

December 10, 2023



The Catholic Community of **St. Stanislaus Kostka Church**

225 MacArthur Avenue
Sayreville, NJ 08872

Serving the Catholics of Sayreville for 109 Years

Parish Membership

Our Parish Family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into the Parish is requested to register at the Parish Office. If you move or change your address, please notify us.

Baptisms

Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office.

Marriage

Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office at least one year in advance. No Sunday weddings.

Served by:
Rev. Kenneth Murphy, *Pastor*
Deacon David Mikolai
Deacon Andrzej Ozga

Administrative Staff:
Christina DeMeyer, *Secretary/*
Bookkeeper

School Staff:
Lori Hodder, *Principal*
Kimberly Carlson, *Secretary*

Director of Religious Education:
Kathleen Krolick

Director of Sacred Music:
Sharon Wildnauer
Organist - Polish Mass:
Stanley Gmyrek

Cemetery Staff:
(732)535-8670

Trustees:
David Samuel
Annette Hockenjos

Parish Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday evenings:
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
10:30 a.m. (Polish), and
12:00 Noon
Weekdays: 7:00 am, Saturday 7:30 a.m.
First Friday: 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.
with school
Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (with
school) and 7:00 p.m.
Vigil Mass at 7:00 p.m. the evening
before the Holy Day
Rosary - Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Parish Directory

Parish Office/Rectory: (732) 254-0212
Parish Fax: (732) 390-2989
Parish website: www.sskparish.org
E-mail: saintstanislaus@optonline.net
School: (732) 254-5819
School Fax: (732) 254-7220
School website: www.skskschool.org

Confessions

Saturday: Following the 7:30 a.m. Mass and Novena (English only), 4:00 - 4:45 pm, also by appointment.

Ministry to the Sick and Confined

Please contact the rectory regarding parishioners who are in the hospital or confined at home. If any parishioner is unable to get to Mass because of illness or handicap, please let us know so that we may bring the Eucharist to them.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

5:00 pm †Denise Herrick - Mom & Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

7:30 am †Jay Langan - Family

9:00 am †Rosa Doce - Bernice Satorski

10:30 am †Wladyslaw Stapor - Rodzina

12 Noon †Stanley Scibek - Wife

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023

7:00 am †William Smith - St. Stan's Rosary Altar Society

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023

7:00 am †Raul Fardin - Kathy Krolick

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

7:00 am †Gerard Murphy - Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023

7:00 am Parishioners

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023

7:00 am Jay Brown - Pat & Mary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

7:30 am †Mary, Walter & Theresa Orlowicz - Harry & Bernie Pachkowski

5:00 pm †Bertha Bodziak - Ken & Bernie Revolinsky

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

7:30 am †Eileen Langan - Marie Lake

9:00 am †Helen & Ed Kwiatkowski - Daughters

10:30 am Blessings & Health for Kids & Grandkids - Barbara & Richard

12 Noon †Frank Rusin, 100th Birthday in Heaven - Daughters Ruth & Maryann



Candle Intentions

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MAIN ALTAR

†Jay Langan - Emily & Brian

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BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR

Blessings for Good Health Niece Pat - Aunt Lorraine

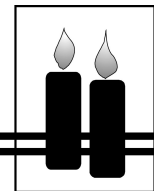
†Mary & Walter Palush - Julie & Al Novak

SACRED HEART ALTAR

†Stephen Balka - Wife & Children

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Prepare the way
of the Lord



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Isaiah emphasizes that from the desert to the mountains, all people must prepare for "the glory of the Lord to be revealed." Rather than looking only at God's power, Isaiah focuses on God's kindness, comparing it to a shepherd who feeds and cares for his flock.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

For those who are impatient for the Second Coming, Peter explains that time is different to God than to people. He reminds them that they should be grateful for the extra time to prepare, and concentrate on striving to become all that God would want them to be.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

In this passage, John the Baptist stressed the importance of the coming of the Messiah. He acknowledged that he was only the messenger, and unfit to "stoop and untie his sandal straps." John urged them to prepare for one far holier than he, who would walk among them.

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A Prayer for the Second Sunday of ADVENT

God of patience, show us your wisdom in time, that we may grow to expect your action on your time. Teach us to be gentle and patient with ourselves. Make us receptive to your timing in others. Help us see the long view when we are caught in the frustration of waiting. Amen.

Wedding Banns
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III - Nicole DelRe & Jeffrey Costa Roca

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	International Human Rights Day
Monday:	St. Damasus I
Tuesday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Wednesday:	St. Lucy
Thursday:	St. John of the Cross
Saturday:	Las Posadas begins



Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2023

Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.

— Mark 1:3



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a,

Wednesday

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13



Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Please pray for Maria Hernandez, Danuta Se motiuk, Patricia Kelly, Linda Hoffmann, Joanne Starzec, Anna Garrick, Barbara Catenacci, Carol Johnson, David Colgan, Carol Harning, Diane Helmy, Joe Bartkowicz, Edward Strugala, Steve Wiklinski, Patricia Palma, Tom Weber, Patty Kerekes, T. J. Villanti, Richard DuBois and all the sick and homebound of our parish.

If you or someone you know is sick, in the hospital, or homebound, please contact the parish office to have a name put on our Pray for the Sick list.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of all the faithful departed of our parish. May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

“The Lord does not delay in keeping His promises, though some consider it ‘delay.’ Rather He shows you generous patience since He wants no one to perish but all to come to repentance... I send my messenger before you to prepare your way, a herald voice in the desert crying, ‘Make ready the way of the Lord clear him a straight path.’”

The letter of Peter and Isaiah’s message in the gospel of Mark, provide a wonderful opportunity to begin this second week of advent. Somehow it is easy, or convenient, to forget or presume why Jesus came two thousand years ago. A lost people needed a savior, to bring them back to union with their creator. He came, revealed the Father’s love for us and still invites us to respond to that love. Do I see my need today, and the needs of my family and our world?

Let’s face it, our messed up world needs a savior, not a political leader or powerful military strength, but someone to free us from sin and all that divides us, the barriers which keep us from growing in holiness, in grace, or love of God and neighbor. Advent invites us to focus on our need from the Lord today. Advent, the great time of hope and expectation calls us to make ready, the way of the Lord, to have Him into our hearts and the hearts of others.

‘Come Lord Jesus.’



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION 2nd Sunday of Advent

“Prepare the way of the Lord...”

- Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.

This Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

2024 Offertory Envelopes, English & Polish calendars and Oplatki - available in the church lobby. Suggested donation for Oplatki is \$5.00
Bingo - 1:30 pm - Doors open at 12 Noon.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023

Holy Name Society - monthly meeting at 1:00 pm in the church conference room

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

C.C.D. - 4:30 - 5:45 pm
Rosary - 6:30 p.m. in the chapel.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023

Bingo - 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

Second Collection - Christmas Mass Remembrance
Bingo - 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 Noon.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2023

5:00 pm & **10:00 pm**

There is no Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day, December 25, 2023

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am (Polish), 12 Noon



Please take an ornament from our Giving Tree in the church lobby. Purchase the gift requested on the ornament. Wrap the gift and tape the ornament onto the wrapped package. Please return the wrapped Christmas presents by December 18th.

Holy Name Society 50/50 Raffle

The Holy Name Society will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets after all Masses and at all the Bingos throughout the month of December. Tickets are also available in the parish office. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Drawing will take place on Monday, January 1, 2024, at 1:00 pm.

Weekly Offering



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Sunday, December 3, 2023

Regular Collection - \$4,973.00

Last year - \$4,452.00

Religious Retirement Fund Collection - \$1,214.00

Last year - \$668.00



New Year's Eve Bingo

Sunday, December 31, 2023

Doors open at 12 Noon. Games begin at 1:30 p.m.

New Year's Day Bingo

Monday, January 1, 2024

Doors open at 11:30 am. Games begin at 1:30 p.m.

2024 NEW YEAR'S DAY BINGO SPECIALS

Roasted turkey breast in gravy over stuffing served with mashed potatoes, French-style green beans, cranberry sauce, rye bread and a tossed salad

Roasted pork loin in gravy served with mashed potatoes, French-style green beans, apple sauce, rye bread and a tossed salad

Roasted half chicken served with baked potato, French-style-green beans, rye bread and a tossed salad

Sliced New York strip steak in a tangy sauce with roasted red peppers & onions served with baked potato, French-style green beans, rye bread and a tossed salad

Taste of Poland Platter: Stuffed cabbage, kielbasa & sauerkraut and potato & cheese pierogi served with rye bread and a tossed salad

SPECIALS INCLUDE CHOICE OF COFFEE, TEA, HOT CHOCOLATE, BOTTLED WATER OR SODA, PLUS SLICE OF CAKE

ALL SPECIALS - \$15.00

Calling All Alumni!

We are in the process of updating our alumni contact information. There will be cards in the lobby to fill out to update your information or you can email your contact information to us: sskalumni@sskschool.org.

Make sure you are on our list, as we look forward to inviting you to upcoming events. Cards can be dropped in the collection basket, parish office, or at the school. Thank you!

You can also use the QR code below to complete the online form.

