

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"THE DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD,  
WHEN I WILL FULFILL THE PROMISE  
I MADE TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH."

—JEREMIAH 33:14

# THE CHURCH OF ST. STANISLAUS BISHOP & MARTYR

AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK

**First Sunday of Advent**  
**December 3, 2023**

### Pastoral Team

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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.

### 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 is available every Saturday between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Amsterdam. Fr. Juanito Asprec, Fr. Nate Resila and Fr. Bob DeMartinis will be available each week to hear confessions.

### 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**  
 Thursday, December 21, 6:00 p.m.  
 St. Stanislaus Church

**In 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 already been difficult.

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 those reasons, **we offer a special "Longest Night" service at St. Stanislaus Church on Thursday, Dec. 21 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 service will be followed by a brief time for light refreshments and fellowship. In hopes to see to see you then ...

*Deacon Mike Ryba*



Thursday, December 7, 4 p.m

**Vigil Mass, Feast of Immaculate Conception-OLMC**

Friday, December 8, 12 Noon

**Mass, Feast of Immaculate Conception-St. Stanislaus**

Sunday, December 10, 3:00 p.m

**Selections from "The Messiah"- St. Stanislaus**

Tuesday, December 12, 6:00 p.m.

**Advent Penance Service-St. Stanislaus**

Saturday, Dec. 16, 4 p.m. & Sunday, Dec. 17, 9 a.m.

**Bambanelli Sunday**

(Bring the Baby Jesus you will be using in your manger scenes to be blessed this weekend.)

Sunday, December 17, 3:00 p.m.

**Program of Music and Readings-OLMC**

Thursday, December 21, 6:00 p.m.

**Blue Christmas**



**ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH**  
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 3:00 p.m.

Welcome again to holiday selections from Handel's Messiah, performed by a dedicated community choir—also featuring soloists and organist Al Fedak. It is open to the public—bring a friend. A free will offering will be taken and a reception with light refreshments will follow.



**Christmas Wreaths 2023**

Again this year the interior of the church will be decorated with 15 wreaths. **There are two wreaths still available.**



If you would like to support the parish by underwriting the cost of a wreath, we will accept donations of \$40 each in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special person in your life. The list of those remembered or honored and the donors will be placed in the bulletin and near our Christ Be Our Light tree and stable. **Please call the Parish Office at 518.842.2771 if you would like to donate a wreath. The deadline for responding is Monday, December 11.**

**HOLY NAME BABKA SALE ORDER FORM**

Deadline to order Sunday, December 10

Bread production will be limited to 200 loaves



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Pick Up Times Are: Saturday, 12/16/23 Noon to 5:00p.m.; Sunday, 12/17/22 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



**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 Nov. 18-19 \$5,293.00**

Weekly:	\$4,793.00	Monthly:	\$246.00
Votive:	\$90.00	Capital Impv:	\$29.00
Imm. Concept:	\$10.00	Fuel:	\$25.00
Flowers:	\$55.00	Christmas:	\$30.00
All Saints:	\$10.00	Sol. Of Mary:	\$5.00

Diocesan Collections: Poverty Line: \$405.00

**Collection Weekend of Nov. 25-26 \$4,957.00**

Weekly:	\$3,889.00	Monthly:	\$475.00
Votive:	\$85.00	Capital Impv:	\$488.00
Imm. Concept:	\$10.00	Flowers:	\$10.00

Diocesan Collections: Poverty Line: \$5.00

**SATURDAY, December 2, 4:00 p.m.- St. Stanislaus**

*Frank Cetnar*, req. Grandchildren  
*Clara Olechowski*, req. Family  
*Clement Ciulik*, req. Sister Carol & Family  
*Gilda Polochacz, Elizabeth Biondi & Matthew Andryszczyk*, req. Resila Family  
*Bill Bartlett, Sr.*, req. Randy & Arlene Perrin  
*Intentions of Helen Malicki*, req. Fr. Bob

**SUNDAY, December 3, 9:00 a.m.- St. Stanislaus**

*Dominic & Evangeline Motyl*, req. Sons & Daughters  
*Janusz Noga*, req. Wife & Family  
*Randy Beauregard*, req. Stacia  
*Mary Pat Lemieszek*, req. Marcia & Joe Kryzak

**TUES., Dec. 5, 8:00 a.m.- St. Mary's Hospital Chapel**

**THURS., Dec. 7, 8:00 a.m.- St. Mary's Hospital Chapel**

**Fri., Dec. 8, 12 Noon.- St. Stanislaus Church**  
**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother For Parishioners**

**SATURDAY, December 9, 4:00 p.m.- St. Stanislaus**

*Josephine Komazenski (11th Ann.)*, req. Children & Grandchildren  
*Edward & Gertrude Wojtkiewicz* req. Niece, Carol Braun & Family  
*Raymond Kosinski (13th Ann.)*, req. Wife, Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren  
*John & Jessie Jurusik*, req. Gayle  
*Bill Bartlett, Sr.*, req. Lazarus Ministry  
*Wayne Andrzejewski*, req. DeRose & List Family

**SUNDAY, December 10, 9:00 a.m.- St. Stanislaus**

*Eugene R. Piurek*, req. Wife, Dorothy & Family  
*Bill Bartlett, Sr.*, req. Marcia & Joe Kryzak  
*Frances Dylong (Ann.)*, req. Dolores & Jim & Family  
*Janina Jacek*, req. Janina Lis

**In Loving Memory**

- † Altar Wine for the month December has been donated in loving memory of **Ralph DeRose** at the request of his Children.
- † Altar hosts for the month of December have been donated in loving memory of **Dominic & Evangeline Motyl** at the request of their Sons & Daughters.
- † Altar flowers for the weeks of November 25 and December 2 have been donated in loving memory of **Gertrude & Edward Wojtkiewicz** at the request of niece, Carol Braun & Family.

**"TRY-4-A-PIE" IS BACK**



Each weekend in December (except Dec. 23-24) we will be selling tickets at \$1.00 each for a fresh pie from **Smith's Bake Shop**. Tickets will be sold at the 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. mass and a winner will be drawn immediately after the 9:00 a.m. mass and may take the pie home.

We hope you will join in the weekly fun of having a chance to win a fresh pie.

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



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**Raymond W. Kosinski (13th Ann.)**  
 req. Wife, Florence & Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

**OPLATEK AVAILABLE**



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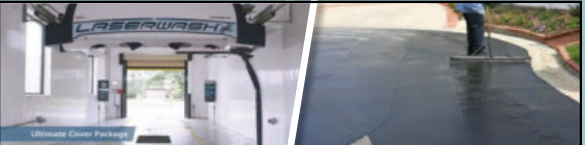
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