# **MISSION STATEMENT**

St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish is a community dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ as taught by the Roman Catholic Church through Word, Sacraments and Service while preserving and sharing the cultural roots of the Parish. Kostka Church

Parafia Świętego Stanisława Kostki jest wspólnotą, której celem jest głoszenie Ewangelii Jezusa Chrystusa według nauki Kościoła Rzymskokatolickiego. Misją parafii jest głoszenie Słowa December 31, 2017 Bożego, sprawowanie Sakramentów oraz służenie St. Stanislaus innym w zachowaniu tradycji kulturowych.

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MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday: 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (English) 11:00 a.m. (Polish) Weekdays: Monday 8:00 a.m., Tuesday 5:30 p.m., Wednesday 8:00 a.m. Thursday 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Confession at 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour at 5:15 p.m. and Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 6:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE Saturday: 3:00–3:40 p.m. or by appointment

Please remember the ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH OF ROCHESTER, NY (our legal title) considering bequests, endowments, memorials or other special contributions when making out your will. All donations are tax deductible.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Sundays at 12:15 p.m. or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Couples are asked to contact the office at least six months before marriage is to take place. NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! Please stop at the Rectory during business hours and introduce yourself. We would like to get to know you. CARE OF THE SICK: Inform staff when relatives are confined to home so that we can arrange to have the Eucharist brought to them. Please notify us of family members living in nursing homes or institutions.



## Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

Families face many challenges. All of the demands of work, school, and society can easily put a strain on even the best intentioned of families. Hurt, anger, and bitterness can grow in our families especially when conflicts are not properly resolved or relationships nurtured. Human beings require time, patience, love, and nurturing. We need to take time to celebrate the gift of family and not allow other demands to rob us of the time we need to spend together. Life is short. The Holy Family stands before us today showing us that love, commitment, and perseverance can see us through any difficulty or challenge life can bring. May we learn from Their example!

#### Feast of the Holy Family



Joseph and Mary did not always understand their Son, but they gave Him room to grow and develop. From their family life, we can find many messages on how to conduct our own family behavior. If this feast does nothing else, it reminds us that are all part of a family and we are meant to work out our salvation as family. There will be challenges and difficulties, but that is part of life. Perhaps we all need to retreat to God's House from time to time, to seek the strength and grace we need to be family.

#### Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture The Holy Family "When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned ... to their own town of Nazareth."

Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews who followed the



norms of their religion. Today's Gospel describes the event we call "The Presentation." Jesus' parents, like every Jewish family, presented their infant Son to the Lord in a formal ceremony at the temple in Jerusalem. Having done what their religious rites required (and having heard the prophetic words of Simeon and Anna), Mary and

Joseph returned home. It was back in their native region of Galilee, amidst the daily routine of domestic life, that Jesus "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom."

As Christians, we too consecrate our children to the Lord when we have them baptized in the Church. Seeing our children receive this Sacrament of Initiation is always a moment of great joy and hope as we anticipate the life that lies ahead for them, both on earth and in eternity. But the Baptism of a baby is only the beginning of this journey towards Heaven. In truth, the little daily details, the simple living of family life in our own home paves the way for our children to reach their eternal home.

And so it was with the Holy Family. Jesus' childhood, His formation and development took place not primarily amidst the public drama of the temple, but in the quiet privacy of His home. How important this home was, where His parents raised Him in their faith and helped Him live in such a way that "the Favor of God was upon Him." May we too, in our homes and our families, remember that although our mission may be lived out in very small moments, taken together they have an eternal significance.

## Why Do We Do That? Catholic Traditions Explained

**<u>Ouestion</u>**: What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

<u>Answer:</u> Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope... but the focus needs to be on who we are -- God's people, in relationship with Him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God's presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living.

Daily family practices include time for prayer--before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the Homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is.

It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God's people.

#### Feast of Mary the Mother of God



Mary, in all her simplicity, accepted God's challenge of becoming the Mother of His Son. She sees her situation as a source of blessing. In expressing her openness to cooperate with God's plan, she puts her life at the disposition of her Creator.

To the wise of this world, Mary's plight was certainly an unfortunate one. To the simple shepherds who came to visit the infant Jesus and His mother, Mary shared in the glory of God. These shepherds, who were uneducated, spent most of their time talking only to the sheep. They, however, recognized the wisdom and power of God in the life of the woman who let God lead the way.

For Mary, Jesus is a source of blessing and not a burden that she has to endure. Like the shepherds, Mary praises God for the marvels that He has worked in her life. Jesus is a Child of Blessing; He will bring blessing not only to His mother, but also to all who hear His voice. The very name that is given the Child, "Jesus", indicates to us who He is and what He will do. Jesus means "God Saves His People." How true this is in the case of Mary. How true it can be of us who place our trust in the Lord.

O most glorious Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of Christ our God, accept our prayers and present them to thy Son and our God, that He may, for thy sake, enlighten and save our souls.

#### Please Pray for ...



Please pray for all those in hospitals, who are ill or recovering from surgery, and all those ailing at home, in hospice or in nursing homes.

Please keep in your prayers: Linda Adams, IN PRAYER Kathleen A. Adams, Phyllis Adamski, Marylu Balacki, Ruth Banaszak, Arlene Bialaszewski, Dolores Biddle, Tracy Britton, Leonard Brozak, Ian Joseph Bruckhaus, Eugene Cherkis, Joseph Camptone, Carol Capidone, Norma Coleman, Carl Conde, Marcia Cote, Linda Cranston, Nolan Cybulski, Irene Czerwiec, Veronica and Florian Czerniak, Lee Daly-Homa, Hania Ferenc, Casimera Francione, Phyllis Gardiner, Eleanore Golomb, Madeline Gotham, Joanne Hawkes-Orman, Veronica Hajecki, Kim Harvey, Ruth Hoffman, Laura Ippoliti, Kathy Przyklek-Jedrzejek, Connie Kawka, Hanna Knapik, Joan and Nick Legonelli, Norma Leblanc, Irene Lichwiarz, Theodore McCracken, Kathleen McHugh, Jim Mills, Vicki Mielcarek, Justina Montanez, Baby Michael Moretter, Iwona Muszak, Helena Nadworniak, Emily Nakas, Maria Nawrocki-Dzyban, Mary Nowak, Susan Oberle, Thomas I. Orczyk, Brenda and David Ortiz, Cristine Paradowski, Vincent Parks Jr., Walter Pawlak, Gloria and Bernie Pensek, Quinn Pomroy, Mary Ann Pembroke, Jan Quist, Genevieve Rodgers, Zofia Robaczyński, Fabian Rogalski, Joe Rogers, Shirley Rojek, Trudy Rosolowski, Paul Russello, Rick Rosser, Elaine Scalzo, Tom Schramil, Sharon Smith, Emily and Joe Straszyński, George Swartz, Bernard and Trina Weeg, Irena Wiśniewski, David Wojdag, Janet Zienkiewicz, Ann Zukosky and Józef Zawitkowski.

To add a loved one's name to this prayer list or to take someone off the prayer list, please call the parish office at 467-3068. If you or a family member is admitted to the hospital and would like Fr. Roman to visit and/or administer the Sacrament of Healing, please call the rectory (467-3068).

#### Niedziela Świętej Rodziny

Chrystus – jak każdy człowiek – przychodzi na świat w rodzinie, w atmosferze miłości i troski, których nic nie zastąpi. "Nazaret jest szkołą, w której zaczyna się pojmować życie Chrystusa: jest to szkoła Ewangelii. Tutaj przede wszystkim uczymy się patrzeć, słuchać, rozważać i przenikać głêbokie i tajemne znaczenie tego bardzo prostego, pokornego i jakże pięknego objawienia się Syna Bożego. Niech Nazaret nauczy nas, czym jest rodzina, jej wspólnota miłości, jej surowe i proste piękno, jej święty i nierozerwalny charakter.

Uczmy się od Nazaretu, że wychowanie rodzinne jest drogie i niezastąpione. że w sferze społecznej ma ono niezrównane znaczenie. Słowo Boże ofiarowane nam przez Pana na dzień Swiętej Rodziny: dzisiejszy koncentruje się wokół tematu rodziny. W pierwszym czytaniu usłyszymy wezwanie do okazywania czci rodzicom, a tym samym drugiej osobie, ktora jest naszym bliznim. Również św. Paweł podaje nam konkretne zasady życia rodzinnego. Podkreśla on, że przez chrzest staliśmy się wybrańcami Bożymi.

W Ewangelii usłyszymy o rodzinie, w której narodził się Chrystus. Maryja i Józef swoje życie rodzinne połączyli z pełnieniem woli Boga, co już od samego początku owocuje cudownymi wydarzeniami, będącymi świadectwem Bożej opieki.Pozwólmy, aby słowo kierowane do nas odnalazło w naszej wspólnocie prawdziwą Bożą rodzinę.

#### Święto Bożej Rodzicielki Maryi — 1 Stycznia

W pierwszy dzień Nowego Roku a ósmy dzień od Narodzenia Jezusa dziękując Bogu za przyjście na świat Chrystusa, obchodzimy uroczystość ku czci Matki Bożej, sprawczyni obietnic danych całej ludzkości, związanych z tajemnicą Odkupienia, czcząc Jej Macierzyństwo.

Matka Jezusa jest ukazana ludziom jako najdoskonalsze stworzenie, a zarazem jako pierwsza z tych, którzy skorzystali z darów Chrystusa. Święto Boskiego Macierzyństwa wprowadził do liturgii Kościoła papież Pius XI w roku 1931 na pamiątkę 1500. rocznicy soboru, odbytego w Efezie w 431 r. Kościół na tym właśnie soborze jako dogmat ogłosił, że Maryja jest Matką Bożą.

#### Parafialny "Opłatek"

Tradycyjny Parafialny "Opłatek" odbędzie się **w Sobotę 13 Stycznia.** Bilety w cenie: \$25 – dorośli, studenci - \$15—dzieci poniżej 7 lat bez opłaty. Bilety można kupić w biurze parafialnym w godzinach urzędowych i po Mszach św. Obiad i muzyka do tańca przez Dariusza. Dzieci z Polskiej Szkoły wykonają "Jasełka".

Zapraszamy Parafian wraz z Rodzinami i Gości na nasz Tradycyjny Parafialny Opłatek w gronie parafialnej rodziny.

#### Be a CMAngel!

The annual CMA Campaign is ongoing. The theme is 'Glorifying the Lord by Our Lives'. Our parish's assessed goal is \$44,536. Your generous donation helps the Diocese to spread the Gospel, educate our children and seminarians, and provide services to those in need and support the work of many other ministries. Each Angel Aviator will be a reminder of your support for doing God's work and living a life that is glorifying the Lord here, in the diocese and throughout the world! REMEMBER you can...PLEDGE TODAY & PAY BY MAY!!!!!

#### The Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will not be meeting during January, and will resume on February 9th at 10:00 a.m. in the Religious Education Center. New members are always most welcome. Please contact the rectory for more information.

#### **Parish Office Closed!**

Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2018 in observance of New Year's Day and Wednesday, January 3 for Staff Retreat.

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# Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku

Extraordinary Ministers - Lectors - Commentators — Altar Servers – Ushers Schedule for Saturday and Sunday: January 6-7, 2018

Mass	Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion	Lector	Commentator	Altar Servers	Ushers	
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	George Hoffman Chris Button	Andrew Smagin	Andrew Smagin	Chloe/Matthew Parsons Karina/Lucja Rzepa	Gene Golomb, Bill Brand George Madden	
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Bernadette Trox Al Bello Bob/Andria Mikiciuk	Sister Theresa	Sister Karlien	Lexi/Tory Hajec Amanda/Philip Procaccini <b>Altar server needed!</b>	Don Williams, Stephen Zielinski, Eugene Chmiel Sr., Ken Gustyn	
Sunday Polish Mass	Walter Kiljan Halina Kiljan	Anna Mroszczak	Polska Szkoła	Jan Wnuk, Mark Koszela Jakób Wyrozebski, Emilia Bodzon, Adriana Wojtowicz	John Knick, Mark Sewhuk Maciej Kostecki Bronislaw Suchodolski	



#### Our Gifts to God For the Work of Our Church For the weekend of December 16-17, 2017 Offering: Attendance:

-	Saturday	4:00 p.m.	\$ 1,205.00	77			
-	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	\$ 1,615.00	132			
		11:00 a.m.	\$ 1,253.00	194			
	Rectory		\$ 59.00				
	Vigil lights		\$ 376.00				
•*	Additional Christmas flowers		\$ 291.00				
As of Dec. 17							

\$131,897.00

#### Thank you for your continued generosity!

#### **Everyday Stewardship**

Most of the time we talk about stewardship in terms of time, talent, and treasure. We quantify the size of our gifts, seeing them as things that have a finite value. However, true stewardship has no limits. What we are called to give is everything. We truly grow into our own as the creations we became at baptism. It is in that transformation that we find ourselves connected to others in a profound way. Those who were not connected to us by blood are now connected to us by spirit.

#### Votive Candles for the Month of January



• Sanctuary Light is burning in loving memory of Janina Jurzyniec, offered by her daughter Danuta and grandchildrern.

• Votive Candle on the Blessed Mother altar is burning in loving memory of Helena Tomczyszyn, offered by Chris Eggleston.

- Votive Candle on the Sacred Heart altar is burning in loving memory of Chester Cyrana, offered by loving daughter Donna and family.
- Votive Candle by the statue of Saint Theresa is burning in loving memory of Theresa Babiarz Campbell, offered by her brother Frank Babiarz.

#### "Opłatek" Dinner-Dance

"Opłatek" Dinner Dance will take place on **Saturday, January 13th** in the parish auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the Rectory during business hours or after the Masses in the Church. The music will be performed by Dariusz and the children from the Polish School will perform "Jasełka" for us at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 per adult, \$15 per student and children under 7 free! Please plan to join us for a wonderful evening. Let's walk into the New Year with hope and openness to what God can bring upon us. May God bless all of us, our community and our country.

Happy New