

THE SAINT STAN'S SPOTLIGHT

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CHURCH NOTIFICATIONS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

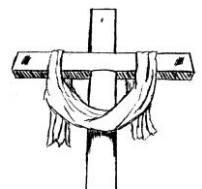
Stations of the Cross in Polish will be at 7 p.m. every Wednesday during Lent. Stations of the Cross in English will be at 7 p.m. every Friday during Lent.

HOLY THURSDAY — GOOD FRIDAY — HOLY SATURDAY

On Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at 7 p.m. followed by Night Watch until 12 Midnight. On Good Friday, the Passion of the Lord will be at 3 p.m. and Meka Panska will be at 7 p.m. followed by Adoration at the Tomb until 10 p.m. On Holy Saturday, Blessing of Food will be at 10 a.m., 12 Noon, and 2 p.m., and the Easter Vigil Mass will be at 7 p.m.

THE CELEBRATION OF EASTER

Through our Lord's suffering, Passion, and death on the Cross, we receive forgiveness, pardon and mercy. Then with minds that are free; with souls at peace; and with hearts filled with love, we may truly understand the beauty of Easter. May the gift of the Lord's forgiveness; the gift of His peace; and the gift of His Love strengthen the faith of you and your loved ones that you may truly rejoice in the beauty and glory of His Resurrection!



HE IS RISEN!

We welcome all parishioners to participate in the Easter celebration with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will be on Saturday, May 6 at 10 a.m. First Holy Communion for the Polish School will be on Saturday, April 29 at 10 a.m.

MAY CROWNING

All parishioners are welcome to participate in our May Crowning on Sunday, May 8 at the 9 a.m. Mass.

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APRIL 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 AA: AWARDS BANQUET (6:30 P.M.)
2 RAS: PRAY ROSARY (8:35 A.M.), MASS (9 A.M.), AND MEETING BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)	3	4 PRAYER GROUP (7 P.M.)	5 RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.) DROGA KRZYZOWA (7 P.M.)	6 HNS: ATLANTIC CITY TRIP (11 A.M.) BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	7 FIRST FRIDAY MASS (7 A.M. AND 9 A.M.) STATIONS OF THE CROSS (7 P.M.)	8
9 PALM SUNDAY HNS: PRAY ROSARY (8:30 A.M.), MASS (9 A.M.), AND BREAKFAST BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)	10 HNS: MEETING (7 P.M.)	11	12 RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.) DROGA KRZYZOWA (7 P.M.)	13 HOLY THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER (8 A.M.) MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (7 P.M.) NIGHT WATCH UNTIL MIDNIGHT NO BINGO TODAY	14 GOOD FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER (8 A.M.) STATIONS OF THE CROSS (12 NOON) PASSION OF THE LORD (3 P.M.) MEKA PANSKA (7 P.M.) ADORATION AT THE TOMB UNTIL 10 P.M.	15 HOLY SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER (8 A.M.) BLESSING OF FOOD (10 A.M., 12 NOON, AND 2 P.M.) EASTER VIGIL (7 P.M.)
16 EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION MASS AND PROCESSION (POLISH): 6:30 A.M. MASSES AT 9 A.M. (ENGLISH), 10:30 A.M. (ENGLISH), AND 12 NOON (ENGLISH) NO BINGO TODAY	17 EASTER MONDAY PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	18 PRAYER GROUP (7 P.M.)	19 RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	20 BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	21	22
23 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)	24	25	26 RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	27 BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	28	29 HSA: LADIES NIGHT OUT PAINTING PARTY (6:30 P.M.) POLISH SCHOOL FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (10 A.M.)
30 BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)						

MAY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 PRAYER GROUP (7 P.M.)	3 RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	4 HNS: ATLANTIC CITY TRIP (11 A.M.) BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	5 FIRST FRIDAY MASS (7 A.M. AND 9 A.M.) HSA: MOTHER- AND FATHER-OF-THE-YEAR COCKTAIL PARTY	6 SSK SCHOOL: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (10 A.M.)
7 RAS: PRAY ROSARY (8:35 A.M.), MASS (9 A.M.), AND MEETING MAY CROWNING (MASS 9 A.M.) BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)	8	9	10 RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	11 BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	12	13 HSA: FLOWER SALE (AFTER 5 P.M. MASS)
14 MOTHER'S DAY HSA: FLOWER SALE (AFTER ALL MASSES) NO BINGO TODAY	15 FEAST OF SAINT ISIDORE THE FARMER	16 PRAYER GROUP (7 P.M.)	17 RAS: FAMILY ROSARY (7 P.M.)	18 BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	19	20 CARNIVAL HEADQUARTERS OPENS AFTER 5 P.M. MASS
21 CARNIVAL HEADQUARTERS OPEN IN CHURCH LOBBY HNS: PRAY ROSARY (8:30 A.M.), MASS (9 A.M.), AND BREAKFAST BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)	22 HNS: MEETING (7 P.M.)	23	24 RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.) ASCENSION OF THE LORD VIGIL (7 P.M.)	25 SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (MASSES AT 7 A.M., 9 A.M., AND 7 P.M.) BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	26	27
28 NO BINGO TODAY	29 MEMORIAL DAY PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	30	31 FEAST OF THE VISITATION RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)			

JUNE 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 HNS: ATLANTIC CITY TRIP (11 A.M.) BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	2 FIRST FRIDAY MASS (7 A.M. AND 9 A.M.) SSK SCHOOL: 8 th GRADE GRADUATION	3
4 SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST RAS: PRAY ROSARY (8:35 A.M.), MASS (9 A.M.), AND MEETING BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)	5	6 HSA: STUDENT TRICKY TRAY PRAYER GROUP (7 P.M.)	7 RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	8 BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	9	10 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FLAG DAY SERVICE (10:30 A.M.)
11 SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY HNS: PRAY ROSARY (8:30 A.M.), MASS (9 A.M.), AND BREAKFAST BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)	12 HNS: MEETING (7 P.M.)	13	14 RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	15 BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	16	17
18 SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CRISTI FATHER'S DAY BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)	19	20 PRAYER GROUP (7 P.M.)	21 ANNUAL PARISH CARNIVAL (6 P.M. TO 10 P.M.) NO ROSARY TODAY	22 ANNUAL PARISH CARNIVAL (6 P.M. TO 10 P.M.) NO BINGO TODAY	23 ANNUAL PARISH CARNIVAL (5 P.M. TO 11 P.M.)	24 ANNUAL PARISH CARNIVAL (5 P.M. TO 11 P.M.)
25 NO BINGO TODAY	26	27	28 RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	29 BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	30	

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2017 SAINT STAN'S CARNIVAL

Are you ready! That's the rallying cry for our annual summer tradition, the Saint Stan's Carnival. This year's summer tradition will take place from June 21 to June 24 (see newsletter calendar for specific times). Carnival Headquarters opens after 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 20.

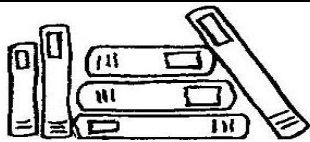
The carnival is fun for the entire family. There are many rides for children and adults, games with fabulous prizes for all ages, Super and Nightly 50/50 drawings, the beer garden and delicious ethnic and American homemade foods and desserts.

We have our annual Friday night Fish Fry. Spezzi's Main Street Café has nightly specials, a very diverse menu, and the annual Friday night Pig Roast. We also have delicious foods provided by Applebee's Restaurant. *One hundred percent of sales from Spezzi's Main Street Café and Applebee's Restaurant is profit for Saint Stan's School.*

We welcome all parishioners, neighbors and friends to show support by volunteering for a great cause. With your effort and time we will be ready!

MOTHER'S DAY

We wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day. Thank you for all that you do for us and our parish.



SCHOOL NEWS

SSK SCHOOL GRADUATION

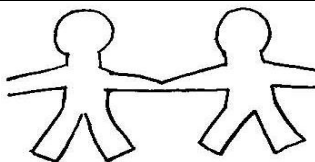
The SSK School will be hosting our 8th grade graduation on Friday, June 2.

REGISTRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS

We will be accepting registrations for new students for the 2017-2018 school year.

SUMMER HOURS

The school office will be open during the summer from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



ORGANIZATIONS & SOCIETIES

~ ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ~

AWARDS BANQUET

We will have our annual AA awards banquet at the Reception Center at Saint Clement in Matawan on Saturday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. We thank everyone who came together and gave a tremendous effort and shared their time to help make this year a success.

~ HOLY NAME SOCIETY ~

HOLY THURSDAY

All men of the Parish are invited to join our Holy Name Brothers for 1 hour of prayer on Holy Thursday evening from 11 p.m. to midnight in our church.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our membership drive will continue in June in honor of the sacred heart of Jesus Christ. If you would like to become an HNS member, please see any member about an application.

MONTHLY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

A bus trip to Atlantic City will take place on the first Thursday of each month. The bus leaves the Saint Stan's parking lot at 11 a.m. To reserve your seat, call Roman at 732-254-5352. (See calendar for dates)

MONTHLY CORPORATE MASS

The HNS will meet on April 9, May 21 and June 11 to pray the Rosary at 8:30 a.m. and celebrate 9:00 a.m. Mass. After Mass, everyone is invited to breakfast at our school cafeteria.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The monthly meeting begins at 7 p.m. **All meetings are now held in our school cafeteria.** (See the calendar for dates)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Chicken Dinner that usually occurs in the Spring will occur in October this year. We will have further information in the Autumn edition of the Saint Stan’s Spotlight newsletter.

~ PRAYER GROUP ~

Our prayer group meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Saint Theresa Chapel on the first and third Tuesday in April, May and June.

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

Please pray for:

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

~ HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION ~

RITA’S ICE FUNDRAISER

We are having a Saint Stan’s Night at Rita’s Italian Ice in April. There will be more information about this event in the near future.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

The HSA is sponsoring a Ladies Night Out painting party in the SSK School Cafeteria. On Saturday April 29, Liquid & Lines will be here to guide us on our way to creating a masterpiece. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and painting begins at 7:00 p.m.

The tickets for our event are \$30 per person, which includes all supplies needed, artist instruction, and a 16” x 20” canvas for you to take home. The tickets for the event can be purchased by contacting Gina at 732-277-2552. Tickets will also be sold before and after Mass in the Church lobby. Please purchase your tickets soon as space for the event is limited. Attendees are all welcome to bring food and refreshments. We will have vendors at the event and we welcome you to “Shop Till You Drop!”

MOTHER-/FATHER-OF-THE-YEAR COCKTAIL PARTY

Our Mother/Father-of-the-Year Cocktail Party will be on Friday, May 5. More information about the party, including our honorees, ticket pricing, and sales information will be available in April. We are looking forward to another great celebration this year.

FLOWER BASKET SALE

We are having our annual Mother’s Day Flower Basket Sale. The sale takes place before and after all Masses on Saturday, May 13 and Sunday, May 14th, while supplies last. Need a gift? Come out and pick up a beautiful basket for your mother.

END OF YEAR SAINT STAN’S STUDENT TRICKY TRAY

The end-of-year Saint Stan’s Student Tricky Tray will be held on Tuesday, June 6. This event is free to all Saint Stan’s students and rewards them for their academics, community service, Christian spirit and extra-curricular activities. To help make this event a success, we are looking for donations of new toys, \$5 to \$10 gift cards to kid-friendly stores and restaurants, board games, and summer items. If you have an item(s), please drop it off in the SSK School Office or contact Gina at 732-277-2552 to arrange a pickup.

As always, thank you for supporting the HSA and our Saint Stan’s students!

~ **ROSARY-ALTAR SOCIETY** ~

ROSARY AND MASS

On the first Sunday of each month, we pray the Rosary at 8:35 a.m., attend Mass at 9 a.m. and have our monthly meeting that includes a continental breakfast.

ANNUAL FAMILY ROSARY

Our annual Family Rosary will take place on Thursday, May 24 at 7 p.m. We invite all parishioners to participate in the event. Refreshments will follow the service in the SSK school cafeteria.

PALM CROSS SALE

The RAS is selling and taking orders for Palm Crosses through Monday, April 3. Sample crosses are found in the main and elevator lobbies of the church.

Each palm cross is being sold for \$7. Your payment for the palm cross is due when an order is made. If you pay by check, please make the check payable to "Rosary Society." Orders may be placed in an envelope marked "Palm Cross Order" and dropped off in the collection basket during Mass or given to the Parish Office. Palm crosses will be available for pick-up in the main lobby of the church on Saturday, April 8.

If you have any questions, please contact Bernadine at 732-257-3077 or Pat at 732-257-3963.

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The abbreviations that are used in our newsletter are listed below.

AA – Athletic Association

HNS – Holy Name Society

HSA – Home School Association

RAS – Rosary-Altar Society

SSK – Saint Stanislaus Kostka

COMIC STRIP



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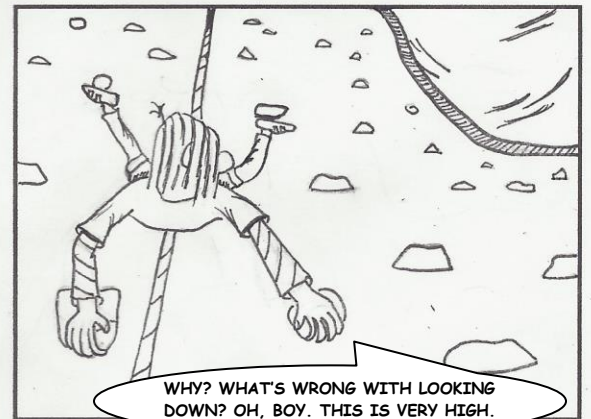
I NEVER KNEW YOU WERE INTO ROCK CLIMBING, HOLLY.

I LIKE FINDING NEW WAYS TO CHALLENGE MYSELF, WHIGWORM.



THIS FEELS REALLY HIGH. DID I EVER TELL YOU THAT I HAVE A FEAR OF HEIGHTS?

YOU'LL BE FINE. JUST DON'T LOOK DOWN.



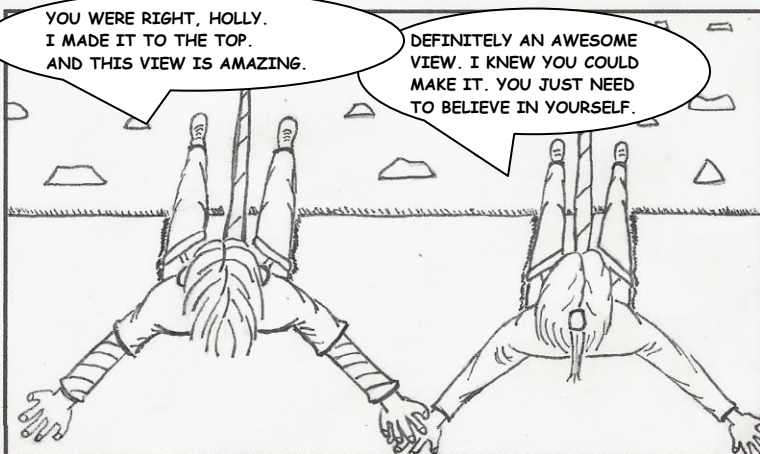
WHY? WHAT'S WRONG WITH LOOKING DOWN? OH, BOY. THIS IS VERY HIGH.



I KNOW YOU CAN MAKE IT TO THE TOP. JUST TAKE ONE STEP AT A TIME.



HOLLY'S RIGHT. YOU CAN DO THIS, WHIGWORM.



YOU WERE RIGHT, HOLLY. I MADE IT TO THE TOP. AND THIS VIEW IS AMAZING.

DEFINITELY AN AWESOME VIEW. I KNEW YOU COULD MAKE IT. YOU JUST NEED TO BELIEVE IN YOURSELF.



WELL, THIS WAS FUN. I THINK.

IT'S NOT BAD FOR YOUR FIRST TIME ROCK CLIMBING. YOU JUST NEED TO WORK ON YOUR LANDING.

ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, YOU WERE ABLE TO BEAT YOUR FEAR OF HEIGHTS.