

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

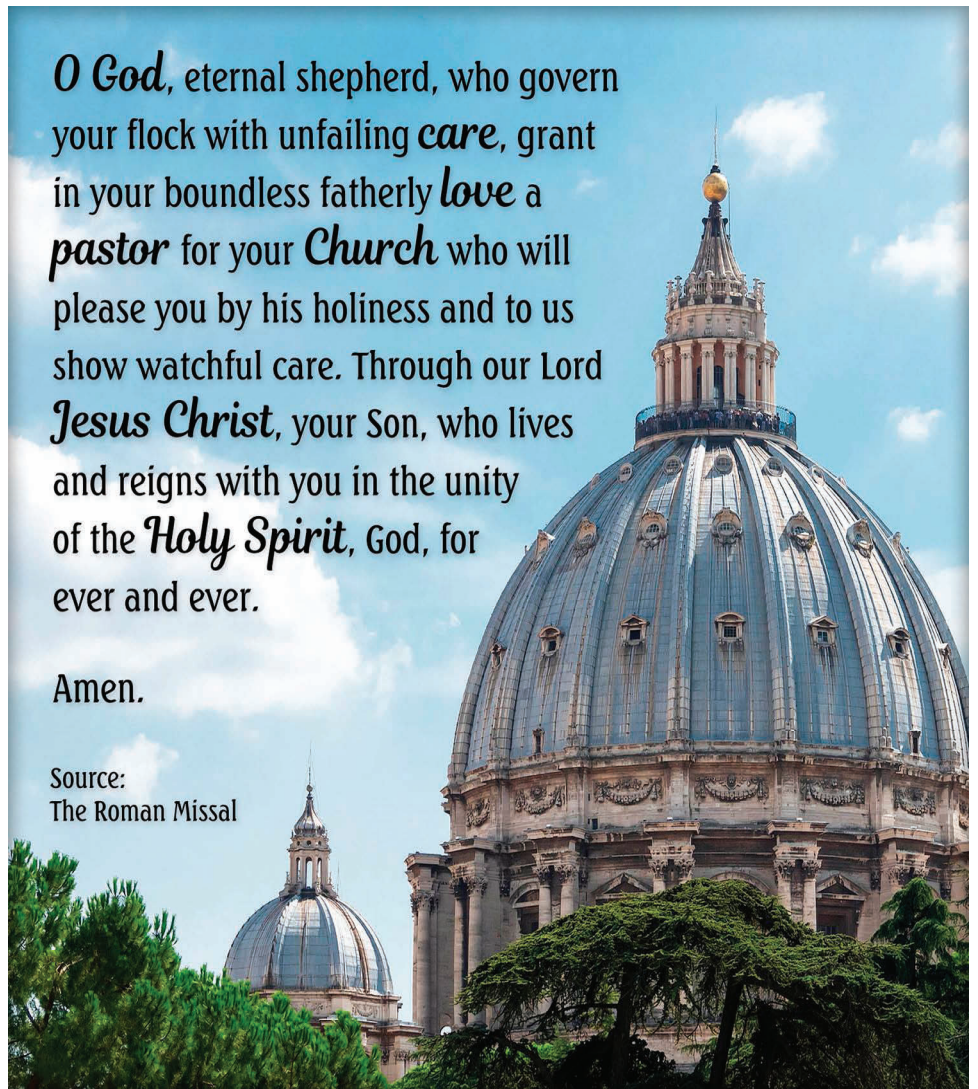
12:00PM – English

1:30PM – Spanish

*O God, eternal shepherd, who govern
your flock with unfailing **care**, grant
in your boundless fatherly **love** a
pastor for your **Church** who will
please you by his holiness and to us
show watchful care. Through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives
and reigns with you in the unity
of the **Holy Spirit**, God, for
ever and ever.*

Amen.

Source:
The Roman Missal



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Saturday and Sunday: Closed
or by appointment

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATIONS

Saturday: 4:15 pm

By request: After Mass

Sunday - Saturday: Mornings

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – May 10...St. John of Avila and St. Damien de Veuster

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

5:00PM...+ Lucy Brady, req. Daughter Mary Ellen Chanda

Sunday – May 11...Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00AM... In Honor of Our Blessed Mother,
req. Armond and Anna Maria Apisa

10:30AM...+Jozef Błażejowicz, req. Krusinowski Rodzina
ze znajomymi

12:00 Noon...Anna Gracka i Żofia Ponichtera

1:30PM+ José and Blanka Rosales and Cecilia Torres
req. Family

Monday – May 12... St. Nereus, St. Achilleus, St. Pancras

9:00AM...+ Anthony Zaleski, req. John, Pat
and Erika Zimmerman

Tuesday – May 13... Our Lady of Fatima

9:00AM...+ Ellis P. Singer, MD, req. Johanna Merkle

Wednesday – May 14... St. Matthias

9:00AM...+ Lucia and Antonio Simeone, req. Family

Thursday – May 15... St. Isidore

9:00AM...+ Józef Górka, Rocznica (1. Rocznicy)
req. Żona z Rodziną

Friday – May 16... Easter Weekday

9:00AM...+ Amerigo Negri, req. Wife and Children

Saturday – May 17...Easter Weekday

9:00AM...+ Rossetta Juncicello, req. Armond and Anna Apisa

5:00PM...+ Frank Kazmierski, req. Frank Marano and Fran

Sunday – May 18...Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00AM... + Frank Kazmierski, req. Barbara Smalincki

10:30AM.. *First Communion Children (Polish Mass)*

12:00 Noon... *First Communion Children (English Mass)*

1:30PMZoraida Nolasco, req. Son Jose



Retreat for the First Communion

May 17th at 10AM

Holy Communion

May 18th

10:30 - Polish

12 Noon- English

The Tabernacle Candle will burn this week in **Memory of all our Parish Faithful Departed.**

The Bread and Wine for the Month of May is in **Memory of Jose and Blanca Rosales and daughter Cecelia Torres** at the request of the 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 the **Faithful Departed.**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43- 52

Paul and Barnabas addressed many people, and large crowds gathered to hear them. Some of the Jews became jealous, and argued with whatever Paul said. But Paul and Barnabas continued preaching their message of salvation and everlasting life, until they were eventually forced to leave the town.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

John saw a vision of many people surrounding a throne and the Lamb. One of the elders told him these were the people who had survived great periods of trial, but maintained strong faith in God. Now they would receive eternal protection and comfort from God as reward for their loyalty.

Gospel: John 10:27- 30

Jesus states that his sheep know his voice and follow him, and will receive eternal life. Jesus also says that no one can snatch his followers away, because God is greater than anyone who might try, and Jesus is one with God.



Confirmation

Sunday, June 1

12:00PM Mass



Religious

Education

2025 - 2026

Early Registration: May 1- June 30

Late Registration: August 18–September 8
-Plus, Late fee of \$20-

Registration received after September 8, will incur a late fee of \$50.

Where:



Online

In Person: Pick up a form at the Parish office.

Registration Fees

One Child: \$90.00

Two Children: \$150.00

Three Children: \$190.00

Sacramental Fees

First Communion: \$35.00

Confirmation: \$45.00

Payment: Online



Parish Office: *Cash/Check*



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

4 Niedziela Wielkanocna

Homilia św. Grzegorza Wielkiego, papieża, do Ewangelii

"Ja jestem dobrym pasterzem i znam owce moje - to znaczy miłuję je - a moje mnie znają". Jakby chciał otwarcie powiedzieć: miłujący są posłuszni. Ten bowiem, kto nie miłuje prawdy, wciąż jeszcze jej nie zna.

Ponieważ słyszeliście już, bracia najmilsi, o naszej odpowiedzialności, pomyślcie i wy, na podstawie słów Pana, również o waszej odpowiedzialności. Rozważcie, czy jesteście Jego owcami, rozważcie, czy poznaliście Go, rozważcie, czy znacie światło prawdy. Poznacie zaś to nie przez wiarę, lecz przez miłość. Poznacie to nie przez wierzenie, ale przez czyny.

Świadczy o tym sam Jan Ewangelista, gdy pisze: "Kto mówi, że zna Boga, a nie zachowuje Jego przykazań, ten jest kłamcą".

Dlatego też Pan mówi dalej: "Podobnie jak Mnie zna Ojciec i Ja znam Ojca, i życie moje oddaję za moje owce". To tak jakby powiedział: Dowodem tego, że znam Ojca i że On Mnie zna, jest to, iż oddaję moje życie za owce; to znaczy: jak bardzo miłuję Ojca, pokazuję przez to, że umieram za owce.

O tych owcach Pan znowu mówi: "Moje owce słuchają mego głosu, a Ja je znam, idą za Mną i Ja im daję życie wieczne". Mówi także o nich nieco wyżej: cctv "Jeżeli ktoś wejdzie przeze Mnie, będzie zbawiony, wejdzie i wyjdzie, i znajdzie pastwiska". Wejdzie - to znaczy osiągnięci wiary; wyjdzie - od wiary do oglądania Boga; od wierzenia do kontemplacji, bo znajdzie pastwiska wielkiego nasycenia.

Tak więc owce znajdują pastwiska, bo ktokolwiek z szczerym sercem idzie za Nim, żywi się pokarmem trwającym wiecznie. Tymi pastwiskami owiec są radości wewnętrzne wiecznie kwitnącego raju. Pokarmem wybranych jest obecność oblicza Bożego. Gdy się weń wpatrują, dusza syci się bez końca pokarmem życia.

Podążajmy, bracia najmilsi, do tych pastwisk, na których będziemy się radować spotkaniem z ich znakomitymi mieszkańcami. Niech zaprasza nas do tego radość tych, którzy tam żyją szczęśliwie. Rozpalmy więc, bracia, nasze serca, niech wiara zapala się do tego, co jest jej przedmiotem, niech nasze pragnienia kierują się ku dobrom niebieskim; taka miłość jest już dążeniem do nich.

Niech żadne przeciwności nie odwracają nas od duchowego wesela tego święta, bo jeśli tylko ktoś mocno pragnie podążać do ukazanego mu celu, to temu pragnieniu nie przeciwstawia się żadne trudy wiodącej tam drogi. A więc niech nas nie skusi ułuda zwodniczego szczęścia, bo zaiste, niemądry to wędrowiec, który pociągnięty urokiem ukwieconych łąk zapomina, dokąd miał zamiar skierować swe kroki..

LG tom II: IV Niedziela Wielkanocna, str. 593-594

Szkoła Polska Dekształcająca

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

Kontakt: polskaszkolaplainfield@outlook.com

Dyrektorka Szkoły: Beata Benewiat

Tel. 732-266-4310

ZAPISY NA ROK SZKOLNY 2025-2026

W poniedziałek, 28 kwietnia rozpoczynamy zapisy na rok szkolny 2025-2026.

Rodziny należące do naszej parafii korzystają ze zniżki. Rodziny, które nie należą do parafii i nie biorą aktywnego udziału w życiu parafii i katechizacji obowiązują pełna opłata za szkołę. Bardzo prosimy o uczciwe podejście do ustalonych zasad na jakich funkcjonuje nasza szkoła.

Dla rodzin należących do naszej parafii (aktywnie biorących udział w życiu parafii i katechizacji):

- \$200 za pierwsze dziecko
- \$100 drugie dziecko
- \$50 każde kolejne dziecko

Dla rodzin nienależących do parafii:

- \$450 za pierwsze dziecko
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- \$150 każde następne

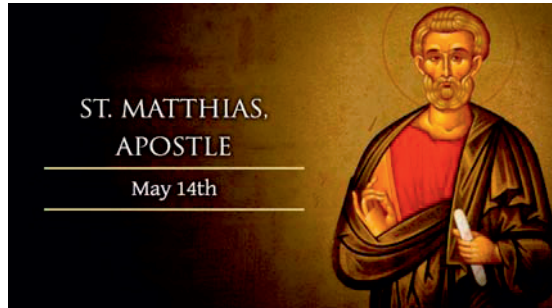
Opłata za komitet rodzicielski

- \$40 od rodziny

WYBRANY ZARZĄD SZKOŁY NA KADANCJĘ 2023-2028

- Maria Marchwiński – Dyrektor
 - Krystyna Krusinowski – Zastępca Dyrektora
 - Anna Kazimierski – Sekretarz
 - Karolina Kierzkowski – Prezes Zarządu oraz Przewodnicząca Komitetu Rodzicielskiego
 - Agnieszka Zielonka – Zastępca Prezesa
 - Kinga Kapolka – Zastępca Prezesa
- Gratulujemy i życzymy udanej współpracy.

The Saint of the Week



Matthias, whose name means “gift of God,” was the disciple chosen to replace Judas as one of the twelve Apostles. The Acts of the Apostles state that he was also one of the 72 disciples that the Lord Jesus sent out to preach the Good News. Matthias was with the Lord since His Baptism, and was “a witness to Christ’s Resurrection,” according to St. Peter in Acts. He remained with Jesus until His Ascension.

According to various traditions, Matthias preached in Cappadocia, Jerusalem, the shores of the Caspian Sea (in modern day Turkey) and Ethiopia. He is said to have met his death by crucifixion in Colchis or by stoning in Jerusalem.

There is evidence cited in some of the early Church fathers that there was a Gospel according to Matthias in circulation, but it has since been lost, and was declared apocryphal by Pope Gelasius.

He is invoked for assistance against alcoholism, and for support by recovered alcoholics.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

There will be a special Anniversary Mass for couples celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Catholic marriage on this 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.** Registration is required. Contact our office to register.



Polish School Bake Sale



The Polish School will have a Bake Sale after all the weekend Masses May 10 & 11 for Mother’s Day. Please stop by and see some delightful goodies.

Liturgy of the Word for young children

Since next Sunday, May 18th, is First Communion, there will be no Liturgy of the Word.

We will resume class in the fall, and are looking for volunteers to assist once a month. If you are interested in helping **next season**, please contact the office for more information.



CHOIR

Rehearsals are at 7:00PM on Thursdays in the church. If you are interested in more information, please call the office or stop by after church to talk to our choir members.

CHAIR EXERCISE for Seniors

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

Classes are Tuesdays 1:30PM. We had our first class with a success, 11 people attended. Patty Casterline led the group with some relaxing exercises that can also be followed at home. The class will last 4 more weeks. If you would still like to join, don’t be shy; please call the office, there is always room for more.

BestChurch Seniors

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

in the Parish Center on George Street. Please let us know you will be attending, because food will be ordered.



This will be our last meeting for the season. The Bestchurch Seniors will be taking a break for the Summer.

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.

During the Month of May the Rosary is prayed in the church at 1:00 PM every Tuesday.

No Rosary meeting next month. There will be a Pot Luck Supper in the Parish Conference Room on June 5th.



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.

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.



Safe Environment Corner How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and Lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at **201-407-3256**

ANNUAL APPEAL 2025

We are grateful to share that we have already received **\$ 21,428** 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!



ONLINE GIVING

IT IS POSSIBLE TO AUTOMATE YOUR FAITH GIVING TO "PARISH GIVING." SIMPLY GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

Stewardship

4th Sunday of Easter

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (ACTS 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!



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

COLLECTION FOR MAY 4TH

ONLINE	\$ 2,673
IN PEW	\$3,680
TOTAL	\$ 6,353

Share your perspective now to help strengthen **St. Bernard and St. Stanislaus** Parish and better prepare us for the future – as we seek to grow in missionary

Fill out the Survey now:



Paper copies are available in English, Polish and Spanish in the Parish Office.

Please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.

***From Fr. Marcin's Desk***

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Gospel for today's Liturgy speaks to us about the bond that exists between the Lord and each one of us. Jesus uses a tender image, a beautiful image of the shepherd who stays with the sheep. He explains it with three verbs: "My sheep," Jesus says, "hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

As I am writing this message, the Cardinals are about to begin the Conclave to elect the new Pope. Just like the shepherd in the Gospel, the role of Pope is to lead the people of God so that they may hear the voice of Christ, know Christ and follow Christ. We pray that the Holy Spirit has enlightened and guided the Cardinals in the election of Peter's successor.

Just as the shepherd in the Gospel cares for his sheep, we as a parish introduced a Spanish Mass in order to address the needs of our neighborhood. At the last Mass, we had a nice turnout of 80 people!

Last week we began a process for the whole Archdiocese of Newark to look for new ways of reaching the "lost sheep", to evangelize and to better serve the people of our Archdiocese. The first step is to answer the survey. In the survey you can give your insight into the strengths and opportunities in our Parish and provide your perspective on our Parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. Please, if you didn't answer the survey - do it today!

May is the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mother, who is gathering all her children on this journey on earth. As we remember our Heavenly Mother, today we also want to remember our earthly mothers and everything they have done for us. We are grateful for their love, and we pray for all our mothers, those who are alive and those who have already passed away.

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