

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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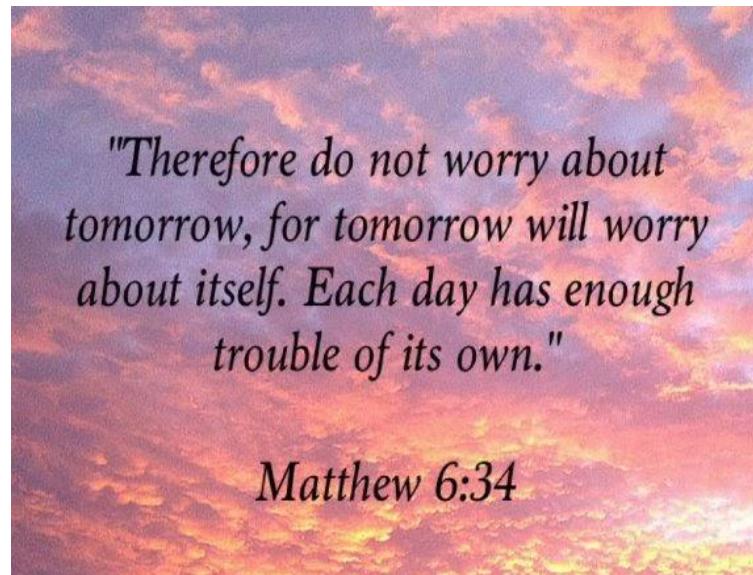
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Mrs. Beth Howden – Organist / Director of Music

Quinquagesima Sunday

February 23, 2020



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

MONDAY, February 24th

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

TUESDAY, February 25th

6:30 pm – Parish Committee monthly meeting

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 26th – Opening of the Lenten Season

The Masses of this solemn day are listed under the heading, **THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES**

THURSDAY, February 27th

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

St. Stanislaus Youth Basketball practice

6:30 - 7:00 pm - PreK - 2nd grade

7:00 - 7:45 pm - 3rd - 8th grade

7:45 - 8:30 pm - 9th - 11th grade

FRIDAY, February 28th

St. Stanislaus Youth Basketball games →

SATURDAY, February 29th

9:30 am – Confirmation class

10:30 am – First Communion class

NEXT SUNDAY, March 1st – First Sunday of Lent

****Holy Mass: 9:00 am followed by the Cathedral Annual Parish Meeting (One mass only)**

HANDICAP ACCESS STUDY is available for your review. If you have an email address registered with the church, it was sent to your email address, or it is available on the St. Stanislaus website. This will be presented at the annual meeting so please review it prior to the meeting.

For those who do not have computer access, paper copies are available in the church hall for you to look at. Please leave these copies in the church hall to share. Thank you.

TENEBRAE SINGERS – Men singers one and all, please join us for rehearsals for the Good Friday Tenebrae on Wednesday evenings, following Stations of the Cross. We welcome newcomers! Speak to Beth or Jack Ostroski if you are interested and/or have questions. Please also sign the sign-up sheet in the lower auditorium. **THE FIRST REHEARSAL IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4.**

Lectors:

2/23 – 8:00 – K. Michalina

9:30 – J. Scheuneman & J. Snyder

11:15 – L. McConlogue

3/1 – 9:00 – Bob Seliga & Lynn Pfohl

Friday Game times

6:30-7:00 pm – Prek & Kind

7:00-7:45 pm – 1st & 2nd grade

7:45-8:30 pm – 3rd, 4th & 5th grade

8:30-9:15 pm – 6th, 7th, & 8th grade

9:15-10:00 pm – 9th, 10th & 11th grade

A Journey Through Lent

PRE-LENTEN PREPARATIONS – As we approach and prepare to enter into the Season of Great Lent this Ash Wednesday on February 26th, I invite and encourage you to observe a holy Lenten season through self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word.

Please find time each day to read the portion of Scripture you will find outlined for the week in each bulletin beginning today. **TAKE EXTRA BULLETINS FOR YOUR CHILDREN TODAY** so that they each can have a weekly bible listing too. This Lent, as you read and meditate on God’s word, consider doing something you might never have thought before to do: ask yourself where God may be leading you in your personal life and in your discipleship within the corporate life of the body of Christ, His Church at St. Stanislaus Cathedral.

Remember the four spiritual disciplines of Lent: Prayer, Almsgiving, Bible reading and Abstinence from flesh foods each Wednesday and Friday, and from the most serious of your moral failings or weaknesses. As you give up something for seven weeks that you are particularly fond of, abstain as well from those things that distance yourselves from God such as greed, unkindness, untruth, disregard for others, self-centeredness. As you abstain from these, eliminating them from your patterns of behavior, take on their opposite virtues in their stead. As Christ healed and served others, you might spend an hour with someone who is alone and who would welcome your company. You might offer a young mother an hour a week to relax while you watch her children, or take a casserole to an older adult who lives alone and join him/her for dinner one night. Or simply quit telling falsehoods and speaking gossip and destructive talk about others.

May this Lenten period be a time to renew your faith and your commitment to God and God’s community here at your Cathedral Parish of St. Stanislaus.

ARE YOU “RESISTING HAPPINESS?” – LENTEN SESSIONS to TASTE, READ, REFLECT
Our spiritual growth and development include our contentment and happiness. Do you want to be happy? Do you have the sense that something is missing in our life? Do you feel overwhelmed? Do you procrastinate? Are you stressed over not being able to accomplish what you know is right? Never fulfilling your best intentions for family, friends and church? If so, join your fellow parishioners in a relaxed setting as they explore the book by author Matthew Kelly titled, “Resisting Happiness”, beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing every Wednesday through Lent.

All parishioners are invited to participate in this weekly Lenten book reading program. **A light supper of homemade soup, salad and dessert will be available, for the nominal cost of \$3.00 each week, from 5:15 to 6:00 pm with a discussion of sections of the book each week from 6:00 to 6:50,** followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. Are you ready to grow spiritually? Are you *hungry* to learn more? Then, **please sign the paper in the lower auditorium on the table, or leave a message at the rectory** (570-343-6017) to help us plan for you!

1. The cost of the Kelly reader that we’ll be working from each week is being underwritten by our Women’s Blessed Sacrament Society as their ministry to our parish towards its spiritual growth and Catholic formation especially for our young adults and adults young at heart.
2. The soup selection on Ash Wednesday, February 26th is Manhattan Clam Chowder and salad with literally farm fresh eggs. Feel free to bring your own ‘brown bag,’ if you choose. The soup selection will change weekly thanks to Sue Tekmanski including Cheddar Cheese and Broccoli, Vegetarian Vegetable, New England Clam Chowder and more.
3. These book discussion sessions could be conducted after the Friday Station of the Cross service as well, if there is interest among those attendees. See Bishop Nowicki or Father Janusz.



The FOUR LENTEN DISCIPLINES – Praying, Fasting, Almsgiving and Daily Bible Readings

Let’s live Lent as People of the Resurrection.....

....following our Saviour as he takes up his cross. We repent of our sins. We live Lent knowing the end of the story. Our sins are forgiven, washed away in Jesus’ blood. The promise of the empty tomb is the promise of paradise!

PONDER THE LOVE OF GOD
Repent and Receive Forgiveness

<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	God redeems His people	Psalm 77:12-15
<i>Thursday</i>	A gift of love	Luke 15:8-10
<i>Friday</i>	Have mercy	Psalm 51:1-7
<i>Saturday</i>	Made clean	1 John 1:7-10

(HELP YOUR CHILDREN learn the citations in the Bible:

Luke is a Book in the Bible.

15: is the chapter of a Book in the Bible.

1-7 are the verses of the chapter of a Book in the Bible.)

ANS UPDATES – The ANS would like to thank "ALL" who supported our 300 Club Drawing which concluded on February 9th, 2020! Congratulations once again to all the winners!

The ANS will be having a "Soup for Lent" sale beginning Ash Wednesday, February 26th. This event will be in conjunction with the Lenten Sessions to Taste, Read & Reflect. There will be a signup sheet provided in the lower auditorium for your convenience. We will begin with Manhattan Clam Chowder & Vegetarian Vegetable Barley Soup. Cost per Quart is \$10. Questions or pre orders call 570-562-2086 or 570-344-2525.

The next ANS monthly meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 8th in the Board Room. Members kindly mark your calendars.

EASTER BREAD SALE – The St. Stanislaus Cathedral Youth Group will once again be making their "Homemade Bread" for the Easter Holiday on Saturday, March 28th, 2020. Orders can be placed downstairs in the church hall, for Plain or Raisin, at a cost of \$11.00 per loaf, or contact Jacob or Mary Stankowski @ 570-341-0986. **WE WILL ONLY BE MAKING 120 LOAVES (15 BATCHES). So, please don't hesitate and sign up ASAP. Once our quota is reached we will produce a waiting list for those of you who are interested in still purchasing some bread. The deadline guide will be based on the signup sheets located downstairs in the parish hall. Thank you as always for your continued support and dedication towards this organization, we truly appreciate it!!**

Bread will be available for pickup on Saturday, March 28th from 2:30-4:30pm, or on Sunday, March 29th, 2020 following the 8:00 & 9:30 am Masses.

All proceeds, from this fundraiser benefits the travel/registration expense for the youth attending Convo 2020 this summer. *Thank you for your support as always, The Cathedral UYA Families*

HOME BATTERED FRESH HADDOCK - LENTEN FISH FRY DINNER will be held on February 28, 2020 at Holy Mother of Sorrows Frank Bednash Memorial Hall, 212 Wyoming Avenue, Dupont from 12 - 6 PM. Takeouts are available. Dinner includes: fish, fries, vegetable, coleslaw, dinner roll and beverage. Donation is \$10.

REQUIEM / HEALTH MASSES – For anyone who would like to schedule a Requiem Mass or for the health of a loved one or any other Mass, please contact the Rectory via phone or email.

TROPHIES – Many trophies have been placed in the Cathedral's lower auditorium in many places for many years for many athletic endeavors. Our parishioners are invited to see them, review the events for which they were awarded and, if so desired, take them home as a remembrance of the special occasions they signify. Parishioners are invited to do this through the end of February after which the remaining trophies will be archived.

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.



“Discovering the PNCC”

20th National Mission & Evangelism Workshop
Polish National Catholic Church
Resurrection Parish,
Temperance, MI 48182
Friday, March 27 - Sunday, March 29, 2020

Dear Most Reverend Prime Bishop, Rt. Rev. Bishops, Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers, Deacons and Faithful of the Polish National Catholic Church,

Greetings from the Mission and Evangelism Commission of the Polish National Catholic Church.

Over the past twenty years, the National Commission on Mission and Evangelism has presented to the faithful and clergy of the Church an opportunity to explore one of many faith-driven aspects of the Church on a National level, as well as experiencing the Church on a local Parish level. Our goal for each Mission Workshop has been that the Faithful come away with a burning desire to bring the faith-driven work of the Workshop back to their parishes and be a light to that local Community of Faith, the Parish, and the communities in which they live. This year's hotel accommodation is at the Quality Inn located at 111 Waterstradt Commerce Dr, Dundee, MI 48131.

1. THE WORKSHOP PAMPHLET IS AVAILABLE IN OUR LOWER AUDITORIUM - Tentative schedule, names, phone numbers and email addresses you may need.
2. THE WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM and Hotel Reservation Form are AVAILABLE IN OUR LOWER AUDITORIUM.

YOU WILL NEED TO CALL THE HOTEL DIRECTLY FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS, and be responsible for your own hotel reservations and confirmations. When making reservations please use the hotel code: **Mission & Evangelism Workshop**.

Our deadline cut - off date for obtaining the guaranteed room rate of **\$69.00 plus tax is Wednesday, February 26, 2020**.

Please fill out the registration form and send it to Resurrection Parish. This year **the registration fee has been waived**, so that as many people as possible may attend, to gain a better understanding and deeper appreciation of our Church. We ask you to bring with you gift cards to support local veterans through the Bedford Twp. Veterans Center. The gift cards can be for Sunoco Gas Station or Walmart. Deadline for registering for the Workshop is **Saturday, March 14, 2020**. Please consider joining us for the Workshop at the end of March.

Sincerely,
20th Mission and Evangelism Workshop Committee

EDUCATION & YOUTH COMMISSION STIPEND – Now is the time for all students who are pursuing an undergraduate degree or a post-secondary certificate to fill out their stipend application for the academic year of 2019/2020, which is offered by the Education and Youth Commission through The Polish National Union of America. The deadline for submission of this stipend application is April 15, 2020. Here is a brief description of the criteria needed to be eligible for this stipend.

- **You must be a student currently enrolled in a college or university, part-time or full-time (academic year 2019/2020) and attending classes at that university or college.**
- **You must be a member of the PNU having a life insurance policy – current paying, single premium or fully paid-up and in good standing for at least 5 years. (social membership not applicable)**
- **You must submit a tuition bill from both semesters, Fall and Spring showing that you are a student currently taking classes at that university or college; a schedule or grades for each applicable semester stating total number of credits you are taking; a signed and stamped receipt from the Registrar’s office is also accepted, but please indicate the number of credits on the form representing part-time or full-time student status.**
- **A stipend application must be filled out in its entirety and mailed no later than April 15th, 2020 to: PNU c/o Education & Youth Commission- Attn: Mary Ann Stankowski, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa 18505.**
- **This application and information sheet can be found through the PNU website (www.pnu.org) as a downloadable form for the Education & Youth Commission, or in your parish halls.**

This is a great opportunity for our families and students to research and review the benefits of being a member within the PNU and see what this commission represents so they can become more knowledgeable in regards to the many attributes this society offers to our youth and their families.

Any questions or concerns, please direct to Mary Ann Stankowski, EYC@pnu.org.

THIS WEEK’S LITURGIES

Monday, February 24

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Tuesday, February 25

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Ash Wednesday, February 26

12:00 NOON – Holy Mass, distribution of blessed ashes

7:00 pm – Holy Mass, distribution of blessed ashes

Thursday, February 27

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, February 28

8:30 am – sp. Angelina Morava by Kimberly Lucarz

Saturday, February 29

8:30 am – Mass of the day

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – **Feb 21** – Patricia Kanton; **Feb 23** – Brenda Karsnak; **Feb 24** – Kate Boczar-Matza; **Feb. 25** – Colton Thomas; **Feb 28** – John Tempaugh;

FRIENDS IN THE HOSPITAL – **February 21st** – *Mt. View: Rosalie Aebli

FRIENDS RECOVERING AT HOME – Paul Cimino, Jean Cwynar, Joann Edwards, Michael Golembeski, Ceil Gorgol, Josephine Kwiatkowski, Frances Loss, Helen Lukasiewicz, Bob Matylewicz, Chet Nezelkewicz, Jean Sherman, Jake Stankowski. Please pray for them.



LENTEN SERVICES AND EVENTS

A rich array of spiritual opportunities is listed below for all our parishioners to avail themselves of during the coming season of Great Lent which begins this week:

Fridays – 12 noon – Stations of the Cross, chapel, lower Cathedral

Wednesdays –

5:15 pm – ANS sponsored Lenten Soup and Salad followed by a review of small sections of the Matthew Kelly Book, “Resisting Happiness”

7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross, Cathedral

Various societies and parish ministries will read the meditations each week.

(Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park attendees may worship at the hour given above on either day)

Saturdays – 9:15 – 10:00 am – Private Confession, chapel, lower Cathedral, adults & children

Holy Tuesday – **April 7th** – 4:00 pm – Chrism Mass, Cathedral

Holy Thursday – **April 9th** – 7:00 pm – Mass of the Institution of the Eucharist

Good Friday – **April 10th** – 12:00 to 3:00 pm – Holy Hour, Stations, Mass of the Pre-sanctified, opening of the Tomb of Jesus

Good Friday – **April 10th** – 7:00 pm – Tenebrae, chanted, gentlemen of the Cathedral

Holy Saturday – **April 11th** – 4:00 pm – Vigil of the Risen One