

# THE CHURCH OF ST. STANISLAUS BISHOP & MARTYR

AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK

*Third Sunday of Advent*  
December 11, 2022

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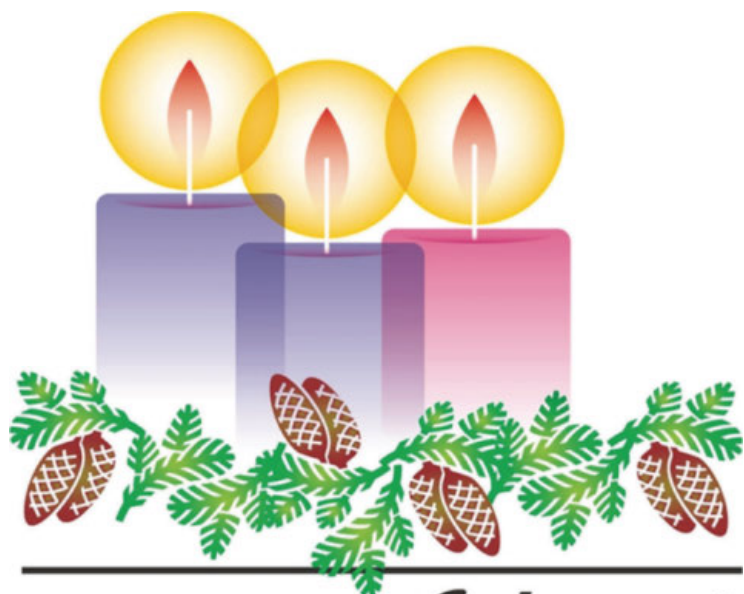
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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.  
Holy Days: As Announced  
Daily Mass: Check bulletin for schedule

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of St. Stanislaus Parish is to perpetuate the message of Jesus Christ, which is to worship God and to bring the Good News of God's unconditional love to his people. We, therefore, commit our time, talents, and treasures to the love and service of all people by proclaiming and witnessing to the word of God through prayer and sacraments, evangelization, education, social action and outreach.



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

## Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the pastor for preparation and arrangements. Baptisms should be scheduled for the third weekend of the month on Saturdays at 1 p.m. or on any Sunday of the month at the 9:00 a.m. liturgy.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the pastor at least 6-12 months prior to the proposed marriage date.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on the first Saturday of the month between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Church.

## Pastoral Visitations

Please notify the parish office if a family member has been admitted to a healthcare facility or hospital.

## Faith Formation and RCIA

A Faith Formation program for school-age children is held primarily during school year. Sacramental preparation and Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is available year-round as requested and appropriate for the background and age of a candidate.

Please call the parish office to schedule and plan a program.



**BLUE CHRISTMAS**  
An Invitation to All

Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without a loved family member who has recently died; it may be a time that has always been difficult.

The constant refrain on the radio and television, in shopping malls and churches, about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friends, reminds many people of what they have lost or have never had. The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation—all these can make us feel very alone in the midst of celebrating and spending. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern; we need to know that we are not alone.

Our spirits sink, as the days grow shorter. We feel the darkness growing deeper around us. We need encouragement to live the days ahead of us.

For these reasons, **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church offers a special "Longest Night" service on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

Come out, and join with us in sharing and hearing prayers, scripture, and music that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle—and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness. Everyone, regardless of church background (or lack of it) is welcome.

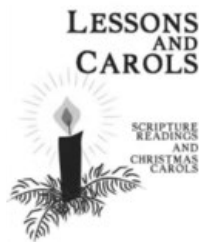
The short service will be followed by a brief time for light refreshments and fellowship. In hopes to see you then,  
*Deacon Mike Ryba.*

**LESSONS AND CAROLS**  
*Thursday, December 15, 6:00 p.m.*  
**St. Stanislaus Church**

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th Century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of the Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News.

Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer.

A reception of light refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall.



**Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses**

Sat. Dec. 24	4:00 p.m.	St. Stanislaus
	4:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
	10:00 p.m.	St. Stanislaus
Sun. Dec. 25	9:00 a.m.	St. Stanislaus
	10:30 a.m.	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

**New Year's Eve & New Year's Day**

Regular Weekend Schedule

**OPLATEK AVAILABLE**



Oplateki are now available in the Parish Office, Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A free-will offering is appreciated.

**Ministry and Volunteer Sign-Up**

Sign-up for Greeters, Collectors & Parking Lot Attendants are available on the table in the back of the church.

**CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT**

Many thanks to all our parishioners and friends who supported our "Christ Be Our Light" tree by remembering and honoring family and friends.

The new 10 foot tree has been donated by our St. Stanislaus Ladies' Rosary Society, and we thank all of the members for this generous and beautiful gift.

The stars represent the names of almost 780 living and deceased loved ones; and the generous donations to our Renovation Fund totaled \$4,916.00.



Sunday, Dec. 11,	3:00 p.m.	Christmas Cantata,	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Thursday, Dec. 15,	6:00 p.m.	Lessons and Carols,	St. Stanislaus'
Saturday, Dec. 17,	7:30 p.m.	Selections from Bach's "The Messiah,"	St. Stanislaus'
Sunday, Dec. 18,	2:00 p.m.	Advent Penance Service,	St. Mary's
Wednesday, Dec. 21	6:00 p.m.	Blue Christmas,	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel



**Budgeted Expenses for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 are \$327,101. The average weekly collection needed to meet our expenses (including income from all other sources is \$6,290). THANK YOU.**

**Collection Weekend of November 26-27 \$5,501.00**

Weekly:	\$4,736.00	Monthly:	\$184.00
Cap. Improv.:	\$437.00	All Saint's	\$3.00
Votives:	\$117.00	Fuel:	\$8.00
All Soul's:	\$3.00	Flowers:	\$12.00

Cemetery Collection:

Diocesan Collection:	Poverty Line:	\$28.00
	World Missions:	\$3.00
	Catholic U.:	\$3.00

**Collection Weekend of December 3-4 \$5,890.00**

Weekly:	\$4,272.00	Monthly:	\$875.00
Cap. Improv.:	\$116.00	Christmas:	\$70.00
Votives:	\$99.00	Fuel:	\$10.00
Immac. Concept.:	\$166.00	Flowers:	\$282.00

Cemetery Collection:

Diocesan Collection:

**The Sanctuary Lamp will be burning this week to the glory of Almighty God and**



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
Peter & Jean Miskinis**  
req. Granddaughter, Wendy

**IN LOVING  
MEMORY**

- † Altar Hosts for the month of December have been donated in loving memory of  
**Frances Dylong**  
at the request of Dolores & Jim & Family.
- † Altar Wine for the month of December has been donated in loving memory of  
**Ralph DeRose**  
at the request of the Children.
- † Altar flowers for the weeks of December 3 and 10 have been donated in loving memory of  
**Joseph & Barbara Campo**  
at the request of Johanna, Matt & Grandchildren.

**MASS Intentions**

**SATURDAY, Dec. 10, 4:00 p.m.-** St. Stanislaus' Church  
**John & Jessie Jurusik**, req. Gayle  
**Raymond Kosinski (12th Ann.)** req. Wife, Children,  
Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren  
**Clara Olechowski**, req. Family  
**Florence Malicki Penman**, req. Helen Podolec  
**Julia Bugasch**, req. Bubniak Family  
**Janusz Noga**, req. Maria Sasso & Family  
**Lottie Laroe**, req. Cathie Ozug

**SUNDAY, Dec. 11, 9:00 a.m.-** St. Stanislaus' Church  
**Eugene R. Piurek**, req. Wife, Dorothy & Family  
**Emilie Ochal**, req. Daughter, Judy & Children &  
Grandchildren  
**Jozef & Maria Draus**, req. Henryk & Family  
**Dorothy Savarese**, req. Lazarus Ministry  
**Janusz Noga**, req. Janina Lis & Family  
**Phyllis & Edward Majewski**, req. Family  
**Debbie Jurus**, req. Carol Rivera & Joann Wood

**MONDAY, Dec. 12, 8:00 a.m.-** St. Mary's Church

**TUESDAY, Dec. 13, 8:00 a.m.-** St. Mary's Church

**WEDNESDAY, Dec. 14, 8:00 a.m.—** St. Mary's Church  
**Janusz Noga**, req. Deb Slezak & Brent Phetteplace

**THURSDAY, Dec. 15, 8:00 a.m.-** St. Mary's Church  
**John Sasso (1st Ann.)**, req. Family

**FRIDAY, Dec. 16, 8:00 a.m.-** St. Mary's Church  
**Vincent Sasso**, req. Wife, Maria & Family

**SATURDAY, Dec. 17, 4:00 p.m.-** St. Stanislaus' Church  
**Ralph DeRose**, req. Children & Grandchildren  
**Eugene F. Piurek**, req. Beverly & Greg, Barbara & Gerry  
& Family  
**Freda Krzysko**, req. Son, Edmund  
**John & Eleanor Niemczyk**, req. Children, Grandchildren  
& Great-grandchildren  
**Walter (46th Ann.) & Walter Tomasik**, req. Daughters,  
Barbara & Gloria  
**Robert Korona**, req. Wife, Daughters & Grandchildren  
**Frank & Irene Fraczek**, req. Karen Smith  
**William Skowronek**, req. Wife & Children  
**Janusz Noga**, req. Ed & Krystyna Swiderski  
**Julia Bugasch**, req. Helen Malicki & Terri Neary

**SUNDAY, Dec. 18, 9:00 a.m.-** St. Stanislaus' Church  
**Rosa Guida**, req. Family  
**Rosa DeLorenzo**, req. Family  
**Stanislaus J. (Ann.) & Sophie M. Andrzejewski**,  
req. Son, Edward & Daughter, Christine  
**Joseph Frydel (100th Ann.)**, req. Family  
**Miroslaw Swiderski**, req. Wife, Children & Grandchildren  
**John Noga**, req. Skalski Family  
**Edmund Wnek**, req. Wife & Family  
**Richard Siemiatkowski**, req. Michael, Gina & Rose  
Siemiatkowski  
**Rev. Chester Klementowicz (20th)**,  
req. Nephew, Charles & Family

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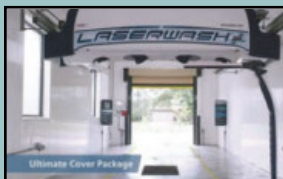
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