

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Michael Grzybowski, Robert Domaracki, Jimmy Gugino, John Chrosniak, Ernest Szyper, Helen Michalski, Jean Dudek, Bertha Spaeth, Ann Marie Long, Rose Turner, Gerald Jencewski, Stanislaw Zoladz, Kody Mancini, Joan Matecki, Stephanie Szymczak, Lydia Berneski, Sadie Holman, Cecilia Ciesielski, Marcella Sokol, Arlene Polak, Lottie Matusiak, Marion Rebisz, Stella Balikowski, Christine Lograsso, Monica Kasprzak, Jean Varga, Rose Czarnecki, Josephine Rebisz, Edwin Marciniak, Peter Skinner, Helen Zielinski, William Schaefer, Patricia Zielinski, Anthony Lewandowski, Maxine Paoletti, Irene Orzechowski, Virginia Maze, Stanislaus Bertram, Stephen Ziolkowski, Joan Tryjankowski, Penny Scofield, Jane Rozek, Alberta Kowalski, Ann Preston, Francine Conti.

THIS WEEK AT ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH

Sunday, May 11 - Mother's Day

3:00 Mother's Day Memorial Mass - Resurrection Mausoleum

Tuesday, May 13

10:00 Mass at Adamski Village - Community Room

6:00 Pulaski Day Organizational Meeting - Pitass Center

7:30 Bingo - Main Hall

Wednesday, May 14

12:00 Sunshine Club luncheon - Marian Hall

7:00 Catholic War Veterans meeting - Marian Hall

Thursday, May 15

7:30 District IX Polish Singers Alliance of America meeting - Pitass Center

Friday, May 16

7:30 Bingo - Main Hall

Sunday, May 18

9:30 Coffee Hour follows Mass - Pitass Center

4:00 Service to honor Pope John Paul II - Church

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 11 - Pentecost Sunday; Solemnity (Mother's Day)

9:30 All Mothers - Living and Deceased

12:00 All Mothers - Living and Deceased

3:00 Cemetery: All Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers buried at St. Stanislaus Cemetery

Monday, May 12 - Weekday (Sixth Week in Ordinary Time) SS.

Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs; St. Pancras, martyr

8:00 Mary Wlodarczak (birthday) - Estate

Tuesday, May 13 - Weekday; Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 Angeline Adas (anniversary) - John & Gene

Wednesday, May 14 - St. Matthias, apostle; feast

11:00 Chester Ziobro (anniversary) - St. Stanislaus Altar Servers Mothers Club

Thursday, May 15 - Weekday; St. Isidore

8:30 Angela Buczkowski (birthday) - Tom & Jackie Janusz

Friday, May 16 - Weekday

8:00 Matthew, Stanley & Edward Maras - Sisters & Brother

Saturday, May 17 - Weekday; BVM

4:00 Al Smigielski (anniversary) - Wife

Sunday, May 18 - The Most Holy Trinity; Solemnity

9:30 Alois & Veronica Palczewski - Family

12:00 Bronislaus Dombrowski - Family

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE: We have developed a very interesting web page. There are articles, photos, history and many other topics to pique your interest. Be sure to check it out: www.ststanislauschurch.com. Feel free to e-mail the parish with your comments and let us know what you think. We would love to hear from you.

WELCOME VISITORS: We warmly welcome those who are visiting us. If you are a member of the family that the Mass intention is for, please let the usher know if you would like to bring the Eucharistic gifts forward. If you are a regular visitor here and would like to become a member of our parish community, please call the rectory or fill in the coupon on the front of this bulletin and we will be happy to assist you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteers are always needed to assist at our parish bingo games on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. If you could spare some time to help with parish bingo, kindly contact our parish office during regular parish office hours. We express our gratitude to all present and past bingo workers and volunteers.

OUR SYMPATHY: As a parish family we extend our sympathy to the families of **Stella (Stanislawa) Fafara and Eleanor Solecki** who were recently buried from our parish. May God grant Stanislaw and Eleanor eternal rest and peace.

TOURS OF OUR HISTORIC CHURCH: We are so pleased that word is getting around regarding our uniquely restored historic church. Parishioners are encouraged to get the message around that tours of our historic church and our parish facilities are available. Contact for such tours can be made directly with the parish office (854-5510). Bishop Grosz expresses gratitude to the parishioners who have volunteered to serve as tour guides on the occasion of scheduled tours of our historic church.

NEW HOUSING; ST. STANISLAUS GARDENS DEVELOPMENT: St. Stanislaus Parish is most supportive of the proposed revitalization of the neighborhood in the immediate area of the historic Church, Mother Church of Polonia. All are pleased to hear of the St. Stanislaus Gardens Development. The first of many new homes will soon be open for inspection as a model home located at 138 Townsend Street, in the area across from St. Stanislaus Rectory. All homes will be available in two, three, or four bedrooms on sixty-foot lots, with one or two car garages. The Development has partnered with M&T Bank which allows home buyers to come forward with at least one percent of their own funds to purchase a home. For information, contact can be made with the developer, Michael McHugh at 308-7264.

PARISH CHOIR CD – LENTEN AND EASTER HYMNS: Our parish now has available a second CD featuring St. Stanislaus Parish Choir singing Lenten and Easter Hymns. Copies of the CD can be found at each entrance to the church. The donation of \$10.00 per CD can be placed in the envelope provided and placed in the safe for the candle money.

MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY: In the fulfillment of times, God chose the Blessed Virgin Mary and called her for participation in the redemption of humankind. Because she said yes, Christ was born and we were redeemed. It makes sense that those who accept Jesus and follow His teachings honor His mother, who gave Him earthly life. Let us take time during this special month to honor our heavenly mother.

FOURTH ANNUAL SERVICE TO HONOR POPE JOHN PAUL II: All are invited to the historic St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr Church on Sunday, May 18th at 4:00 p.m. to pay tribute to Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the celebration of his birthday. This Fourth Annual Service in honor of Pope John Paul II will include the "Living Rosary," as well as a prayer for the beatification of Pope John Paul the Great. As individuals enter the church, each will be presented with a complimentary rosary to commemorate the event. The rosaries will be blessed within the context of the Service.

POLISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL: We need volunteers to work our booth at the Polish Heritage Festival at the Hamburg Fairgrounds on Friday, May 30 from 4:00 to 9:00, Saturday, May 31 from 12:00 noon to 9:00 and Sunday, June 1 from 12:00 noon to 9:00. If you can give an hour or two of your time it would be greatly appreciated. Please complete the coupon below and drop it in the collection basket.

LUCKY LOTTERY NUMBERS: Sunday, April 27 #942; Monday, April 28 #812; Tuesday, April 29 #505 and Wednesday, April 30 #520. Your August tickets have been mailed to you. These will make great gifts for Father's Day and Graduation. Good luck and thank you for your continued support.

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you O Virgin of Virgins, my mother. To you I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY MEMORIAL CEMETERY MASS: Bishop Grosz and the parish family of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr, invite all to participate in a celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11, to remember all of our deceased mothers including all those buried at St. Stanislaus Cemetery, at 3:00 p.m. in the Resurrection Mausoleum of St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Cheektowaga. Bishop Grosz will preach and preside at the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. We will also honor Our Blessed Lady, Our Spiritual Mother, to whom we pray in the beautiful prayer, "The Memorare," "and after this our exile, show unto us, the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus."

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA:

Each year, the annual **Collection for the Church in Latin America** is held in parishes across the country. Proceeds from the collection are distributed to dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, seminaries and other Catholic institutions throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to assist in the formation of priests, religious, lay ministers, missionaries, pastoral workers, catechists and youth ministers. The Collection helps fellow Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean - who are rich in faith but lacking in material resources - to participate more fully as disciples and to respond to their call to mission. Please be generous in your response to this collection the weekend of May 17 and 18.

ANNUAL CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: As has been the case for the past several years, St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr Parish, will join with Corpus Christi Parish, in the Broadway-Fillmore area, for the Annual Corpus Christi Procession through the streets of the neighborhood on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Sunday, May 25 beginning at 3:00 p.m. with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Corpus Christi Church, with the Procession proceeding through the streets of the neighborhood to St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr Historic Church for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The celebration will be followed by a reception in the Marian Hall of the Msgr. Adamski Social Center at St. Stanislaus Parish. All are welcome to come to honor Our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament through this beautiful public manifestation of our love, reverence and devotion for the presence of Christ in Holy Eucharist.

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: There are Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit which we receive in the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit are special graces and help which the Holy Spirit gives to believers to assist them in living a deeper and richer Christian life. These are the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. **Wisdom:** The ability to judge everything in the light of the Holy Gospel; **Understanding:** The grasp of the mysteries of our faith which our minds cannot totally comprehend; **Counsel:** The ability to act wisely according to the Way of Christ; **Strength:** The ability to live the Christian Way in the face of hardships and temptations; **Knowledge:** The ability to put everything together and to see God's plan in all things; **Piety:** The sense of our love of God and people; **Fear of God:** The sense of awe for God's greatness and a desire not to desert His Holy Way.

THE DIOCESAN OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES provides support that enhances all aspects of Christian marriage and family living through diverse programs from womb to tomb. They advocate accessibility to respond to the needs of all persons with disabilities on an individual basis. For information, contact Deacon Tom and Gini Schultz at 847-2210 or www.familylife@buffalodiocese.org.

YOU SHARE IN THE VISION AND MISSION OF YOUR PARISH: Your parish community is an important part of your extended family. We support what we believe. Your regularly weekly generous financial contribution to your parish shows that you believe in the mission and vision of your parish. It is also praiseworthy to remember your parish in your will. Please help your parish to continue its mission and vision through your generosity. Thank you for all that you do for your parish.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Being registered as a parishioner is an expression of commitment to a parish. It indicates a willingness to participate in the rights and responsibilities of Catholic parish life. Sometimes individuals overlook the need to register as parish members, especially when moving to a new area. Young people who have been listed as members of their parents' household are unaware of their own responsibility to register as individual members when they become self-supporting adults. Even though you were registered while single, newlyweds need to register as a married couple if you plan on staying at St. Stanislaus. You do not automatically become parishioners if you were married here. So that we may be of service to your needs, we need to hear from you to update our computer data. Please call the parish office if you wish to register as a member, have changed your phone number/or address or if your children have married and registered at a different parish.

OUR DEAR MOTHERS: We extend our best wishes to all mothers on Mother's Day. It was a mother's love that gave us the privilege of being born into this world, and a mother's love that nurtured us and helped us grow in confidence and responsibility. May the Lord richly bless our mothers!

UNDERSTANDING THE SIX NEEDS OF MOURNING will be presented by Mary Lou Kaye as part of the lecture series for the bereaved sponsored by the Office of Family Life Ministries and Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Buffalo. This free event will be held on Wednesday, May 21 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Mount Olivet, Kenmore. For reservations or more information call 873-6500. For a free bereavement packet for adults or a parenting packet to assist in helping children deal with grief and loss, please contact your Office of Family Life Ministries at 847-2210 or e-mail www.family.life@buffalodiocese.org.

WELCOME: We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our historic church. Bishop Edward M. Grosz, pastor and parishioners would like to officially welcome our new families who have joined with our parish. A warm welcome to: **Stanley & Stefania Borkowski; William; Kim, and David Rodriguez.**

We hope that you will find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. We also hope that you will share your special gifts with the community. Your prayers, your presence and your talents are most welcome.

135TH ANNIVERSARY MASS & DINNER RECEPTION: On June 8th, 1873, St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr Parish was officially founded. In commemoration of the 135th Anniversary of the founding of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr Parish all are welcome to participate in a special Anniversary Mass to be held in the Historic St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Church on Sunday, June 8th, at 12:00 noon, followed by a special Dinner in the Main Hall of the Msgr. Adamski Social Center. Tickets for the dinner may be purchased by contacting the Parish Secretary during regular parish office hours, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and must be purchased by Friday, May 30th, so that appropriate arrangements can be made with the caterer for the dinner. Bishop Edward M. Grosz will preside and preach at the anniversary celebration. The magnificent St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Parish Choir will assist with the music for the Sacred Liturgy.

PARISH COUNCIL VOTING: Voting for new members to the Parish Council will take place in the church vestibule only, before and after each Mass, on the weekends of May 10 & 11, May 17 & 18. Ballots may be obtained by registered, practicing parishioners, in good standing, eighteen years of age or older. Parishioners with special needs, may request help with this process from any usher.

There are four positions to be filled from the following nominees: Jeff Pietrzyk, Joann Fronczak, Theresa Gonciarz, Carl Nowakowski, John Ryerson and Frida Murawski.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL: YOUR DONATION IS IMPORTANT! To date, the 2008 Catholic Charities Appeal is approximately one million dollars short of this year's goal of \$11.2 million. The weekend of May 17 & 18 has been designated as a special time to remind everyone that donations for the Annual Appeal are still being sought and needed.

If you have not yet made your donation to the Annual Appeal or wish to make a further donation, please use the envelopes provided on the information tables at both church entrances. You may place the envelopes with your donation in the regular collection at Mass or forward the envelope to the parish rectory.

Let's all pitch in to make this year's Catholic Charities Appeal a great success!

MASS OF WELCOME: Please note that beginning with the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 18, as a parish family we will welcome each month on the third Sunday of the month the families and friends of all the deceased individuals buried at St. Stanislaus Cemetery during that particular month. All guests, as well as all who regularly attend the 9:30 a.m. Mass, are invited to the Msgr. Pitass Center for the monthly Coffee Hour immediately following the Mass.

DYNGUS DAY FOLLOW-UP AND CHICKEN DINNER MEETING: A meeting to finalize our Dyngus Day celebration and preparation for our Chicken Dinner in July will take place on Monday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. Dyngus Day Committee members are asked to attend and volunteers for the Chicken Dinner are also requested to attend this meeting.