

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

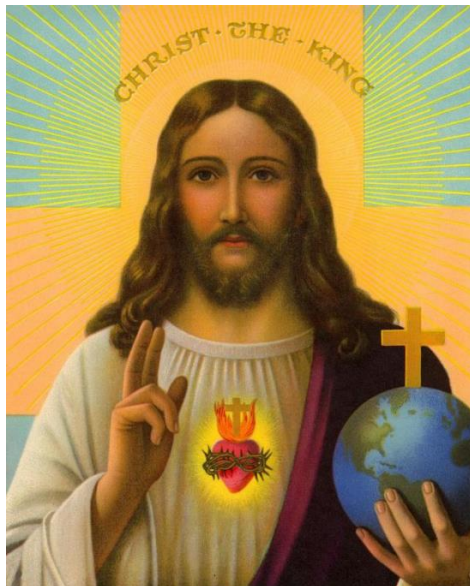
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The Right Reverend Bernard J. Nowicki, DD, pastor – bishop@saintstanislauspncc.org

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Mrs. Beth Howden – Organist / Director of Music

Solemnity – Christ the King November 24, 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 25th

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

TUESDAY, November 26th

6:30 pm – Parish Committee Meeting

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

SATURDAY, November 30th

NO Confirmation class

NO First Communion class

11:00 am – Seniorate Advent Penitential Service (see announcement)

NEXT SUNDAY, December 1st – First Sunday of Advent, Beginning of the Liturgical Year

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:

11/24 – 8:00 – J. Andrzejewski

9:30 – B. Seliga & P. Kowalski

11:15 – L. McConlogue

12/1 – 8:00 – J. Andrzejewski

9:30 – B. Seliga & L. Pfohl

11:15 – L. McConlogue



IT'S NOT ABOUT THE TURKEY - Please feel free to use these Thanksgiving table graces or adapt them for use at your festival meal this Thanksgiving Day:

Our Father in Heaven, we give thanks for the pleasure of gathering together for this occasion. We give thanks for this food prepared by loving hands. We give thanks for life, the freedom to enjoy it all and all other blessings. As we partake of this food, we pray for health and strength to carry on and try to live as You would have us. This we ask in the name of Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen!

Dear Lord, we are thankful for this day, set aside to honor all the ways You bless us with Your goodness, love, and grace. We are thankful for the people at this table who add a variety of wonderful things to our lives just by being who they are. We are thankful for the food we are about to eat, which You created for our nourishment and pleasure. Most of all, Lord, we thank You for always being there for us, guiding us, encouraging us, comforting us and blessing us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son. Amen!

Psalm 100 - Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!
Know that the Lord is God! It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him, bless his name!
For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Happy Thanksgiving

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.

Save the Date - A SERVICE OF LESSONS and CAROLS for ADVENT – On **Sunday, December 15th at 6:30 PM** the Cathedral Chorale will present a Festival of Lessons and Carols for Advent. Scripture, hymns, and anthems, will help lead us in spiritual and music preparation as we commemorate the season of Advent. There will be no charge for admission and a reception with light refreshments will be held in the gathering area beneath the Cathedral following the concert. Tell your friends. Bring them with you.

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 @ 570-575-575-5231.

UNITED YMS of R WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE – The majority of the parishes of the Polish National Catholic Church are located in areas that are about to be met with harsh winter weather. For this reason, the United YMS of R is collecting winter clothing for those in need! **Donations can include new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, pants, and sweatshirts. Also accepted: new socks, underwear or t-shirts. Items can be dropped off in the Parish Hall until January 20th.** Though a reason to be charitable is never needed, we have decided to reward the Parish who collects the most. The winning Parish will receive a monetary gift sponsored by the United Y.M.S. of R. Board, in hopes of being used to promote a fellowship activity! **For more details, please see the flyers posted in the Parish Hall or contact Nick Gerardi at (570) 313-8046.** Remember, even a small donation can help spread Christ's love this Christmas season. Thank you!

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.

EDUCATION & YOUTH COMMISSION OF THE PNU – As we enter the Season of Giving, please remember to help support our Raffle Fundraiser where all the proceeds go towards the funding for our stipends, which are disbursed to those student members of the PNU. It costs our commission thousands of dollars, and with the generosity throughout our parish community we can continue to help our college students defray the costs with their book expense. The PNU offers many programs and financial planning throughout our lifetime and this is just one example of how we can come together as a family and help our children further their educational endeavors. The raffle tickets can be found downstairs in the church hall, at the PNU home office on Pittston Avenue, or by contacting Mary Ann Stankowski @ 570-341-0986 or via email eyc@pnu.org.

Donations are 3 tickets for \$10.00 or \$5.00 each, payable to the “Education & Youth Commission”, deadline to purchase tickets are December 1st, 2019. The drawing will be on December 5th, 2019 during the PNU Board of Director meeting held in Scranton, Pa.

Please be generous during this Season of Giving and support this event we are hosting for our college students.

First Prize - \$400.00 cash
Second Prize – Amazon Echo
Third Prize - \$100.00 cash

Monetary donations are also graciously accepted and can be mailed to:
Education & Youth Commission of the PNU
c/o Mary Ann Stankowski
1006 Pittston Avenue
Scranton, Pa 18505

Thank you for your support and hope your holidays are surrounded by family and friends!
Mary Ann Stankowski, Education & Youth Commission, chairman

Save the date - CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING – will be done on **December 22nd following the 9:30 a.m. Mass**. Much help is needed. Much fun is promised. Good fellowship guaranteed. Great satisfaction assured. This year, come to experience it all!

DISTRICT 1 PNU CHRISTMAS PARTY – District 1 PNU will be holding their annual Christmas party on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at the lower level of the PNCC Building, 1006 Pittston Ave, Scranton, PA at 6:00 P.M. in conjunction with the quarterly meeting. The cost per person will be \$15.00. A buffet dinner will be provided. We will be also be having a door prize raffle, games and a Christmas Carol sing-a-long. Please make your reservations by calling 570-344-1513 by December 5, 2019. Payment for the dinner is also requested by that date. All District 1 members and their families are encouraged to attend. Come and join us for an evening of Holiday fun and fellowship. Joan Scheuneman Honorary Director.

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS – With Advent fast approaching it is time to consider donating for Christmas Flowers to adorn our alters. We are requesting **\$25.00** or more in memory of your loved ones. Checks made be made out to the ANS Flower Fund and mailed to 529 E, Locust St. Scranton, 18505 or dropped off at the Parrish Office. Please include names of loved ones to be honored. Any questions please contact Connie Tellep at jtellep@nep.net or 57-222-4409.

FOOD PANTRY – Please bring **macaroni and cheese** on Sunday, **December 1st** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY – **Nov 28** – Robert & June Sarnowski, John & Julie Andrzejewski

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday, November 25

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Tuesday, November 26

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Wednesday, November 27

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, November 29

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Saturday, November 30

8:30 am – sp. Theodore & Helen

Christy by Joan Williams & Renee Brunetti

11:00 am - Seniorate Advent

Penitential Service

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – **Nov 27** – Lorne Notari, Carol Jankowski; **Nov 28** – Brenda Yaron, Jordan Aebli

FRIENDS IN THE HOSPITAL – **November 14th** – *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.

“There is always, always something to be thankful for.”