

### TRENDING SPOTLIGHTS

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# CHURCH NOTIFICATIONS

#### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Vigil Mass will be held of Saturday, December 31 at 5 p.m. Masses will be held on Sunday, January 1 at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. (Polish) and 12 noon.

#### FAREWELL TO THE MANGER

All parishioners are invited to come to the *Farewell to the Manger* on Sunday, February 5 at 2 p.m.

#### ASH WEDNESDAY

Distribution of ashes will take place during all Masses on Wednesday, March 1. Masses will be at 7 a.m., 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All parishioners are welcome to participate in Stations of the Cross (in English), which will take place every Friday at 7 p.m. during the season of Lent Stations of the Cross (Droga Krżyzowa) will take place during the season of Lent after Ash Wednesday on every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

### JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
L OLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASSES AT 9 A.M., 0:30 A.M. (POLISH), ND 12 NOON RAS: PRAY ROSARY (8:35 A.M.) ND MASS (9 A.M.) PECIAL NEW YEAR'S DAY BINGO DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)	2 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	<b>3</b> PRAYER GROUP (7 P.M.)	<b>4</b> RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	5 HNS: ATLANTIC CITY TRIP (11 A.M.) BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	<b>6</b> FIRST FRIDAY MASSES (7 A.M. AND 9 A.M.) <b>AA</b> : SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.) <b>HNS:</b> NOCTURNAL ADORATION (8 P.M.)	<b>7</b> <b>AA:</b> FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (2:15 P.M. TO 5:15 P.M.)
GLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD INS: PRAY ROSARY (8:30 A.M.), MASS (9 A.M.), AND BREAKFAST BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON) CAS: CHRISTMAS PARTY (2 P.M.)	<b>9</b> FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD <b>HNS:</b> MEETING (7 P.M.)	10	<b>11</b> RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	<b>12</b> BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	<b>13</b> <b>AA</b> : SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.)	<b>14</b> <b>AA</b> : FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (2:15 P.M. TO 5:15 P.M.)
5 Singo (doors open 12 noon)	16	<b>17</b> PRAYER GROUP (7 P.M.)	<b>18</b> RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	<b>19</b> BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	<b>20</b> <b>AA:</b> SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.)	<b>21</b> <b>AA:</b> FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (2:15 P.M. TO 5:15 P.M.)
22 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS AND BREAKFAST (9 A.M.) NO BINGO TODAY	23	24	<b>25</b> RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	<b>26</b> BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.) FIRST RECONCILIATION (7 P.M.)	<b>27</b> <b>AA:</b> SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.)	<b>28</b> AA: FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (2:15 P.M. TO 5:15 P.M.)
<b>29</b> BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)	30	31			1	

### FEBRUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
			<b>1</b> RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	<b>3</b> FIRST FRIDAY MASS (7 A.M. AND 9 A.M.) <b>AA:</b> SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL	<b>4</b> AA: FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (2:15 P.M. TO 5:15 P.M.)	
				BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	LEAGUE (6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.) <b>HNS:</b> NOCTURNAL ADORATION (8 P.M.)		
AS: PRAY ROSARY (8:35 A.M.), MASS (9 A.M.), AND MEETING INGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON) AREWELL TO THE MANGER 2 P.M.)	6	<b>7</b> PRAYER GROUP (7 P.M.)	<b>8</b> RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	<b>10</b> <b>AA:</b> SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.)	<b>11</b> AA: FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (2:15 P.M. TO 5:15 P.M.)	
	<b>13</b> HNS: MEETING (7 P.M.)	14	<b>15</b> RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	<b>17</b> <b>AA:</b> SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.)	<b>18</b> AA: FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (2:15 P.M. TO 5:15 P.M.)	
		24					
	20 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	<b>21</b> PRAYER GROUP (7 P.M.)	<b>22</b> RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	24 AA: SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.)	<b>25</b> AA: FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (2:15 P.M. TO 5:15 P.M.)	
2 <b>6</b> SINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)	27	28			1		

### MARCH 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> ASH WEDNESDAY MASS WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES AT 7 A.M., 9 A.M., AND 7 P.M. RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	2 HNS: ATLANTIC CITY TRIP (11 A.M.) BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	3 FIRST FRIDAY MASS (7 A.M. AND 9 A.M.) FISH FRY (4:30 P.M. to 7 P.M.) STATIONS OF THE CROSS (7 P.M.) HNS: NOCTURNAL ADORATION (8 P.M.) AA: NO BASKETBALL LEAGUE	<b>4</b> AA: FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (2:15 P.M. TO 5:15 P.M.)
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5 RAS: PRAY ROSARY (8:35 A.M.), MASS (9 A.M.), AND MEETING BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)	6	<b>7</b> PRAYER GROUP (7 P.M.)	<b>8</b> RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.) DROGA KRZYZOWA (7 P.M.)	<b>9</b> BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	10 STATIONS OF THE CROSS (7 P.M.) AA: SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.)	<b>11</b> <b>AA:</b> FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (2:15 P.M. TO 5:15 P.M.)
<b>12</b> HNS: PRAY ROSARY (8:30 A.M.), MASS (9 A.M.), AND BREAKFAST BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)	<b>13</b> HNS: MEETING (7 P.M.)	14	<b>15</b> RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.) DROGA KRZYZOWA (7 P.M.)	<b>16</b> BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	17 SAINT PATRICK'S DAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS (7 P.M.) AA: SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.)	<b>18</b> <b>AA:</b> FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (2:15 P.M. TO 5:15 P.M.)
<b>19</b> BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)	<b>20</b> SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY	<b>21</b> PRAYER GROUP (7 P.M.)	<b>22</b> RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.) DROGA KRZYZOWA (7 P.M.)	<b>23</b> BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	24 STATIONS OF THE CROSS (7 P.M.) AA: SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.)	<b>25</b> SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATIO OF THE LORD <b>AA:</b> FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (2:15 P.M. TO 5:15 P.M.)
<b>26</b> BINGO (DOORS OPEN 12 NOON)	27	28	<b>29</b> RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.) DROGA KRZYZOWA (7 P.M.)	<b>30</b> BINGO (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)	<b>31</b> STATIONS OF THE CROSS (7 P.M.) <b>AA:</b> SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.)	



SCHOOL NEWS

#### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS AND OPEN HOUSE

Join us on Sunday, January 22 at 9 a.m. Mass to celebrate the opening of Catholic Schools Week.

Then, come to our open house at SSK School immediately after Mass for a tour and to be a part of early registration. We welcome you to invite a friend as well.

## **CORGANIZATIONS** & SOCIETIES

#### ~ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ~

#### SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

On Friday nights in January, February, and March, the AA is hosting a seventh and eighth grade boys basketball league that will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There is no game scheduled for Friday, March 3. Instead, everyone is encouraged to attend the annual fish fry, which starts at 4:30 p.m.

#### FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

On Saturday afternoons in January, February, and March, the AA is hosting a fifth and sixth grade boys basketball league that will take place from 2:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

#### ~ HOLY NAME SOCIETY ~

#### WELCOMING IN THE NEW YEAR!

The officers of the HNS wish a happy and holy New Year to all of our members, parishioners, friends and family.

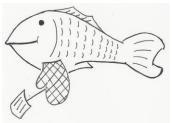
#### NEW YEAR'S DAY 50/50 RAFFLE

The drawing for the New Year's Day Raffle will be on January 1 at 1 p.m.

#### ANNUAL FISH FRY

We invite all parishioners to come and enjoy our annual fish fry on Friday, March 3 from

4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Orders for take-out will be available. Look for additional information about this event in an upcoming bulletin or the Parish Web site.



#### **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 January 8, February 12 and March 12 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)

#### **NOCTURNAL ADORATION**

On the first Friday of January, February and March the HNS nocturnal adoration hour takes place from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church in South Amboy. If you prefer, there is also a nocturnal adoration hour that takes place at Saint Bartholomew Church on Ryders Lane in East Brunswick.

#### **COUNTY FEDERATION MEETING**

In January, look for details in the church bulletin about our upcoming Middlesex County Federation meeting.

#### HAPPY 101st BIRTHDAY JOE SUCHOWIECKI

On January 8, Joe Suchowiecki will be celebrating his 101st birthday. We wish you a happy and healthy birthday, Joe.

#### ~ PRAYER GROUP ~

Our prayer group meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Saint Theresa Chapel on the first and third Tuesday in January, February and March.

#### 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 ~

#### THANK YOU

The HSA thanks everyone who donated to, volunteered at, or attended our recent fundraising events, including our Coach Bingo and Christmas Bazaar. Without your support and generosity, these fundraising events would not be possible or successful. All of our efforts benefit our students and SSK School. We thank you and appreciate your continued support!

#### **SUPER SUNDAY CALENDAR RAFFLE**

There is still time to purchase your raffle ticket. We are selling calendar raffle tickets at a cost of \$20 each. The tickets are being sold

in our Parish Office and before and after Masses in the church lobby. A winner will be selected every Sunday from January



through June 2017. Each raffle winner will receive a prize of \$100.

#### **GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY FUNDRAISER**

The HSA is selling delicious Gertrude Hawk Candy for Easter. The sale begins in early February and candy will be delivered in time for the holiday. Gertrude Hawk has chocolate gifts and treats for every occasion. If you are interested in obtaining a catalog or placing an order through school or online, please contact Amy Huff at 732-425-0005.

#### ~ ROSARY-ALTAR SOCIETY ~

#### **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The annual RAS party is scheduled for January 8 at 2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Washington Road in Parlin. The price for a ticket is \$25 for each person.

#### **ROSARY AND MASS**

On January 1, February 5 and March 5, we pray the Rosary and celebrate Mass at 9 a.m. There is no meeting following the Mass in January.

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

AA – Athletic AssociationHNS – Holy Name Society

HSA – Home School Association RAS – Rosary-Altar Society SSK – Saint Stanislaus Kostka

