

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

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NEW MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY MASS OF ANTICIPATION

5:00PM- English

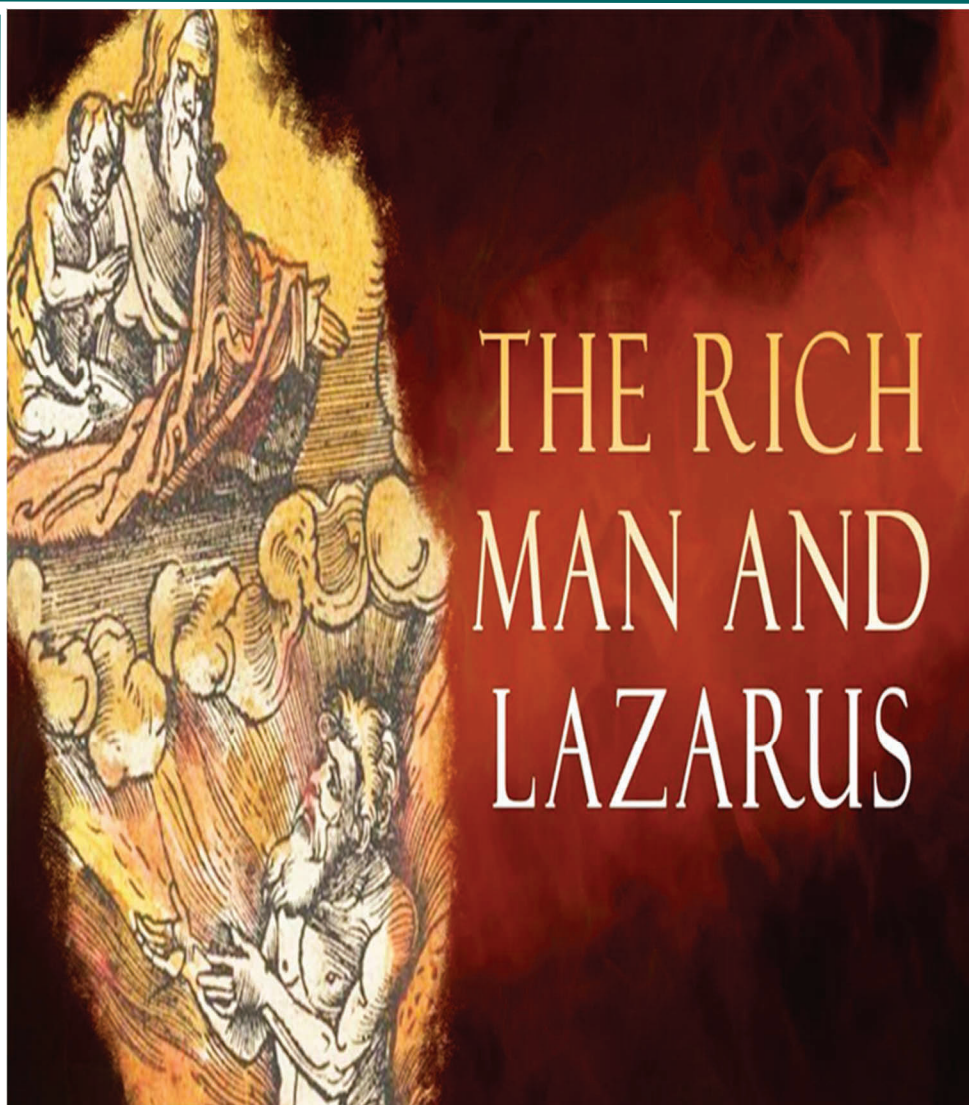
SUNDAY

9:00AM - English

10:30AM - Polish

12:00PM - English

1:30PM - Spanish



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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 – September 27...St. Vincent DePaul

9:00AM... + Mary Keller, req. Family and Friends

5:00PM... + John Lindenthal, req. Mary Ellen Chanda

Sunday – September 28...26th Sunday in Ordinary Time9:00AM ... + Bob DeMair (2nd Anniv.), req. Wife and Children

10:30AM... + Janina Kiążek, od Syn z Rodziną

12:00 Noon... + Stella Gabrukiewicz-Sopko,
req. Daughter and Family

1:30PM... People of the Parish

**Monday – September 29...Sts. Michael, Gabriel,
and Raphael, Archangels**

9:00AM... + Pasquale Marinaro, req. Kathy Merklinger

Tuesday – September 30...St. Jerome

9:00AM... + Nidia Salgado (10th Anniv.), Alba Ledy Cuartas

Wednesday – October 1... St. Therese of the Child Jesus

9:00AM... + Dominick Lombardi,

req. Armond and Anna Maria Apisa

Thursday – October 2...Holy Guardian Angels

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

Friday – October 3... Weekday (First Friday)

9:00AM... + Alfred Schneider, req. Johanna Merkle

7:00PM...

Saturday – October 4...St. Francis of Assisi

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

5:00PM... + Merle Thompson, req. Cheryl Russell
and Camille Sands**Sunday – October 5...27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00AM ... + Ruth and Bill Sullivan, req. Daughter Gayle

10:30AM... + George Sipos (5. rocznica śmierci),
wnuki Kapolka

+ Kazimierz Wojewodka,

wystawione przez przyjaciół z So. Plainfield

12:00 Noon... + Catherine Onuska,

req. Daughter Theresa and Family

1:30PM... People of the Parish

STEWARDSHIP**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." LUKE 16:25-26

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little, or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

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

The Bread and Wine for the **Month of October is in Memory of Jerry Signorelli at the request of Peter and Beverly Cirino.**

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for those whose health is challenged in any way especially for **Marian Parcinski, Olivia Schiffer, Al Caraldo, Margaret Macknowsky and Jim Rushforth.**

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

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

Amos denounces the selfish attitude of those who surround themselves with luxuries with no concern for others. He goes on to warn that because these people lacked interest in the state of their society, they would be the first to be exiled.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Paul tells Timothy to seek integrity, faith and love. Paul urges him to attain everlasting life by maintaining strong faith in Jesus and in God until Jesus returns.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells of a rich man who feasted daily, while a beggar named Lazarus went hungry outside his gates. When both men died, Lazarus was taken to Abraham, but the rich man was in torment. When he begged for mercy, Abraham reminded him that Lazarus had lived in torment, while the rich man lived in selfish luxury. The man then asked if Lazarus could be sent to his brothers to warn them. But Abraham said if they had not heeded Moses or the prophets, they would ignore even the warning of one risen from the dead.

Domingo 26^o del Tiempo Ordinario

"Hijo, recuerda que durante tu vida recibiste bienes, y Lázaro, igualmente, recibió males; pero ahora él es consolado aquí, y tú estás en agonía. Además de todo esto, hay un gran abismo entre nosotros y ustedes..." Lucas 16:25-26

Cuando Dios creo el mundo declaró que era bueno y se lo dio a toda la humanidad para que lo disfrutara. Sin embargo, al pasar de los años hemos creado un abismo entre aquellos que tienen grandes dones y aquellos que no los tienen. En el Evangelio de hoy vemos que con nuestra generosidad debemos cerrar la brecha entre esos que tienen mucho y los que tienen poco, o podríamos encontrarnos en el lado equivocado del abismo en la próxima vida.



Religious

Education

2025 – 2026

Class begins This Wednesday October 1st 6:30PM-7:45PM

Mark Your Calendars!



Newark Archdiocesan Jubilee Year Pilgrimage

**Basilica of the National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception**
Washington, DC

Saturday, October 18, 2025



Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

If you are interested in going to Washington for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage, please call the office. We need to know how many people are interested in order to arrange for a bus. Those interested, please contact the office!!!





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w Parafii św. Bernarda i św. Stanisława Kostki

XXVI Niedziela Zwykła

Początek Listu św. Polikarpa, biskupa i męczennika, do Filipian

Polikarp, wraz z prezbiterami, do Kościoła Bożego, który pielgrzymuje w Filipi: miłosierdzie i pokój od Boga wszechmogącego i Jezusa Chrystusa, Zbawiciela naszego, niech dane wam będą w obfitości.

Bardzo ucieszyłem się wraz z wami w naszym Panu Jezusie Chrystusie, że przyjęliście męczenników, prawdziwe wzory miłości; że - jak należało - odprowadziliście ich w kajdanach, które są godne świętych i stanowią diadem prawdziwie wybranych przez Boga i Pana naszego; raduję się, że mocny szczep wiary waszej, sławiony od najdawniejszych czasów, trwa aż dotąd i przynosi owoc w Panu naszym Jezusie Chrystusie. On cierpiał za nasze grzechy aż do przyjęcia śmierci. "Jego to wskrzesił Bóg, zerwawszy więzy śmierci; w Niego, choć nie widzicie, wierzyć z radością niewymowną i chwalebna", w której wielu chciałoby uczestniczyć. Wiecie bowiem, że "łaską jesteście zbawieni, nie z uczynków", ale z woli Bożej przez Jezusa Chrystusa.

"Dlatego przepasawszy biodra waszego umysłu, służcie Bogu z bojaźnią i w prawdzie", porzucając próżne gadania i urojenia tłumu, "wierząc w Tego, który wskrzesił z martwych Pana naszego Jezusa Chrystusa, dał Mu chwałę" i tron po swojej prawicy. Jemu zostało poddane wszelkie stworzenie na ziemi i w niebie, Jemu służy wszystko, co żyje. On przyjdzie sądzić żywych i umarłych, a Bóg zażąda rachunku Jego krwi od tych, którzy nie chcą uwierzyć w Niego.

Ten zaś, który wskrzesił Go z martwych, wskrzesi i nas, jeśli będziemy pełnić Jego wolę i postępować według Jego przykazań, jeśli umiemy to, co On umiował, wystrzegając się wszelkiej niesprawiedliwości, obłudy, chciwości, oszczerstwa i fałszywego świadectwa; "nie oddając złem za złó,



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- Aktywna społeczność: uczniowie, rodzice i nauczyciele
- Przedstawienia, konkursy, warsztaty, wycieczki szkolne, wspaniałe wydarzenia z okazji Świąt Bożego Narodzenia i Wielkanocy, bal karnawałowy, piknik szkolny, oraz dużo więcej!
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złorzeczeniem za złorzeczenie", uderzeniem za uderzenie, obelgą za obelgę, ale pamiętając o pouczeniu Pana: "Nie sądzcie, abyście nie byli sądzeni, odpuszczajcie, a będzie wam odpuszczone; bądźcie miłosierni, abyście dostąpili miłosierdzia; jaką miarą mierzycie, taką wam odmierzają", oraz: "Błogosławieni ubodzy i ci, którzy cierpią prześladowanie, albowiem ich jest królestwo Boże".

Jesienna zbiórka odzieży

Uczniowie Klasy L03 organizują fundraiser na potrzeby swojej klasy.

29 września – 13 października

Kontakt: *Kinga Kapolka* 908-636-5087

Zbieramy: ubrania, buty, torebki, plecaki, pościel, ręczniki, zasłony, obrusy, zabawki pluszowe i małe plastikowe.



Nie przyjmujemy: kocy, narzut, kołder, puzzli, klocków, gier planszowych.



Rzeczy przynosimy w workach. Oddzielnie pakujemy buty i zabawki.

Parada 5 października – zapisy w biurze szkoły (koszt wkrótce). Koszt - \$25 osoby dorosłe, dziecko - depozyt -5\$. Wyjazd 10.15-powrót ok. 3-4 pm

The Saint of the Week



Blessed Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński

Wyszyński was born on Aug. 3, 1901, without a country. Poland had been eliminated from the map of Europe in 1795, carved up and occupied by the three neighboring powers, Russia, Prussia (Germany) and the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Young Stefan would attend primary school taught in Russian, something that would become useful in later life when reading clandestine documents from the Soviet Union. He would lose his mother early, at 9 years of age. His spirituality was marked by an intense devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the “new” mother in his life. He would offer his first Mass as a newly ordained priest in the chapel of the miraculous image of Our Lady of Jasna Góra at Częstochowa, Poland’s national shrine.

Poland regained its independence at the end of the Great War (1918) and immediately had to fight off the Bolshevik Red Army to preserve it. Wyszyński was ordained a priest — on his 23rd birthday in 1924 — during this brief respite from foreign occupation.

World War II was the brutalization of Poland and the Polish clergy. Some 6 million Poles were killed — 20% of the population. Similarly, 20% of the Polish clergy, some 2,000 out of 10,000 diocesan priests, were killed during the war.

In his own Diocese of Włocławek all of the priests were rounded up; Father Wyszyński escaped only because his bishop had sent him away as a precaution. In one of Father Wyszyński’s notebooks, he lists the names of priests of his diocese who were killed: The list fills an entire page.

The lethal persecution of the Polish Church under Nazi Germany shaped the new primate’s approach to the communist regime imposed by Stalin at the end of World War II. He would write in his prison diary: “From the very beginning of my

work, I had taken the stand that the Church in Poland had already shed too much blood in German concentration camps to afford to squander the lives of its surviving priests. Martyrdom is undoubtedly an honorable thing, but God leads His Church not only along an extraordinary way, that of martyrdom, but also along an ordinary way, that of apostolic work.

Indeed, I was of the opinion that the modern world needed another kind of martyrdom — the martyrdom of work, not of blood.” Thus Cardinal Wyszyński set about his apostolic work, carrying the immense burden of the entire Polish Church upon his shoulders. That burden was especially grave for the cardinal, given that Pope Pius XII gave him special powers in Poland. In particular, he largely exercised the authority of the Holy See in regard to the appointment of bishops.

This “martyrdom of work” was his life’s calling, carrying on his pastoral ministry knowing that he was under constant surveillance and subject to betrayal from even those in the Church.

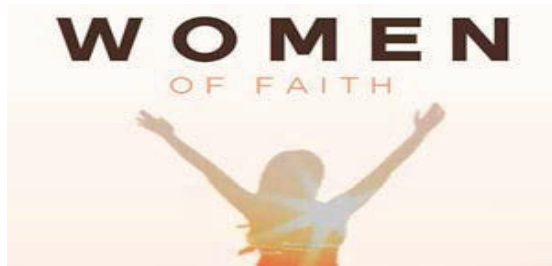
Imprisoned for three years (1953-1956) by the communist regime, he emerged a cultural colossus who conducted a nationwide “Great Novena,” nine years of spiritual, cultural and social preparation for the 1,000th anniversary of the baptism of Poland in 966. The Great Novena revealed the true character of the Polish nation, notwithstanding its communist regime.

That he did not falter is a remarkable human achievement. That he provided spiritual freedom to a people under totalitarian oppression is a remarkable supernatural achievement.

Like Moses, Stefan Wyszyński did not live to see his people enter the promised land of liberation. But the Lord granted him his Mount Nebo moment, the triumphant, history-making pilgrimage of John Paul to Poland in June 1979. After that visit, it was over. Like Moses, Cardinal Wyszyński had seen the promised land.

It would take 10 years — sometimes bloody, as in the martyrdom of a priest that Cardinal Wyszyński himself ordained, Blessed Jerzy Popiełuszko — to work out the dénouement, but when Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński died on the feast of the Ascension in May 1981, he knew that the victory had been won.

He was beatified on Sept. 12, 2021 in Warsaw and known henceforth as “Blessed Stefan Wyszyński.” In Poland he will remain always the “Primate of the Millennium,” as that processional banner acknowledged.



Calling all Women of Faith!

We are excited to share the Fall meeting schedule for the re-launch of the Parish Women's Faith and Fellowship Group at St. Bernard of Clairvaux and St. Stanislaus Kostka. **If you have not attended our first meeting you are still invited to join. The next meeting is Thursday, October 23rd from 5:30–7:00 PM in the Parish Center, with additional fall meetings on November 20, and December 11 at the same time.**

Each evening will include prayer, Scripture reflection, faith-sharing, and fellowship, with a light dinner served. All women are warmly invited to join us as we grow together in faith, friendship, and service. Bring a friend and be part of this vibrant community **Please call the Parish to RSVP, so we can plan for food.**

ROSARY SOCIETY



The Rosary is prayed every day before the 9AM Mass followed by the Divine Mercy Prayers. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on Thursdays after the Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:45AM. Next Rosary

Meeting is Sunday October 5th after the 9AM Mass in the Parish Center.

October is the Month of the Rosary. The Rosary will be prayed in the church on Tuesdays in October at 1:00PM.

Knights Of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will hold a council meeting on Sunday, October 12th, in the parish center, following the 9:00 AM mass.

We encourage all members to attend.

For any questions, please contact John Beckman at jabeckman111@gmail.com.



CHOIR

**Our choir is back!
Why not join us.**

We need more members.

Practice is in the church on Thursday evenings at 7:00PM. If you are interested come to our practice or stop by after 9AM Sunday Mass to talk to our Cantor. We would love for you to join in to enhance our Choir.



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

For those Catholics who did not complete their full initiation (Catholics who may have been baptized but who were never confirmed or received First Communion), or are non-Catholics who are considering becoming Catholic, we offer the time of preparation on **September 29th (this Monday!)** at **6:30PM in the parish office.** If you are interested in learning more about the Christian faith, the Catholic Church, or about becoming Catholic, please contact: **Fr. Bernardo, at vicar@bestchurch.net.**

Eucharistic Ministers



Attention all Eucharistic Ministers and those who would like to assist with this ministry.

There will be a meeting for all Eucharistic ministers on Saturday - **October 4th**, at **10:00AM** in the church.

CHAIR EXERCISE

Patty Casterline has offered to lead us once again in the Chair Exercises. We are planning for Tuesday afternoons for 6 weeks starting **October 7th at 1:30PM in the Parish Center.** If you are interested, please call the office ... or just come on October 7th.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Saturday, October 4 is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

The Blessing of the Animals will be celebrated Saturday October 4th at 3:00PM in the church courtyard. Please be sure your faithful friends are in closures or on leashes.

ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Chapel...We are in need of assistance for Chapel on Sundays 9AM Mass. This would only be one Sunday a month during Mass. Please contact Karole in the office for more information.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

From Fr. Marcin's Desk *Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

This Sunday's Gospel helps us understand what it means to love, and more than anything how to avoid certain risks. In the parable there is a rich man who does not notice Lazarus, a poor man who was "at his gate." This rich man, in fact, does not do evil towards anyone; nothing says that he is a bad man. But he has a sickness much greater than Lazarus, who was "full of sores": this rich man suffers from terrible blindness, because he is not able to look beyond his world, made of banquets and fine clothing. He cannot see beyond the door of his house to where Lazarus lies, because what is happening outside does not interest him. He does not see with his eyes, because he cannot feel with his heart. For into it a worldliness has entered which anesthetizes the soul. This worldliness is like a "black hole" that swallows up what is good, which extinguishes love, because it consumes everything in its very self. And so here a person sees only outward appearances, no longer noticing others because one has become indifferent to everyone.

The Lord looks at those who are neglected and discarded by the world. Lazarus is the only one named in all of Jesus' parables. His name means "God helps." God does not forget him; He will welcome him to the banquet in His kingdom, together with Abram, in communion with all who suffer. The rich man in the parable, on the other hand, does not even have a name; his life passes by forgotten, because whoever lives for himself does not write history.

There is another detail in the parable, a contrast. The opulent life of this nameless man is described as being ostentatious: everything about him concerns needs and rights. Even when he is dead, he insists on being helped and demands what is to his benefit. Lazarus' poverty, however, is articulated with great dignity: from his mouth no complaints or protests or scornful words issue.

Whoever proclaims the hope of Jesus carries joy and sees a great distance. Such persons have the horizon open before them; there is no wall closing them in. They see a great distance because they know how to see beyond evil and beyond their problems. At the same time, they see clearly from up close, because they are attentive to their neighbor and to their neighbor's needs.

Fr. Marcin

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.

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