

# THE SAINT STAN'S SPOTLIGHT

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER DEVOTED TO THE COMMUNITY OF SAINT STANISLAUS KOSTKA PARISH

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## CHURCH NOTIFICATIONS

### SAINT STANISLAUS KOSTKA 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY MASS AND BANQUET

On the beautiful late fall afternoon of December 14, 2014, Most Reverend Paul G. Bootkoski, D.D., Bishop of Metuchen, celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass in our church. Clergy concelebrating with Bishop Bootkoski were St. Stan's pastor, Fr. Kenneth Murphy, and former St. Stan's pastor, Fr. Leon Aniszczyk, along with Rev. Msgr. William McCarthy, Rev. Msgr. Robert Zamorski, Fr. James Miara, Fr. Leonard Rusay, Fr. Thomas Ryan, Fr. John Szczepanik, Fr. George Targonski, Fr. Jay Toborowsky, Fr. Andrew Wieliczko and Fr. Sean Winters. Assisting were Deacons David Mikolai and Andrew Ozga from St. Stan's and Deacons Edward Majkowski and Mark Koscinski.

Sr. Mary Laverne Cholewa, CSSF, Sr. Mary Rebecca Piatek, CSSF, and Sr. Martine Marie Pijanowski, CSSF, Felician Sisters who were born and raised in our parish, were among the attendees of Mass. The Sayreville Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree served as honor guards. St. Stan's adult and children's choirs accompanied by organ, trumpet, and flute provided the music during the liturgy. The congregation joined the choirs to sing both English and Polish hymns.

Bishop Bootkoski's outstanding homily reflected on the parish's formation, initially meeting the religious needs of the Polish community in Sayreville, and how through the years the congregation has become a mingling of people from around the world. The bishop made special note of St. Stan's service to many in times of need. Bishop Bootkoski extended his wishes for a successful future and imparted his blessing.

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# JANUARY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> NEW YEAR'S DAY  SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, MASSES AT 9 A.M., 10:30 A.M. (POLISH), AND 12 NOON  NEW YEAR'S DAY BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON, KITCHEN WILL BE OPEN)  <b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>2</b> <b>HNS: NOCTURNAL                      ADORATION (8 P.M.)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  <b>RAS: MASS (9:00 A.M.)</b>  BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)  <b>RAS: CHRISTMAS PARTY                      (2 P.M.)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> PRAYER GROUP (7 P.M.)	<b>7</b> RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	<b>8</b> <b>HNS: ATLANTIC CITY TRIP                      (11 A.M.)</b>  BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>AA: GIRL'S BASKETBALL                      TOURNAMENT (9 A.M.)</b>
<b>11</b> THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  <b>HNS: MASS AND BREAKFAST                      (9 A.M.)</b>  BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)	<b>12</b> <b>HNS: MEETING (7 P.M.)</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	<b>15</b> BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>AA: GIRL'S BASKETBALL                      TOURNAMENT (9 A.M.)</b>
<b>18</b> BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)	<b>19</b> MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	<b>20</b> PRAYER GROUP (7 P.M.)	<b>21</b> RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	<b>22</b> BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>AA: GIRL'S BASKETBALL                      TOURNAMENT (9 A.M.)</b>
<b>25</b> CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS AND BREAKFAST (9 A.M.)  <b>NO BINGO TODAY</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)  <b>HNS: MIDDLESEX COUNTY                      FEDERATION MEETING                      (7 P.M.)</b>	<b>29</b> BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)  FIRST RECONCILIATION (7 P.M.)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

# FEBRUARY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>1</b> <b>RAS:</b> RECITATION OF ROSARY (8:35 A.M.)</p> <p><b>RAS:</b> MASS (9:00 A.M.; CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST FOLLOWING MASS AND MEETING)</p> <p>BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)</p> <p>FARWELL TO THE MANGER (2 P.M.)</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> PRAYER GROUP (7 P.M.)</p>	<p><b>4</b> RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)</p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>HNS:</b> ATLANTIC CITY TRIP (11 A.M.)</p> <p>BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8</b> <b>HNS:</b> MASS AND BREAKFAST (9 A.M.)</p> <p>BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)</p>	<p><b>9</b> <b>HNS:</b> MEETING (7 P.M.)</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)</p>	<p><b>12</b> BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> VALENTINE'S DAY</p> <p><b>AA:</b> GIRL'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT (9 A.M.)</p>
<p><b>15</b> BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)</p>	<p><b>16</b> PRESIDENT'S DAY</p> <p><b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> PRAYER GROUP (7 P.M.)</p>	<p><b>18</b> ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES AT 7:00 A.M., 9:00 A.M., and 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)</p>	<p><b>19</b> BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)</p>	<p><b>20</b> <b>HNS:</b> FISH FRY (4:30 P.M. TO 7 P.M.)</p> <p>STATIONS OF THE CROSS (7 P.M.)</p>	<p><b>21</b> <b>AA:</b> GIRL'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT (9 A.M.)</p>
<p><b>22</b> BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)</p> <p>DROGA KRZYOWA (7 P.M.)</p>	<p><b>26</b> BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)</p>	<p><b>27</b> STATIONS OF THE CROSS (7 P.M.)</p>	<p><b>28</b> <b>AA:</b> GIRL'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT (9 A.M.)</p>

# MARCH 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>RAS:</b> RECITATION OF ROSARY (8:35 A.M.)  <b>RAS:</b> MASS (9:00 A.M.; CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST FOLLOWING MASS AND MEETING)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> PRAYER GROUP (7 P.M.)	<b>4</b> RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)  DROGA KRZYOWA (7 P.M.)	<b>5</b> <b>HNS:</b> ATLANTIC CITY TRIP (11 A.M.)  BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	<b>6</b> STATIONS OF THE CROSS (7: P.M.)	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>HNS:</b> MASS AND BREAKFAST (9 A.M.)  BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)	<b>9</b> <b>HNS:</b> MEETING (7 P.M.)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)  DROGA KRZYOWA (7 P.M.)	<b>12</b> BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	<b>13</b> STATIONS OF THE CROSS (7: P.M.)	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> SAINT PATRICK'S DAY  PRAYER GROUP (7 P.M.)	<b>18</b> RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)  DROGA KRZYOWA (7 P.M.)	<b>19</b> SAINT JOSEPH'S DAY  BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	<b>20</b> STATIONS OF THE CROSS (7 P.M.)	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)  DROGA KRZYOWA (7 P.M.)	<b>26</b> BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	<b>27</b> STATIONS OF THE CROSS (7 P.M.)	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> PALM SUNDAY  BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

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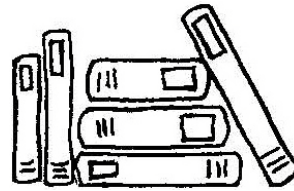
A gala banquet at the Grand Marquis, Old Bridge, followed the Mass. The event was attended by 430 parishioners and guests. Several attendees traveled from out of state to participate in the celebration, to reunite with old friends, to share memories and stories, and to make new acquaintances. Government representatives read proclamations from the NJ State Assembly, Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the Borough of Sayreville.

An excellent dinner was preceded by a cocktail hour with a multitude of hors d'oeuvres, including traditional Polish and other ethnic specialties. Many took the opportunity to dance between courses to the music of the GB's, a local band who played both contemporary selections and familiar polka dance music favorites. The hundreds of happy faces during the evening were a clear indication of the anniversary celebration day's huge success!

### **CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION BOOK**

In January 2015, the Saint Stan's Community will have an opportunity to purchase a copy of the Saint Stan's Centennial Commemoration book. This 80-page, hardcover book showcases our Parish with gorgeous pictures and timeless information that bring you along on a trip from the very beginnings of our Church all the way to our present day Parish.

In addition, each book comes with a collection of note cards that show our church's beautiful stained glass windows and frescos. Get yourself



or a loved one a copy of the Centennial Commemoration book and share the rich history and legacy of

our Saint Stan's Parish community.



# **ORGANIZATIONS & SOCIETIES**

## **~ HOLY NAME SOCIETY ~**

### **ATLANTIC CITY TRIP**

The HNS is sponsoring a bus trip to Atlantic City every first Thursday of the month. The bus leaves from the Saint Stan's parking lot at 11:00 A.M.

To reserve and confirm your seat, please call Roman at 732-254-5352. Our HNS deeply thanks you.  
(See calendar for dates)

### **CORPORATE COMMUNION SUNDAYS**

We meet to pray the Rosary at 8:30 A.M. and then attend 9:00 A.M. Corporate Communion Mass.

After Mass, everyone is invited to breakfast at our school cafeteria. (See calendar for dates)

### **MONTHLY MEETINGS**

Our monthly meetings begin at 7:00 P.M. in our church basement meeting room. Refreshments will be provided. (See calendar for dates)

### **NOCTURNAL ADORATION**

On Friday, January 2, the HNS nocturnal adoration hour starts at 8 P.M. at Saint Bartholomew Church on Ryders Lane in East Brunswick.

### **COUNTY FEDERATION MEETING**

The HNS meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 28, at 7 P.M. at Holy Trinity Church at the intersection of Lawrie and Johnstone Streets in Perth Amboy.

### **A TRIP BACK IN TIME**

Below is a piece of the diary of Frank M. Lajewski, Sr. (1905-1983), a parishioner and HNS member, who documented many of our church's historical moments.

*"Reverend Alexander Maciejewski was the second Pastor [of Saint Stanislaus Kostka Parish]. Expansion and progress [of the church] are to his credit. He doubled the acreage at the [Saint Stan's] cemetery, installed stained glass windows in the church, [and added] artistic paintings in the church."*

Learn more about the history of the HNS and Saint Stan's Parish in the Centennial Commemoration book, which will be available in January 2015.

## **~ HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION ~**

### **SHOPAROO FUNDRAISER**

The HSA is still participating in the Shoparoo fundraiser. We are earning money for our school just by snapping pictures of receipts from any grocery store, supercenter, club store, dollar store, drugstore, beauty/health store, convenience mart, pet store, toy store, or liquor store.

For non-grocery receipts, we now earn entries into Shoparoo's monthly and end-of-school-year sweepstakes.

If you would like to participate in the Shoparoo fundraiser, we welcome you to join our group by downloading the application on to your Smartphone, iPad, or on Google Play for Android devices.



You can also participate by donating your receipts in the Shoparoo boxes located by the church exits or in the church lobby. The receipts must be within 14 days of purchase, and you can cross out any identifying information on the receipt.

You can also log onto [www.shoparoo.com](http://www.shoparoo.com) for more information about the Shoparoo fundraiser, or contact Gina Rispoli at 732-432-8361. We currently have over 60 supporters snapping away...hope you'll join us!

### **GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY FUNDRAISER**

The HSA will be selling delicious Gertrude Hawk Candy for the Easter Holidays! The sale will begin in late February and candy will arrive in time for Easter. If you are interested in obtaining a catalog or placing an order please contact Amy Huff at 732-425-0005.

### **MIXED BAG FUNDRAISER**

The HSA will be selling Mixed Bag Designs again. Mixed Bags is a collection of strong and durable reusable bags in both colorful and eye-catching prints. They also carry backpacks, lunch totes, phone and tablet covers, overnight bags, scarves, and much more. This fundraiser will begin the week of Sunday, February 15.

If you are interested in obtaining a catalog or placing an order for the Mixed Bag fundraiser, please contact Gina Rispoli at 732-432-8361. You can also shop using the Saint Stan's ID number 120825 in the fundraising ID box at the top of any Web page at the online store at [www.mixedbagdesigns.com](http://www.mixedbagdesigns.com) and we will receive fundraising credit. Thank you for your support!

~ **ROSARY-ALTAR SOCIETY** ~

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Our party will take place on Sunday, January 4, at 2 P.M. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Washington Road in the Parlin section of Sayreville. The cost is \$23 for each RAS member. Friends and family are invited at \$23 for each person. There is no meeting following Mass on January 4.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

On May 16, 2015, the RAS is planning to sponsor a social evening of remembrances that features Elvis Presley impersonators. Further details will follow.

~ **PRAYER GROUP** ~

Our twice-a-month prayer group meets at 7:00 P.M. in our Church Chapel.

*Special Intentions for the  
"St. Stanislaus Kostka Prayer Group"*

Please pray for:

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Please deposit prayer intentions in the collection basket or designated box in the church lobby.

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Listed below are abbreviations that are used in our newsletter:

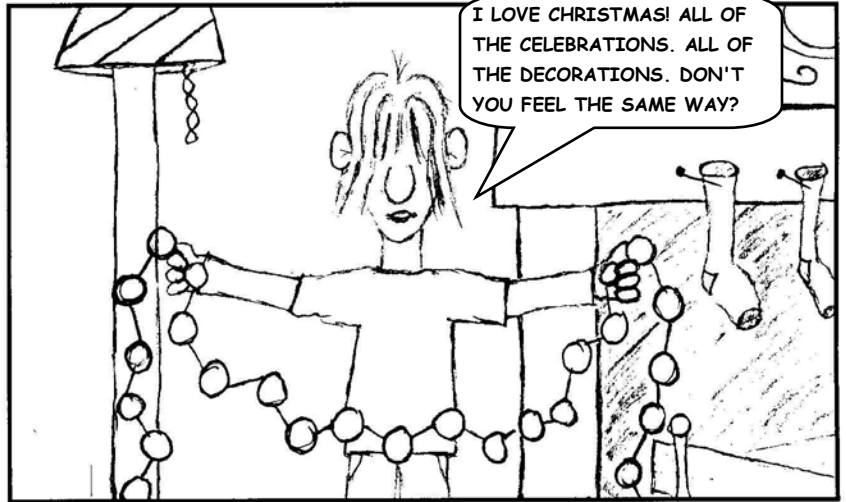
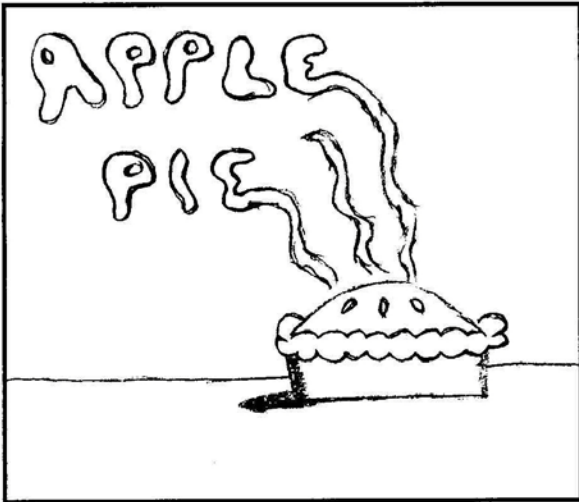
**AA** – Athletic Association

**HNS** – Holy Name Society

**HSA** – Home School Association

**RAS** – Rosary-Altar Society

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