

# St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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

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Mrs. Beth Howden – Organist / Director of Music

**December 22, 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** – Decorating the Cathedral for Christmas

11:00 am – St. Stanislaus Handbell rehearsal

## TUESDAY, December 24 – Christmas Eve

**4:00 pm** - Christmas Eve Vigil Mass: *Living Nativity*

10:30 pm - Christmas Eve Mass of the Shepherds: *Pasterka*  
*Choir, instruments, string ensemble*

## WEDNESDAY, December 25 – Christmas Day - Nativity of our Lord

10:00 am – Holy Mass of Christmas Day, Cathedral

10:30 am – Holy Mass of Christmas Day, Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park

## THURSDAY, December 26 – Feast of St. Stephen

10:00am – Holy Mass, *lower Chapel*

## FRIDAY, December 27 – Feast of St. John

10:00am – Holy Mass, Cathedral, *wine blessed and distributed*

## NEXT SUNDAY, December 29 – Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

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

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**OPLATEK-CHRISTMAS WAFER** – is available in the Church Office after Masses on Sunday or you may pick it up during the week by contacting the Church Office at 570-961-9231 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. A donation is asked to help defray the cost of the wafers. Carry on the Polish custom of breaking bread at the Wigilia, Vigil Dinner on Christmas Eve and have a Blessed Holiday Season.

**ANS 300 CLUB WINNERS** – Congratulations to the ANS 300 Club Winners 1st week's drawing held on Sunday, December 15th!!! \$100.00 Atty. Kara Francis; \$50.00 Nick Gerardi, Connie Tellep; \$25 ANS Society, David Petrosky, Carol Mikovsky. Winners will be posted the following Sunday after each drawing. Good Luck to all!!!

**ANS CHRISTMAS GREETING** – May the Blessings of Our Savior Always be with you & yours. May the true Spirit of Christmas, Love, Hope, Peace & Joy not only fill your heart & soul but also spread to your dear ones. This Christmas let us praise & be thankful to the Lord for his Everlasting Love & Bountiful Precious Gifts of Life. Merry Christmas! *President of the ANS, Kathy Michalina & Society Members*

**THE ANS CHRISTMAS PARTY** is scheduled for Sunday, January 12, 2020. Details to follow!

**ADVENT LESSONS and CAROLS** – On behalf of Beth Howden, Mary Stankowski and myself, and on behalf of the Cathedral Chorale and the Handbell Choir and the lectors, I want to convey the joy we experienced in offering this service to the glory of God and for your spiritual edification. We hope it was for you the blessing it was for us to prepare and present this seasonal service. The season of Advent usually receives short shrift within the liturgical cycle of the Church year, and yet, for me it's my favorite time of the year. We hope we made evident to you the extent of the variety and beauty of Advent hymnody along with its thematic relevance to the celebration of Christmas. We hope that through your attendance at the Cathedral last Sunday evening, the thoughts and beauty and sounds of Advent will echo in your hearts and minds as you celebrate our Lord's Nativity this coming week. This event is one among other Christmas preparations of Advent Father and I have offered all of you.

**A CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS** – Friends, this Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the musicians of St. Stanislaus Cathedral will present some beautiful music within the Masses that will be celebrated. At the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve service, the Bell Choir will play, and the youth will enact a Living Nativity. At the 10:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass, you will not want to miss the lovely pre-service prelude music performed by Josh Stankowski on Viola, Adrianna Howden on the oboe, and Beth Howden at the organ. **Please be sure to arrive by 10:15 PM for this!** The Blessing of the Manger will take place in the glow of candles throughout the Cathedral, along with anthems by soloists and the Cathedral Chorale. Then on Christmas Day at 10:00 AM, ring in the glorious season with a gorgeous prelude of Christmas carols performed by Jack Partyka on the trumpet. There will also be a vocal offerings sung by Barbara Nowicki and Gary Richards. Experience singing all the meaningful Christmas hymns that we love, and hearing and speaking the glorious traditions of our faith. Invite your friends and family, and join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord!

**UYA CHRISTMAS CAROLING** – The St. Stanislaus UYA is planning their annual Christmas Caroling schedule for 2018! We will be caroling on the following dates: Friday, December 27th and Saturday, December 28th, leaving the Rectory at 5:30 pm each night and again on Sunday afternoon, December 29th. We have a list of parishioners that we have had the privilege of visiting each year, but we would LOVE to expand our list this year. If you would like to have our fun-loving, collection of carolers stop by your home this year and share a bit of Christmas cheer, PLEASE, contact Maria Hughes at 570-842-8451 or at [mariahughes1@verizon.net](mailto:mariahughes1@verizon.net). Can't wait for the fa-la-la-la-la-fun to begin!

**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 ON THE LAST PEW IN THE CHAPEL until January 20<sup>th</sup>.** 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!

**SPÓJNIA CREDUT UNION JOB OPENING** – Spójnia Credit Union has an opening for a Full Time Assistant Manager. This position will be responsible for assisting the Manager in daily operational and regulatory functions. The individual will be performing lending, teller, member service duties and some back office functions. This position is also responsible for the Credit Union's marketing program. Applicants should have the following qualifications to apply. Minimum 5 years' experience in the Credit Union industry - Strong knowledge of Windows based programs including Office - Strong accounting or bookkeeping experience - Diverse background in credit union operations including: MSR functions, loan processing, back office work and compliance experience with state and government laws and regulations to include those regarding marketing - 2 years' experience in management or supervisory position is a plus - Website administration skills are a plus. Please send resume to: John C Andrzejewski III, C/O Spójnia Credit Union, 1006 Pittston Avenue Scranton PA 18505

**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.

**FOOD PANTRY** – Please bring **tuna fish** on Sunday, **December 29th** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

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

#### **Monday, December 23**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

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#### **Saturday, December 28**

8:30 – sp. Walter Blakiewicz by his  
family

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – Dec 27 – Janet Swanger

**FRIENDS IN THE HOSPITAL** – December 20<sup>th</sup> –

\*Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania: Paul Cimino

\*Mt. View: Rosalie Aebli

**FRIENDS RECOVERING AT HOME** – Jean Cwynar,

Joann Edwards, Michael Golembeski, Ceil Gorgol, Josephine Kwiatkowski, Helen Lukaszewicz, Bob Matylewicz, Chet Nezelkewicz, Jean Sherman, Jake Stankowski. Please pray for them.

