

THE CHURCH OF ST. STANISLAUS BISHOP & MARTYR

AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 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

Ministry and Volunteer Sign-Up

Sign-up sheets for Greeters, Collectors, and Parking Lot Attendants are available on the table in the back of the church. Let us help to make this Christmas season a warm and welcoming experience for all of the friends and visitors we anticipate will be worshipping with us.



PASTORAL VISITS TO NURSING HOME FACILITIES

If you have a family member who is a resident or undergoing therapy at an area nursing home facility, we welcome you to tell Deacon Mike Ryba or call the Parish Office at 518.842.2771 so that we may place your relative on our list to receive a visit during the monthly visitations. Mike makes weekly trips to the facilities on a rotating basis and wants to be sure to include members of our parish family during his visits.



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 at masses.)

Sunday, December 17, 3:00 p.m.
Program of Music and Readings-OLMC

Thursday, December 21, 6:00 p.m.
Blue Christmas-St. Stanislaus

Saturday, Dec. 23, 4 p.m. & Sunday, Dec. 24, 9 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses



Christmas Mass Schedule

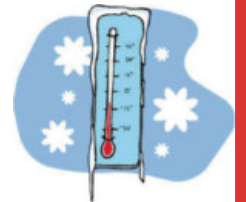
Sunday, December 24, 2:00 p.m.
Christmas Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 24, 10:00 p.m.
Shepherd’s Mass

Monday, December 25, 9:00 a.m.
Christmas Day Mass

SAVE THE DATES
2024 PARISH FESTIVAL

Thinking about next summer—warm breezes and long sunny days??? Yes, it is cold and wintery outside, but the Festival Committee continues to be hard at work planning for the 2024 Parish Festival.



This year at the Festival we will welcome:

Saturday, July 13:
Eddie Biegaj & Crusade Polka Band

Sunday, July 14:
Frank Liszka & Blue Magic Polka Band





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 Dec. 9-10

Due to early transmission of the bulletin, collection figures will be provided in a future bulletin.

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.

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 December 9 and 16 have been donated in loving memory of
Michela & Gesu Speranza
at the request of Daughters, Maria, Vicky & Anella.

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



Albert Palmieri, Jr.
req. Wife, Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren



SATURDAY, December 16, 4:00 p.m.- St. Stanislaus
Ralph DeRose, req. Children & Grandchildren
Emilie Ochal, req. Judy McGaffin & Family
John & Eleanor Niemczyk, req. Children,
Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren
Vincent Sasso (3rd Ann.), req. Sasso Family
Bill Bartlett, Sr., req. Barb, Johnny & Jordan
Joseph & Barbara Campo, req. Matt, Johanna &
Grandchildren

SUNDAY, December 17, 9:00 a.m.- St. Stanislaus
William Skowronek, req. Wife & Family
Edmund Wnek (3rd Ann.), req. Wife & Family
Janusz Noga, req. Wife & Family
Stefania & Jan Chrzanowski, req. Daughter & Family
Debbie Jurus, req. Joanne Wood & Carol Rivera
Eugenia & Taddeusz Jakubiec, req. Stasia
Yvonne Gutowski, req. Husband, Bernie
Matthew Cinquanti (1st Ann.), req. Father Bob

TUES., Dec. 19, 8:00 a.m.- St. Mary's Hospital Chapel
Edmund Wnek (3rd Ann.), req. Wife & Family

THURS., Dec. 21, 8:00 a.m.- St. Mary's Hospital Chapel

Fri., Dec. 22, 8:00 a.m.- St. Mary's Hospital Chapel
Florence Penman, req. Joan Wnek

SATURDAY, December 23, 4:00 p.m.- St. Stanislaus
Freda Krzysko, req. Son, Edmund
Eugene F. Piurek, req. Bev & Greg Scott &
Barbara & Gerry Novak & Family
John Liverio, req. Wife, Barb & Sons
Bill Bartlett, Sr., req. Mike & Carolyn DelSanto
Joseph & Barbara Campo, req. Matt, Johanna &
Grandchildren
Theresa & Dennis Nowakowski, req. Nowakowski
Family
Dolores Pereicich, req. Joe & Pat Bezak

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