



# **THE CHURCH OF ST. STANISLAUS BISHOP & MARTYR**

**AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 5, 2021**

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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 a Saturday at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., or 12:00 p.m.

## **Sacrament of Marriage**

Please contact the pastor at least 6-12 months prior to the proposed marriage date.

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

First Saturday of Month at 3:00 p.m., by appointment or by appointment at another time.

## **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**  
An 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 time of year that has always been difficult.

The constant refrain on the radio and television, in shopping malls and churches, about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friends, reminds many people of what they have lost or have never had. The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation—all these can make us feel very alone in the midst of the celebrating and spending. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern; we need to know that we are not alone.

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 these reasons, St. Stanislaus Church offers a special “Longest Night” service on Tuesday, December 21st 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 short service will be followed by a brief time for light refreshments and fellowship.

In hopes to see you then,  
*Deacon Michael C. Ryba*

**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY**  
December 11 and 12



St. Stanislaus Church will celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent with more than a rose-colored candle this year. On this day, which is for “rejoicing,” we are also adopting the Vatican tradition of blessing nativity scene figures of the baby Jesus (“Bambinelli” in Italian). The tradition started by Saint Pope John Paul II, includes the

Bambinelli blessing given by the Pope and is a teachable moment for all to refocus on the true meaning of the Advent season. We ask that every household of our parish, young and old, unpack your creche and bring the baby Jesus from your family’s Nativity scene to church to be blessed at the Vigil or Sunday Mass on the weekend of December 11 and 12, the Third Sunday of Advent.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Tues. Dec. 7 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, St. Stanislaus’  
Wed. Dec. 8 8:00 a.m. Mass, St. Mary’s  
10:00 a.m. Mass, St. Stephen’s  
12:00 p.m. Mass, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

**Advent Christmas Cantata —“We Shall Prepare”**

Sun. Dec. 12 4:00 p.m. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

**Holy Name Babka Bake Sale**

Sat. Dec. 18 & Sun. Dec. 19



**Advent Penance Service**

Sun. Dec. 19 2:00 p.m., St. Mary’s Church

**Blue Christmas Mass**

Mon. Dec. 20 6:00 p.m. St. Stanislaus’

**Christmas Eve-Day Mass Schedule**

Fri. Dec. 24 3:00 p.m. St. Stanislaus’  
4:30 p.m. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel  
10:00 p.m. St. Stanislaus’  
Sat. Dec. 25 9:00 a.m. St. Stanislaus’  
10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

**Mass for Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Sun. Dec. 26 9:00 a.m. St. Stanislaus’  
10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

**CHRISTMAS GIVING**



This Advent we will continue our tradition of supporting the area’s nursing facilities by collecting items that will be shared by the residents during the Christmas season. We will be collecting:

- Large-print puzzle books and pencils,
- After-shave lotion for the men,
- Shower gels for the men and women,
- Moisturizing lotions,
- Lap robes or small fleece throws, and
- Warm socks.

Please help us to make this Christmas one of sharing and caring—let the residents of our nursing homes know we have not forgotten about them, especially this year when visits have been so limited.

If we receive childrens’ mittens and gloves, hats, scarves, and socks, we will deliver them to Catholic Charities to be distributed to Women and Children’s Services.

**We ask that all items be brand new** and left at the basket or Christmas tree in the vestibule of the church by Sunday, December 12 in order to give us time to distribute the items to the residences.



Budgeted Expenses for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 are \$335,386. The average weekly collection needed to meet our expenses (including income from all other sources is \$6,450). THANK YOU.

**Collection Weekend of Nov. 20-21 \$5,912.00**

Weekly:	\$4,657.00	Monthly:	\$985.00
Votive:	\$78.00	Cap. Improv.:	\$55.00
All Souls:	\$10.00	Fuel & Util:	\$95.00
All Saints:	\$10.00	Flowers:	\$10.00
Immac. Concept:	\$4.00	Christmas:	\$4.00
Sol. Of Mary	\$4.00		

Diocesan Collections:	Life of Poverty:	\$436.00
	Catholic Char.:	\$30.00

**Collection Weekend of Nov. 27-28 \$4,575.00**

Weekly:	\$3,704.00	Monthly:	\$156.00
Votive:	\$104.00	Cap. Improv.:	\$480.00
Sol. Of Mary	\$5.00	Fuel & Util:	\$61.00
All Saints:	\$15.00	Flowers:	\$30.00
Immac. Concept:	\$15.00	Christmas:	\$5.00

Diocesan Collections:	Life of Poverty:	\$27.00
	Catholic Char.:	\$994.00



† Altar Hosts for the month December have been donated in loving memory of

**Frances Dylong**

at the request of Jim & Dolores & Family

† Altar Wine for the month of December has been donated in loving memory of

**Ralph DeRose**

at the request of his Children & Grandchildren.

† Altar flowers for the weeks of November 27 and December 4 are being donated in loving memory of

**Eugene Pendrak**

at the request of Sister, Sylvia, and Nephews, Billy, Todd, and Randy Slocum.

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

The Sanctuary Lamp will be burning this week to the glory of Almighty God and

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**Raymond W. Kosinski (11th Ann.)**

at the request of his Wife, Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, Dec. 4, 4:00 p.m.-** St. Stanislaus' Church  
**Josephine Komazenski (9th Ann.)** req. Children & Grandchildren  
**Frank Cetnar (34th Ann.)**, req. Grandchildren  
**Raymond Kosinski (11th Ann.)**, req. Wife, Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Granddaughter, Daisy Ray  
**Jack Rokitowski** req. Joan Wnek & Family  
**Ronald Milonovich (6 Months Mind)**, req. Gary, Mark & Paul  
**Eugene R. Piurek**, req. Richard Catello, Sr.  
**Elizabeth Biondi**, req. Resila Family

**SUNDAY, Dec. 5, 9:00 a.m.-** St. Stanislaus' Church  
**Dominic & Evangeline Motyl**, req. Son & Daughters  
**Vincent Sasso**, req. Sister, Filomena  
**Adam & Maria Miroś**, req. Daughter & Family  
**Eugene Pendrak**, req. Jon Paul Hildreth  
**Eugene Piurek**, req. Jim & Dawn Dybas  
**Daniel Bubniak**, req. Rossi-Meyer Family  
**Edward Majewski**, req. St. Michael's Society  
**Nicole Szala**, req. Uncle Babe & Aunt Betty  
**Nicholas Maphia, Sr.** req. Dad, Nick, Jr., Brothers & Sisters

**MONDAY, Dec. 6, 8:00 a.m.-** St. Mary's Church

**TUESDAY, Dec. 7, 8:00 a.m.-** St. Mary's Church

**TUESDAY, Dec. 7, 4:00 p.m.-** St. Stanislaus Church  
**VIGIL OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**WEDNESDAY, Dec. 8, 8:00 a.m.—** St. Mary's Church  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**THURSDAY, Dec. 9, 8:00 a.m.—** St. Mary's Church

**FRIDAY, Dec. 10, 8:00 a.m.-** St. Mary's Church

**SATURDAY, Dec. 11, 4:00 p.m.-** St. Stanislaus' Church  
**John & Jessie Jurusik**, req. Gayle  
**Frances Dylong (5th Ann.)**, req. Jim & Dolores & Family  
**Eugene R. Piurek**, req. Lorraine Lasinski  
**Gilda Polochacz**, req. Niece, Elizabeth Biondi  
**Ed Majewski**, req. Forever Friends  
**Timothy J. Oakes**, req. Jackie Greco & Stan Dybas  
**Elizabeth Biondi**, req. Nadine McDermott  
**Elsie Stephenson**, req. Son, Craig & Daughter-in-Law, Toni

**SUNDAY, Dec. 12, 9:00 a.m.-** St. Stanislaus' Church  
**Alessandro & Rosa Mentitto**, req. Family  
**Emilie Ochal**, req. Judy McGaffin & Family  
**Rose Fraumeni**, req. Putnick Family  
**Richard Burns**, req. Wife, Alexandra  
**Debbie Jurus (Ann.)**, req. Joann Wood & Carol Rivera  
**Eugene R. Piurek**, req. Chris Barkevich & Family  
**Maria Miroś**, req. Maria & Joseph Baj  
**Mary Natole**, req. Rossi-Meyer Family  
**Jozef Lis**, req. Janina, Jessica & Daniel Lis

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