

The Church of St. Bernard of Clairvaux & St. Stanislaus Kostka

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NEW MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY MASS OF ANTICIPATION

5:00PM- English

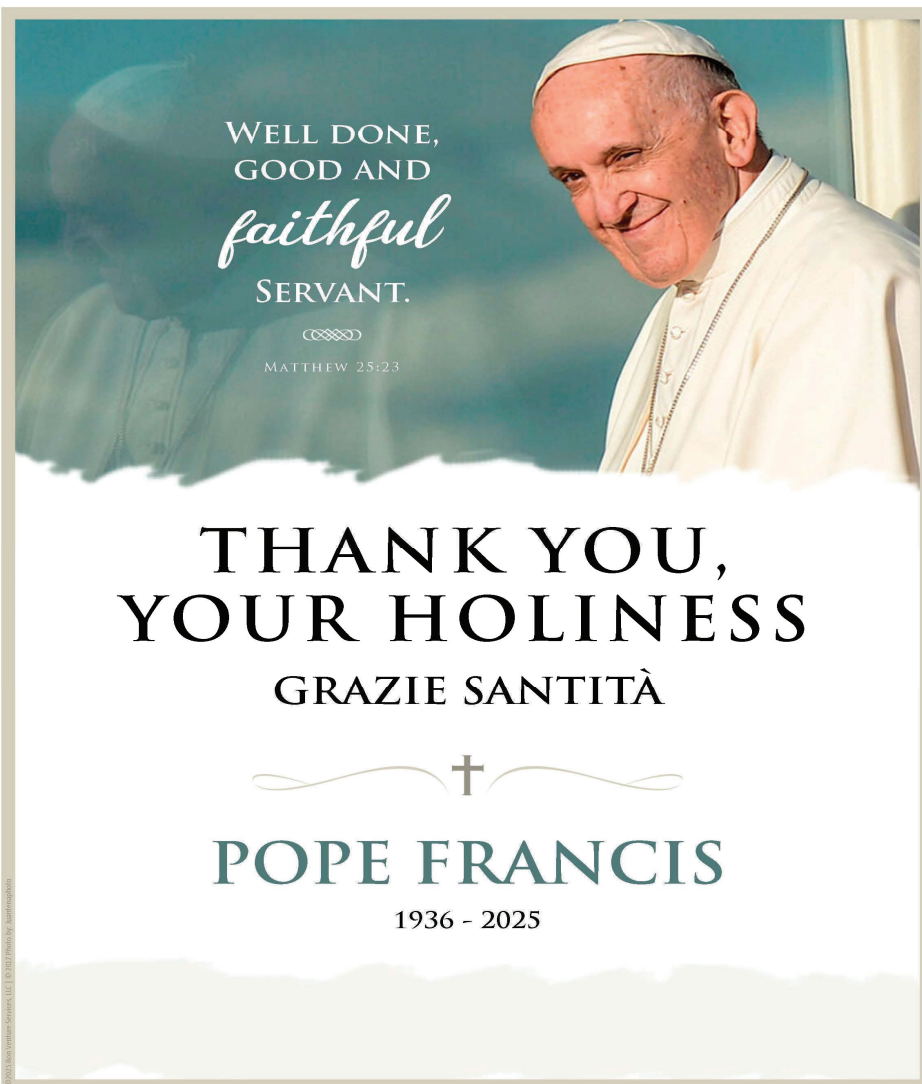
SUNDAY

9:00AM - English

10:30AM - Polish

12:00PM - English

1:30PM - Spanish



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Sunday: Closed or by appointment

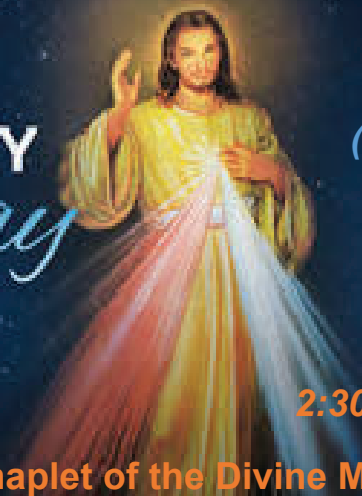
Monday - Friday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Saturday: Closed or by appointment

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DIVINE MERCY Sunday



New Mass Schedule:

9:00 AM – English

10:30 AM – Polish

(after Mass Swieconka in the gym)

12:00 PM – English

1:30 PM - Spanish

After the Spanish Mass

2:30PM - Exposition and Confessions

3PM – Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in English, Polish & Spanish

Mass Intentions

Saturday – April 26...Saturday within the Octave of Easter

9:00AM...+ People of the Parish

5:00PM...+ James DeCicco, req. Wife

Sunday – April 27...Second Sunday of Easter

9:00AM...Mia Milani, 7th Birthday Blessings,

req. Gammy and Pa

10:30AM...(Pol.) Marzena i Jacek Olechowski
Boże Błogosławieństwo na 35. rocznicę
... Wojciech and Danuta Groniek,
Boże Błogosławieństwo na 50 lat
małżeństwa.

12:00PM.. People of the Parish

1:30PM....(Sp.)+ All Souls, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

Monday – April 28... St. Peter Chanel

and St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

9:00AM...+ Frank Kazmierski, req. Pat and John Zimmerman

Tuesday – April 29... St. Catherine of Siena

9:00AM...+ Teresa Catano, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

Wednesday – April 30... St. Pius V, Pope

9:00AM...+ Jan Zięba (1st Anniv.), req Siostra z Rodzina

Thursday – May 1... St. Joseph, the Worker

9:00AM...+ Edna Jean-Clude Dumas (24th Anniv.)
req. Daughter Kamla Dulcio

Friday – May 2... St. Athanasius

9:00AM...+ Eulalia Duque, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

7:00PM...+ (Pol.) Bronisław i Stanisław Lukanas,
req. Radecki Family

Saturday – May 3...Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

9:00AM... Birthday Blessings for Peter Amadin, req. Mom

5:00PM...+ Frank Kazmierski, req. Angela and Elisa Apisa

Sunday – May 4...Third Sunday of Easter

9:00AM... Noah Milani, 5th Birthday Blessings,
req. Gammy and Pa

10:30AM...(Pol.)+Jan Zięba,(1. rocznica), z siostrą i rodziną
Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Moniki od rodziny

12:00 Noon...People of the Parish

1:30PM+ Blanca Rosales (1st Anniv), req. Family

The Tabernacle Candle will burn this week in **Memory of Blanca Rosales** at the request of the Family.

The Bread and Wine for the Month of April is in **Memory of Lucia Simeone at the request of Daughter, Maria Fame and Family.** For the Month of May in memory **Jose and Blanca Rosales at the request of Daughter Cecelia and Family.**

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for those whose health is challenged in any way especially **Cathy and Jack Rooney, Marian Parcinski, Olivia Schiffer, Al Caraldo, Margaret Macknowsky, and Barbara Bylecki.**

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the **Faithful Departed.**

Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

The people held the apostles in great esteem and brought sick people to them to be healed. Although some were afraid to be known, the number of Jesus' followers continued to grow steadily.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

John depicts a vision of lamp-stands of gold and one like the Son of Man in a robe with a sash of gold. This apparition told John he had nothing to fear and then described himself as one who was dead but now lived again. He then instructed John to record any other visions he might have.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus appeared to the disciples and breathed on them saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." He gives them the power to forgive people's sins or hold them accountable. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe Jesus had appeared until he came to them once more. Jesus told Thomas to believe and added, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."



December 17, 1936
Born Jorge Mario Bergoglio

December 13, 1969
Ordained Priest of the Society of Jesus

June 27, 1992
**Ordained Titular Bishop of Auca and
Auxiliary Bishop of Buenos Aires**

June 3, 1997
**Appointed Coadjutor Archbishop of
Buenos Aires**

February 28, 1998
Succeeded Archbishop of Buenos Aires

February 21, 2001
**Created Cardinal-Priest of San Roberto
Bellarmino**

March 13, 2013
Elected Pope Francis

March 19, 2013
**Inaugurated Petrine Ministry of the
Bishop of Rome**

April 21, 2025
Entered Eternal Life



**SWIECONKA CELEBRATED
TODAY, after 10:30 AM Mass**

This is a Polish Tradition that takes its roots from the Blessing of Food that is to be shared on Easter. There will be a gathering to celebrate this tradition after the 10:30AM Mass next Sunday in the school cafeteria with prayer and fellowship. Of course, everyone is invited and welcome to attend.



***Classes resume - Wednesday,
April 30th at 6:30 PM
Mass Booklets are due on May 7th
Last Class of Religious Education
for this season.***

***Registration for the Religious
education classes for the next year
begins May 1st***

First Holy Communion



May 18th

**10:30AM – Polish
12:00Noon – English**



Polskie Duszpasterstwo w Parafii św. Bernarda i św. Stanisława Kostki

Kazanie świętego Anastazego Antiocheńskiego

Gdy Chrystus już ukazał swoimi słowami i czynami, że jest prawdziwie Bogiem i Panem wszechrzeczy, powiedział do swych uczniów tuż przed udaniem się do Jerozolimy: "Oto. idziemy do Jerozolimy; tam Syn Człowieczy zostanie wydany arcykapłanom i uczonym w Piśmie. Oni wydadzą Go poganom na wyszydzenie, ubiczowanie i ukrzyżowanie". Wszystko to powiedział Jezus zgodnie z przepowiednią proroków o Jego odejściu, którego miał dokonać w Jerozolimie. Tak więc Pismo święte od początku zapowiadało śmierć Chrystusa i Jego mękę oraz to wszystko, co się stało z Jego ciałem po śmierci. Ale Pismo ukazuje Go także jako Boga, nieśmiertelnego i nie podlegającego cierpieniu. Owa rzeczywistość Wcielenia pozwala nam słusznie i prawdziwie wyznawać zarówno mękę Pana jak i Jego niecierpielność i widzieć w Nim Boga-Człowieka. Tajemnica Wcielenia pozwala nam również zrozumieć i to, że Syn Boży mógł doznać męki krzyżowej, aby w ten sposób zbawić człowieka. Tę tajemnicę zna tylko Chrystus i ci, którym On ją odkrył, albowiem wszystko przekazał Mu Ojciec, tak jak i Duch przenika najgłębsze tajemnice.

Tak więc trzeba było, aby Chrystus cierpiał, i nie mogło stać się inaczej, jak On sam zresztą powiedział o tym uczniom, wyrzucając im brak zrozumienia i ociąganie się: nie chcieli uwierzyć, że trzeba, by Chrystus cierpiał i wszedł do swej chwały. Wyszedł On przeto od Ojca i przyszedł na świat dla zbawienia swojego ludu, ogałając się z tej chwały, którą miał u Ojca, zanim świat powstał. Zbawienie zaś było dokonaniem wszystkiego i trzeba było, aby przyszło przez mękę Tego, który jest dawcą naszego życia, jak uczy Paweł: "On jest twórcą życia, udoskonalonym przez cierpienia".

A chwała, której Jednorodzony przez krótki czas wyrzekł się dla nas, została Mu przywrócona przez krzyż i zajaśniała w Jego uwielbionym ciele. Mówi Jan w swojej Ewangelii wyjaśniając, czym była owa woda, o której powiedział Zbawiciel, że "płył jak strumień z wnętrza człowieka wierzącego. A powiedział to o Duchu, którego mieli otrzymać wierzący w Niego. Duch bowiem jeszcze nie był dany, ponieważ Jezus nie został jeszcze uwielbiony" - chwałą nazywa śmierć na krzyżu. Dlatego Pan prosił przed męką swego Ojca, aby Go uwielbił tą chwałą, którą posiadał razem z Nim przed założeniem świata.



Easter food Blessing/ ŚWIĘCONKA



May 2nd – 7PM, Msza pierwszo-piatkowa

Szkoła Polska Doksztalająca

Zajęcia w Polskiej Szkole działającej przy naszej Parafii odbywają się w każdy poniedziałek w okresie roku szkolnego od godz. 5:30 do 8:00PM.

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Sunday, June 1
12:00PM Mass

Liturgy of the Word **for young children**

It is celebrated at the 9AM Mass on every other Sunday for grades K-2, in the Church Chapel.
Next Chapel Liturgy is April 27th.



CHAIR EXERCISE for Seniors

A gentle practice in which postures are performed while seated with the aid of a chair.

Classes start on **Tuesday, April 29, 1:30PM.**
Please call the office, there is still time if you are interested in joining.

ALTAR SERVERS

Be joyful to serve at the altar, to be closer to Jesus!

Serving God as an Altar Server is a wonderful way to grow in faith as well as in responsibility, friendship, and other virtues.



ROSARY SOCIETY

The Rosary is prayed every day before the 9AM Mass, including praying the Divine Mercy. On Thursdays the Blessed Sacrament is exposed after 9AM Mass with Benediction 10:45AM.

Monthly Rosary Mass and Meeting is May 4 in the Parish Center.

BestChurch Seniors

Our last meeting for this season will be a Luncheon on Thursday, May 15th 12:00 PM

in the Parish Center on George Street.

CHOIR

Rehearsals are at 7:00PM on Thursdays. **No rehearsal this week.**

Starfish Food Pantry

We continue to collect current dated and non-perishable food for Starfish. At this time we have been asked to include donations of large toothpaste as well as empty egg cartons.
Thank you so much for your generous support.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Archdiocese has announced that they are once again preparing for the annual tradition of honoring couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Catholic marriage in the Jubilee Year 2025! This year there will be ONE anniversary liturgy for all couples from all counties celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin on **Sunday, June 1st at 3p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.** Contact the office to register.



RICE BOWL

Rice Bowls should be returned by April 27th. You may return them to the office or in the collection basket at Mass.

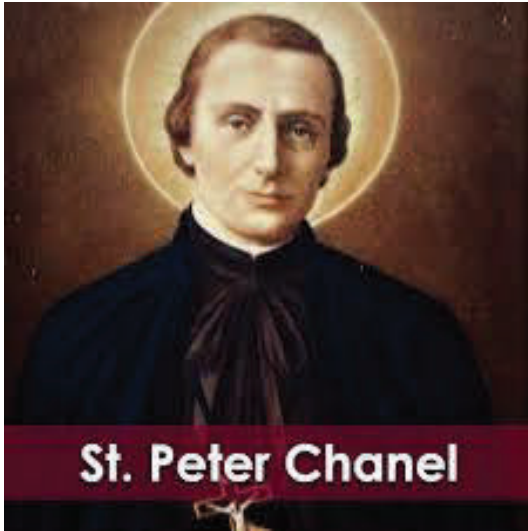
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The Saint of the Week



April 28

St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr (Feast day - April 28) The protomartyr of the South Seas, St. Peter Chanel was born in 1803 at Clet in the diocese of Belley, France. His intelligence and simple piety brought him to the attention of the local priest, Father Trompier, who saw to his elementary education. Entering the diocesan Seminary, Peter won the affection and the esteem of both students and professors. After his ordination he found himself in a rundown country parish and completely revitalized it in the three-year span that he remained there. However, his mind was set on missionary work; so, in 1831, he joined the newly formed Society of Mary (Marists) which concentrated on missionary work at home and abroad. To his dismay, he was appointed to teach at the seminary at Belley and remained there for the next five years, diligently performing his duties.

In 1836, the Society was given the New Hebrides in the Pacific as a field for evangelization, and the jubilant St. Peter was appointed Superior of a little band of missionaries sent to proclaim the Faith to its inhabitants. On reaching their destination after an arduous ten-month journey, the band split up and St. Peter went to the Island of Futuna accompanied by a lay brother and an English layman, Thomas Boog. They were at first well received by the pagans and their King Niuliki who had only recently forbidden cannibalism. However, the King's jealousy and fear were aroused when the missionaries learned the

language and gained the people's confidence; he realized the adoption of the Christian Faith would lead to the abolition of some of the prerogatives he enjoyed as both high priest and sovereign.

Finally, when his own son expressed a desire to be baptized, the king's hatred erupted and he dispatched a group of his warriors to set upon the saintly head of the missionaries. Thus, on April 28, 1841, three years after his arrival, St. Peter was seized and clubbed to death by those he had come to save. And his death brought his work to completion - within five months the entire island was converted to Christianity.

Saint Peter Chanel is the Patron Saint of Oceania.

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday of Divine Mercy



"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" (JOHN 20:21) Cardinal Joseph Tobin, C.SsR. –

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our "enemies." Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.



- Visit: www.formed.org/signup
- Find **St Bernard** and **St. Stanislaus** by parish. name, address, or zip code.
- Enter your email – and you are in.

ANNUAL²⁰²⁵ APPEAL

We are grateful to share that we have already received **\$19,098** in pledges—thank you to all who have given so generously! Your support of the 2025 Annual Appeal helps sustain the mission of Christ in our Archdiocese. Please help our parish reach our goal by June 30 and possibly receive financial incentives!

Our goal is **\$30,181.02**. If you have not yet made your gift, we invite you to prayerfully consider doing so. To make an online gift, please visit rcan.org/sharing.

Thank you for your prayers, your generosity, and your faithful support of our Catholic mission.

May God bless you abundantly!



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ONLINE \$ 3,787

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TOTAL \$ 17,412

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on a regular basis on Saturdays at 4:15PM and on Sunday mornings after Masses as well as after weekday Masses simply by requesting a celebration of the Sacrament.

This Sunday – confessions at 2:30PM in the church

From Fr. Marcin's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last Sunday, in the Gospel reading St. Peter went to witness the empty tomb. Last Monday, Pope Francis, the Peter of our times went to the house of our Father. As a Church, with profound sorrow and heartfelt gratitude, we mourn the death of our beloved Holy Father, a shepherd who walked closely with God's people and never tired of reminding us of God's mercy.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, as we continue to proclaim that Christ is risen and death is not the end, we entrust Pope Francis to the Risen Lord whom he followed so faithfully. Risen Jesus Christ is the supreme manifestation and performance of Divine Mercy. “God so loved the world that he gave His Only Begotten Son”

(Jn 3:16) and sent Him to death so that we might be saved. I like very much a phrase from the Easter proclamation that we sing at the Easter Vigil that expresses so well the mercy of God when He says: “To redeem the slave he has sacrificed the Son,” so God loves us with mercy.

On this Sunday we began a new chapter of St. Bernard and St. Stanislaus Parish as we are beginning a Spanish Mass at 1:30pm. We are very excited for this opportunity to reach the new peripheries with the paschal announcement that Christ is Risen!

Today, we will have a gathering in the school cafeteria after the 10:30 AM Mass for our **Swieconka**. After the Spanish Mass at 3PM we will have an opportunity to confess and to pray the Divine Chaplet and to receive a Plenary Indulgence. This is granted under the usual conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Pope and in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin. Thesetake part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy.

Finally, I want to say thank you for your generous donations, and for the many volunteers who decorated our church, served at the liturgies of Holy Triduum and Easter; our choir and cantors, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers. May the Peace of the Risen Lord be with you and your families!

Christ is Risen!!! Alleluia!

Fr. Marcin Fuks

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