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March 2, 2025
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church Calendar/Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 3/1/2025

5:00 pm †Dorota Lesniak - Family

SUNDAY, 3/2/2025, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am †Mary Brys - Family

9:00 am St. Stan's Rosary Altar Society and Holy Name Society

10:30 am †Jerzy Ozga - Ozga Family

12:00 pm †Martha Samuel - Family

MONDAY, 3/3/2025, St. Katharine Drexel

7:00 am †Ron Eden

TUESDAY, 3/4/2025, St. Casimir

7:00 am †Carl Woronowicz - Family

WEDNESDAY, 3/5/2025, Ash Wednesday

Mass with ashes

7:00 am Parishioners

10:30 am †Robert Pawelek - Kieran, Casey & McKenna

7:00 pm Parishioners

THURSDAY, 3/6/2025

7:00 am †Robert Piatek - Sister Rebecca Piatek

FRIDAY, 3/7/2025, Saints Perpetua & Felicity World Day of Prayer

7:00 am †Bernadette Hyle - Family

9:30 am †Tony Arno - Foret Family

SATURDAY, 3/8/2025, St. John of God

7:30 am †Rita Zebro Rofe - Joe & Kathie Myers

5:00 pm †Joseph Nandor - Wife Christine

SUNDAY, 3/9/2025, First Sunday of Lent

7:30 am †Marilyn Zielinski - Castlegrant Family

9:00 am †Edward Loch - Family

10:30 am †Józef Redziniak - Ryszard & Family

12:00 pm †Slawomir Czajkowski - Family

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 8 am & 4:00 - 4:45 pm (English/Polish)

ROSARY and BIBLE STUDY/FAITH SHARING

Wednesdays 6 pm

FIRST FRIDAY SCHOOL MASS

9:30 am

Candle Intentions for the Week

MAIN ALTAR

Parishioners

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR

†Bernadette Hyle - Sonny & Diane

†Bernadette Hyle - Jamie & Holly

SACRED HEART ALTAR

Parishioners

Rev. Peterson's Readings & Gospel Summary

Reading I: Sirach 27: 4-7

A person's reasoning and conversations will reflect his or her true values. Their quality will come through mostly when they experience tribulation.

Reading II: I Corinthians 15: 54-58

St. Paul calls upon us to glorify God through our bodies. Death will be robbed of both its sting and victory over us by our efforts to resist sin.

The Gospel: Luke 6: 39-45

It is foolish to correct others for their faults when we have the same or worse. Contrasting "splinter" with "beam" dramatizes the point. Our hearts are really the place where our moral decisions are made.



Please pray for 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.

Also, Pope Francis has asked Catholics to pray for him as he continues to receive treatment in the hospital. Please keep Pope Francis in your prayers during this critical time in his life.

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 those who have recently died:

†Maciej Sakowicz

May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

2025 Lenten Obligations

1. The days of both fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday (March 5) and Good Friday (April 18).
2. The other Fridays of Lent (Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, and 11) are days of abstinence.
3. Fasting in the Roman Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal with two smaller meals which together do not equal the size of your full meal. The obligation of fasting applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.
4. Abstinence in the Roman Catholic tradition means to abstain from eating meat (beef, chicken, pork, turkey, etc.). The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.



Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Wednesday at 7:00 pm in Polish and every Friday at 7:00 pm in English during Lent. There are no Stations of the Cross on Ash Wednesday.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." - LUKE 6:43

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

WEEKLY OFFERING

| Sunday | 2/23/2025 | Last Year | Increase/Decrease |
|---------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| Regular Collection | \$5,621.00 | \$5,905.00 | -4.8% |
| Cemetery Collection | \$1,774.00 | \$1,655.00 | 7.2% |

Thank you for your generous support!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

Bingo - 1:30 pm. Doors open at 12 Noon.
St. Stan's Varsity Senior Night - 6 pm in the gym

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025

Pre-K & Kindergarten Open House - 6:00 - 8:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

Ash Wednesday - Mass with ashes at 7 am, 10:30 am (School Mass with Bishop Checchio) and 7 pm. Prayer Service with ashes at 4:00 pm.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025

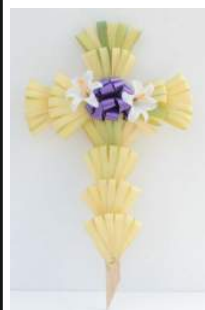
Bingo - 7:30 pm (Doors open at 6:00 pm)

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025

Fish Fry - 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria
Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm in English

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

Second Collection - Building Improvements
Children's Mass - 9:00 am
Bingo - 1:30 pm. Doors open at 12 Noon



Rosary Altar Society PALM CROSSES & WHITE WOODEN CROSSES

The Rosary Altar Society will be taking orders for Palm Crosses and White Wooden Crosses. Order forms are in the church bulletin and are also available in the church lobby.

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Journeying Together in Faith, Hope and Charity



By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in St. Stanislaus Kostka parish. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults.

In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from our administrator, Rev. Pawel Michalowski, encouraging your participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website: <https://diometuchen.org>.



Saint Stan's School Children's Mass

The Liturgy is essential in the faith formation of our children. To help nourish and guide their spiritual growth, a Children's Mass will be celebrated twice a month and every first Friday with the school children.

Please join us on

Sunday, March 9th & 23rd

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is open to children of all ages. We encourage children in our school and parish to attend with their families to share God's Word.

We hope to see you on

Sunday, March 9th & 23rd at 9am!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2025-2026 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2025. A signed Parish Verification Form is also required by the Diocese, and should be signed by your Pastor, and submitted to the school or schools your children attend. Eligibility requirements, instructions and forms can be found at <https://diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance>.

Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

CHURCH CHUCKLE

Four mothers having lunch.

Mother 1: My son is a priest. When he enters the church, everyone says, Good morning Father. (And she's very proud)

Mother 2: My son is a bishop; everyone says, Good morning Your Excellency. (And she's very very proud)

Mother 3: My son is a cardinal; everyone says, Good morning Your Eminence. (And she's extremely proud).

All 3 look at Mother 4 and see what she has to say.

Mother 4: Oh, my son is not a priest. He's just a layman. And he's 350 pounds & 7 foot 6. And when he enters the church, everyone says, OH MY GOD!!!



OPEN HOUSE
MARCH 4TH
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM



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ANNUAL FIRST FRIDAY OF LENT

FISH FRY

FRIDAY MARCH 7TH

4PM - 7PM

\$17 PER PLATTER

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TICKETS AVAILABLE BY CALLING (732) 535-8670, IN THE PARISH OFFICE OR BEFORE AND AFTER MASS IN THE CHURCH LOBBY.

ST. STAN'S SCHOOL CAFETERIA
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POLISH/IRISH PLATTER *Fundraiser*

All proceeds benefit
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Saturday, March 15th 2025
 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Curbside pick-up behind the school



Polish Platter includes:
 5 Potato & Cheese Pierogi
 Kielbasa & Sauerkraut
 1 Stuffed Cabbage
 Rye Bread/Butter



Irish Platter includes:
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 Cabbage
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 Rye Bread/Butter

Polish Platter
QR Code
\$15.45*



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Irish Platter
QR Code
\$15.45*







Gertrude Hawk Candy Fundraiser

Easter is a hop, skip, and a jump away and so is one of St Stans's Schools most profitable fundraisers!!!

Orders will be ready for pick up the week of April 7th or you can ship directly to your house.

Place your order online by March 10th

www.fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com

To place an order, use our group #119468 and seller name Christina DeMeyer

It's really convenient and easy.
Any questions please contact Elizabeth via email elka84@aol.com or the church office at 732-254-0212.



SCAN TO SUPPORT THIS FUNDRAISER



Sayreville OLV Knights Fish Fry


Please join us for the Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes Fish Fry at the Sayreville Knights of Columbus at 775 Washington Road on Ash Wednesday (March 5) and every Friday night during Lent; starting March 14 through April 18, 2025. This is a takeout dinner only and there are no phone orders. As always, we will be serving Fried Flounder Platters, Fried Shrimp Platters and Fried Combo Platters - all which include salad, vegetables, French Fries and desserts. There will also be Fish Sandwiches which include only French Fries. This is a community favorite, and we look forward to seeing you there!!!

THE WORD AMONG US MAGAZINE


The Word Among Us magazine for Lent is available for free in the racks at the back of the church. Please help yourself! The magazine can be ordered by contacting the company if you are enjoying the promotional copy.

HOME OF *AgnusDay* THE LECTINARY COMIC STRIP


How could a wooden beam possibly fit in anyone's eye?




Jesus exaggerates to make a point of not judging others.




So when I judge I might be a hypocrite?




Perhaps yes... sometimes...



I'm really worried about our justice system !!!



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Luke 6:39-45

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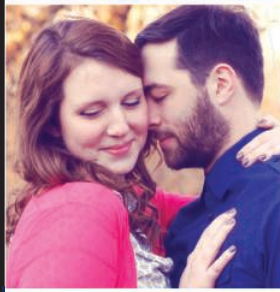
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