

January 12, 2025



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

**225 MacArthur Avenue  
Sayreville, NJ 08872**

***Serving the Catholics of Sayreville for 110 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 R. Murphy, Pastor**  
**Rev. Pawel Michalowski**  
*Parish Administrator*  
**Rev. John P. Alvarado**  
*Pastoral Mentor*  
**Deacon David Mikolai**  
**Deacon Andrzej Ozga**

**Administrative Staff:**  
**Jennifer Vichorec, Receptionist**  
**Christina DeMeyer, Bookkeeper**

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

**Director of Religious Education:**  
**Jenn Taylor**

**Director of Sacred Music:**  
**Sharon Wildnauer**  
**Organist - Polish Mass:**  
**Stanley Gmyrek**  
**Director of Children's Choir:**  
**Katlyn Colgan**

**Cemetery Staff:**  
**(732)535-8670**  
Email: [cemetery@sskparish.org](mailto:cemetery@sskparish.org)

**Trustees:**  
**David Samuel**  
**Annette Hockenjos**

**Parish Finance Council**  
**Carlos Santiago, Chairman**

**Parish Office Hours:**  
**Monday through Friday**  
**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 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. & 9:30 a.m.  
with school  
**Holy Days:** 7:00 a.m., 9:30 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 website:** [www.sskparish.org](http://www.sskparish.org)  
**E-mail:** [saintstanislaus@optonline.net](mailto:saintstanislaus@optonline.net)  
**School:** (732)254-5819  
**School website:** [www.sskschool.org](http://www.sskschool.org)

### ***Confessions***

**Saturday:** Following the 7:30 a.m. Mass and Novena  
4:00 - 4:45 pm, English and Polish

### ***Ministry to the Sick and Confined***

Please contact the Parish Office 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, JANUARY 11, 2025**

5:00 pm †Adele Wrobel - Walter & Bettyanne Suchowiecki

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025**

7:30 am †Louise Grodzki - Ed Puchalski

9:00 am †Diane Piekarski - Robert & Barbara Egan

10:30 am †Rozalia & Ludwik Dopart - Albina

12:00 Noon Parishioners

## **MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025**

7:00 am †Joao & Maria Freire - Family

## **TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025**

7:00 am †Jula & Richard Michalski - Joseph Olchowicz

## **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025**

7:00 am †Carl "Buddy" Brodzinski - Julie & Al Novak

## **THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025**

7:00 am Parishioners

## **FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025**

7:00 am Parishioners

## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025**

7:30 am †Jennie & Joseph Balon - Family

5:00 pm †Michael Samuel - Jamie & Holly Jarusiewicz

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025**

7:30 am †Marilyn Zielinski - Joe & Kathy Myers

9:00 am †Joan Sherry - Lisa & Robert Grover

10:30 am Blessings of Good Health for Kids & Grandkids of the Koyfman & Sthouler Families - Parents

12:00 Noon †Edwin Podbelski - Robert Sherman



## *Candle Intentions*

JANUARY 12, 2025



### **MAIN ALTAR**

Parishioners

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### **BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR**

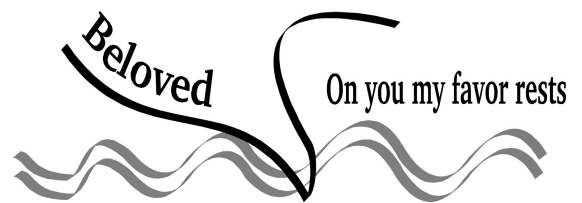
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### **SACRED HEART ALTAR**

Parishioners

Parishioners



### **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**

Isaiah tells of the Lord's Servant, who will be inconspicuous, but will not rest until justice is established. The Lord then tells his servant that he was formed to be "a light for the nations."

#### **Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38**

Peter speaks to a group of pagans for the first time. He explains to them that any person who follows God's will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.

#### **Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

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### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time

St. Hilary

Friday: St. Anthony

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins



## The Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2025

He saved us through the bath of rebirth  
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

— Titus 3:5



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday

Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20

#### Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

#### Wednesday

Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

#### Thursday

Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

#### Friday

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

#### Saturday

Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

### HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**“The grace of God has appeared, saving all, and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly and devoutly in this age, and to await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and of our savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people of his own, eager to do what is good.”**

How fortunate for Titus to receive an encouraging letter from Saint Paul. As we bring the Christmas season to a close as Jesus’ baptism takes place, we too are encouraged to make the instruction our own. Yes, Jesus has come and still lives among us. We are challenged each day to abandon godless ways and focus on keeping our eyes on Jesus.

If life was difficult for Paul’s friends, how much more challenging it is for us, surrounded by the internet, porn, material and consumer attractions, drawing us in a different direction. How clear are Paul’s words asking us to live temperately, when so many have nothing, to live justly, in a society which wishes to get ahead and put others down, and devoutly, when many look down on people with religious devotion, customs and traditions.

Paul knew his society and we are so aware of ours. Why not take the virtues Paul recommends and meditate on one each day. May this help us to become eager to do what is good.



*Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish*

Please pray for Maria Hernandez, Danuta Semotiuk, Patricia Kelly, Linda Hoffmann, Joanne Starzec, Anna Garrick, Barbara Catenacci, Carol Johnson, David Colgan, Carol Harning, Diane Helmy, Joe Bartkowicz, Steve Wiklinski, Patricia Palma, Tom Weber, Patty Kerekes, T. J. Villanti, Richard DuBois, Joseph Schlenger, Stephan Fiorino, Doreen Matzerath, Susan Carr, Anthony Aurilia, Marya Dimondi, Anthony Martino, Jean Scibek, Myron Mowczan, Carlo Manco, Mary Ferlita, Nelly Marina Rojas, Rev. Kenneth R. Murphy 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 souls of all the faithful departed of our parish. May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

#### Baptism of the Lord



*“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’”*  
(Luke 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that *“Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.”* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.



## Week at a Glance

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025**

Children's Mass - 9:00 am

Bingo - 1:30 pm. Doors open at 12 noon.

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025**

Rosary - 6:00 pm in the chapel

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025**

No Bingo

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025**

Second Collection - Foundation for Catholic Education

Bingo - 1:30 pm. Doors open at 12 noon.

### **CORRECTION**

The prize amount for the New Year's Day 50/50 Raffle was \$2,242.50. The amount in last week's bulletin was incorrect.

## Weekly Offering



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**New Year's Day, January 1, 2025**  
**Solemnity of Mary Collection - \$2,451.00**

Last Year - \$1,703.00

**Initial Offering Collection - \$1,905.00**

Last Year - \$969.00

**Sunday, January 5, 2025**

**Regular Collection - \$6,116.00**

Last Year - \$3,777.00

**Together in Charity Collection - \$1,353.00**

Last Year - \$940.00

### **Rosary for Life – January 24, 2025**

Come Pray a Rosary for Life (in solidarity with those at the March for Life in Washington, DC and across the country). Bishop Checchio is scheduled to attend! Friday, January 24, 2025 at 1:00 pm on Main Street in Woodbridge. Park and meet in the St. James Parish parking lot at 12:45 pm (369 Amboy Ave, Woodbridge, NJ) There is a 12:10 pm daily Mass at St. James for those who wish to attend. For more information, contact [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1543.



## OPEN HOUSE

January 26, 2025  
Following 9am Mass

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# VALENTINE'S BINGO



50/50  
RAFFLES

THURSDAY  
**6TH**  
FEB, 2025

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM  
CALLING STARTS AT  
7PM

**\$25.00 ADMISSION PER PERSON  
INCLUDES A DELICIOUS  
ITALIAN DINNER AND DESSERT**

PLEASE RSVP CHRISSY GRELLA  
BY JANUARY 30TH AT  
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