodness, but still seeking the Light. There is a sense of longing and expectancy in Advent. An expression of that anticipation are our **Rorate Masses celebrated early each Wednesday morning in the lower chapel of the Cathedral at 6:30**. Let two or three of these special Advent events be a part of your spiritual preparation this year for the celebration of Christ's birth. **The first Rorate Mass is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4th**.

Lectors:

11/10 – 8:00 – J. Andrzejewski

9:30 – R. Seliga & M. Stankowski

11:15 – L. McConlogue

11/17 – 8:00 – K. Michalina

9:30 – L. Pfohl & J. Snyder

11:15 – L. McConlogue

Sooo – have you seen any saints recently? I'm sure you're aware that the Western Catholic Church put together particular requirements for sainthood like testimony about the holy lives they lived and about proof of any miracles they might have performed in the lives of some of the faithful.

But I think a lot of saints are the people who touch our lives in deep and personal ways. You may even know some like these. These people are the ones who help us find our way. They are the ones who give us an example of living by faith in good times and hard. They are the ones who find a way to be loving despite the temptation to be hateful. *These are the everyday people in our midst, call them saints if you will, who have found something in their lives that we want in our own.*

They have found a way to practice love, so that love becomes a strength in everyday life. They are the ones who say over and over and over again, "here I am." When you think of it, the saints are the people you and I can call when our lives seem to be falling apart, and when anxieties and fears overwhelm us. And further, over time, we can actually remember what they would say to us if they were still with us because their gift of mercy and grace to us never died with them.

Bottom line, the saintly people we can experience are faithful to the Giver of Life. They are the ones who show us how God is in the midst of all of life. They show us how all relationships and all things are parts of the Giver's Gift. At the same time these saintly people are not perfect – not by a long shot. They fall short; and when they do, they ask forgiveness, they receive mercy, and they try again ... and so should we.

The question is, will we follow the saints and these saintly people in our midst who admit their wrongdoings, who seek right relationship again, who receive the gift of mercy for themselves, and who try again to live in harmony with God's creating spirit? Will we follow them?

If we do follow on the path of these saintly people in our midst, then we'll find ourselves to be a part of God's blessing to others. Simply put, this is the pathway that the saints show us, and encourage us to take.

As we remember and celebrate the saints, we ourselves would do well to strive to be saintly in our role as teacher, executive, or doctor; in our role as lawyer, judge, or garbage person; dishwasher, farm worker or cashier; in our roles within our families, our friendships, and with others - as we reveal to them the Compassionate One, who is the very Heart of our heart, and the Life of our life.

Sooo - who are the saintly ones around you? Any chance you yourself are like them?

Bishop Bernard



Veterans Day – Veterans Day is a time for us to pay our respects to those who have served. For one day, we stand united in respect for you, our veterans. This holiday started as a day to reflect upon the heroism of those who died in our country's service and was originally called [Armistice Day](#). It fell on Nov. 11 because that is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Later, in 1954, the holiday was changed to "Veterans Day" in order to account for all veterans in all wars. Tomorrow, we celebrate and [honor America's veterans](#) for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. Our deep gratitude goes to all the veterans of our Parish, our Diocese, our Church and our nation. God bless them all!

One Hot Meal Thank You – We extend our deepest appreciation to Walter (Babe) Gantz for sponsoring our November meal in memory of his wife Charlotte. We also thank the anonymous donor for their donation of \$200 to One Hot Meal. We are extremely grateful for your generosity. It's because of the donations, support, and help of our parishioners and friends that we can continue this very important outreach program.

St. Stanislaus Youth Basketball News – Sign-ups for the upcoming season are underway. **ALL REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED ALONG WITH PAYMENT BY 12/13/2019.** Forms and information about the league are located downstairs in the church hall, and on the church's website. Please either mail or drop off the completed forms along with the payment to: **Jake Stankowski c/o Southside Floral Shop, 1025 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa. 18505. The cost for each player is \$40.00 and \$20.00 for each additional child within the same family (living in the same household).**

Sign-ups and a short drills and skills session will take place on Friday, December 6th, 2019 and Thursday, December 12th, 2019 in the youth center.

6:30-7:00 p.m. for PreK - 2nd grades

7:00- 7:45 p.m. for 3rd – 8th grades

7:45 – 8:30 p.m. for 9th – 11th grades

Games will tentatively start on Friday, January 10th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

A schedule of game times and age groups will soon follow. Thank You as always for your support! Any questions please contact Jake Stankowski @ (570-341-0986) or Art Golembeski @ 570-575

ANS Updates – Sending out CONGRATULATIONS to the WINNER'S of the ANS BASKET RAFFLE which was held on Nov.3rd!!!

Basket of Cheer	Ticket # 2	Carol Krenitsky
Gift Card Tree	Ticket # 122	Joann Stankowski
Gift Cards Framed	Ticket # 13	Lu Ann Kaszuba
Lottery Tickets & Gift Cards	Ticket # 182	Ava Kalteski
Martz Bus Trip + \$100	Ticket # 163	Linda Bielski

Thanking all who supported our raffle with generous gifts such as, monetary, gift cards & donations from outside businesses, and also those who purchased tickets. We truly appreciate your generosity!!! God Bless you all!!!

ALSO, a very, very special THANK YOU to our sisters Debbie Godek, Eve Hughes & Sue Techmanski for their determined efforts & time vested in making this event a success!!!! We are extremely THANKFUL to our dedicated members of The Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society. May the Holy Spirit continue his blessings upon each of "Y-O-U"!!!

Another little reminder; our ANS will sponsor a 300 Club Drawing beginning December 1st. Tickets are \$20. Please see any ANS member for information or to purchase tickets!

With much Praise & Gratitude,
President, Kathy Michalina

Our Operation Christmas Child program is "wrapping up!" All filled shoeboxes must be returned to church on **Sunday November 17th** to meet the shipping schedule. Please give your gift box or contribution to any member of St. Stanislaus UYA. Thank you all for participating in this worthwhile project.

Wreaths Across America – 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.

Through December 14th, we will be accepting donations for specific memorials for loved ones or as general donations for the many wreaths that will be ordered. Please support this effort by donating \$15 to sponsor a wreath of honor. You are also welcomed and encouraged to participate with us 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.

Please go to wreathscrossamerica.org for more information or to Maria Hughes or any UYA member.

Breakfast Buffet with Santa – YMS of R Branch #1 hosts their annual Breakfast Buffet with Santa on **Sunday, December 8th after the 9:30 am Holy Mass in the Parish Youth Center**. Tickets are Adults: \$9.00; Children ages 4 to 12: \$3.00; Children ages 3 and under: Free. Please make reservations in the Parish Hall after 9:30 am Mass on Sundays or call Frank Gerardi at 570-587-3672. There will be a **limited number of tickets for sale at the door**, so please make your **reservations by Thursday, December 5th**. **Set up will be Saturday, December 7th** at 6:30 pm. Any help given is much appreciated.

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

2019 Education and Youth Commission Raffle – This PNU raffle benefits our College Stipend Program. The raffle will be held on **December 5th, 2019** at the PNU Home Office on Pittston Avenue. **Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10.00** for with the following prizes: **First Prize** – \$400 cash; **Second Prize** – Amazon Echo; **Third Prize** – \$100 cash.

Monetary donations are also being accepted for the funding of this supportive program, and can be mailed directly to the Education and Youth Commission of the PNU, c/o Mary Ann Stankowski, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa 18505. Checks are payable to the *Education and Youth Commission*. Tickets are available in the parish hall, at the PNU Home Office, or through Mary Ann Stankowski, 570-341-0986, or eyc@pnu.org.

Altar Flowers – The floral pieces at the high altar today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of Walter Loss offered by his wife Francis and family.

Food Pantry – Please bring **canned vegetables** on Sunday, **November 17th** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday, November 11

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Tuesday, November 12

8:30 am – sp. Joseph J. Ostroski & Augustine Kowalski by the family

Wednesday, November 13

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Thursday, November 14

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, November 15

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Saturday, November 16

8:30 am – sp. All parishioners of St Stanislaus Cathedral who passed away in 2019

Happy Anniversary – Nov 13 – James & Charlene Krall

Happy Birthday – Nov 10 – Marianne Adams, Megan Fallon; Nov 11 – Miranda Rybak; Nov 12 – Jeffrey Kotula, Alice Zahorsky, Brian Hill; Nov 13 – Mildred Niedzielski; Nov 15 – Andrew Ross, Patryk Mays, Christina Sossong

Friends in the Hospital – **November 8th** – *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.