

THE SAINT STAN'S SPOTLIGHT

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER DEVOTED TO THE COMMUNITY OF SAINT STANISLAUS KOSTKA PARISH

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CHURCH NOTIFICATIONS

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Vigil Mass will be held on Sunday, December 31 at 5 p.m. Masses will be held on Monday, January 1 at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. (Polish) and 12 noon.

FAREWELL TO THE MANGER

All parishioners are invited to come to the *Farewell to the Manger* on Sunday, February 4 at 2 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Distribution of ashes will take place during all Masses on Wednesday, February 14. Masses will be at 7 a.m., 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All parishioners are welcome to participate in Stations of the Cross (in English), which will take place every Friday at 7 p.m. during the season of Lent. Stations of the Cross (Droga Krzyzowa) will take place during the season of Lent after Ash Wednesday on every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY — GOOD FRIDAY — HOLY SATURDAY

On Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at 7 p.m. followed by Night Watch until 12 Midnight. On Good Friday, the Passion of the Lord will be at 3 p.m. and Meka Panska will be at 7 p.m. followed by Adoration at the Tomb until 10 p.m. On Holy Saturday, Blessing of Food will be at 10 a.m., 12 Noon, and 2 p.m. and the Easter Vigil Mass will be at 7 p.m.

JANUARY 2018

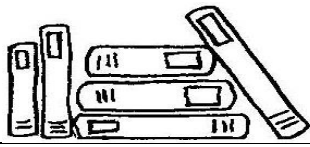
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASSES AT 9 A.M., 10:30 A.M. (POLISH), AND NOON	2 PRAYER GROUP (7 P.M.)	3 RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	4 HNS: ATLANTIC CITY TRIP (11 A.M.) BINGO (DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M.)	5 FIRST FRIDAY MASSES (7 A.M. AND 9 A.M.) AA: SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (6:30 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M.)	6 AA: FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (2:30 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.)
7 SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD RAS: PRAY ROSARY (8:35 A.M.) AND ATTEND MASS (9 A.M.) BINGO (DOORS OPEN AT NOON) RAS: CHRISTMAS PARTY (2 P.M.)	8 FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9	10 RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	11 BINGO (DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M.)	12 AA: SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (6:30 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M.)	13 AA: FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (2:30 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.)
14 HNS: PRAY ROSARY (8:30 A.M.), MASS (9 A.M.), AND BREAKFAST BINGO (DOORS OPEN AT NOON)	15 HNS: MEETING (7 P.M.)	16 PRAYER GROUP (7 P.M.)	17 RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	18 BINGO (DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M.)	19 AA: SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (6:30 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M.)	20 AA: FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (2:30 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.)
21 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS AND BREAKFAST (9 A.M.) NO BINGO TODAY	22	23	24 RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	25 BINGO (DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M.) FIRST RECONCILIATION (7 P.M.)	26 AA: SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (6:30 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M.)	27 AA: FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (2:30 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.)
28 BINGO (DOORS OPEN AT NOON)	29	30	31			

FEBRUARY 2018

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				1 FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD HNS: ATLANTIC CITY TRIP (11 A.M.) BINGO (DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M.)	2 FIRST FRIDAY MASS (7 A.M. AND 9 A.M.) AA: SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (6:30 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M.)	3 AA: FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (2:30 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.)
4 RAS: PRAY ROSARY (8:35 A.M.), MASS (9 A.M.), AND MEETING BINGO (DOORS OPEN AT NOON) FAREWELL TO THE MANGER (2 P.M.)	5	6 PRAYER GROUP (7 P.M.)	7 RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	8 BINGO (DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M.)	9 AA: SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (6:30 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M.)	10 AA: FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (2:30 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.)
11 HNS: PRAY ROSARY (8:30 A.M.), MASS (9 A.M.), AND BREAKFAST BINGO (DOORS OPEN AT NOON)	12 HNS: MEETING (7 P.M.)	13	14 ASH WEDNESDAY MASS WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES AT 7 A.M., 9 A.M., AND 7 P.M. RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	15 BINGO (DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M.)	16 HNS: FISH FRY (4:30 P.M. to 7 P.M.) NO BASKETBALL LEAGUE TODAY	17 AA: FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (2:30 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.)
18 BINGO (DOORS OPEN AT NOON)	19 PRESIDENTS' DAY PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	20 PRAYER GROUP (7 P.M.)	21 RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.)	22 BINGO (DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M.)	23 AA: SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (6:30 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M.)	24 AA: FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (2:30 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.)
25 BINGO (DOORS OPEN AT NOON)	26	27	28			

MARCH 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 HNS: ATLANTIC CITY TRIP (11 A.M.) BINGO (DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M.)	2 FIRST FRIDAY MASS (7 A.M. AND 9 A.M.) STATIONS OF THE CROSS (7 P.M.) AA: SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (6:30 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M.)	3 AA: FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (2:30 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.)
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18 BINGO (DOORS OPEN AT NOON)	19 SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY	20 PRAYER GROUP (7 P.M.)	21 RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.) DROGA KRZYZOWA (7 P.M.)	22 BINGO (DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M.)	23 STATIONS OF THE CROSS (7 P.M.) AA: SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (6:30 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M.)	24 SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD AA: FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (2:30 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.)
25 PALM SUNDAY BINGO (DOORS OPEN AT NOON)	26 CONFESSIONS (7 P.M.)	27 CONFESSIONS (7 P.M.)	28 RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (6:30 P.M.) DROGA KRZYZOWA (7 P.M.)	29 HOLY THURSDAY EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (7 P.M.) NIGHT WATCH UNTIL MIDNIGHT RAS: SERVICE (8 P.M.) HNS: SERVICE (11 P.M.) NO BINGO TODAY	30 GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS (NOON) RAS: ADORATION (2 P.M.) PASSION OF THE LORD (3 P.M.) MEKA PANSKA (7 P.M.) HNS: ADORATION AT THE TOMB (8 P.M.)	31 HOLY SATURDAY BLESSING OF FOOD (10 A.M., 12 NOON, AND 2 P.M.) EASTER VIGIL MASS (7 P.M.)

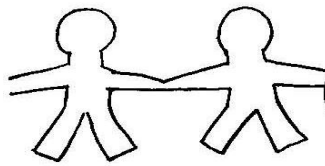


SCHOOL NEWS

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS AND OPEN HOUSE

Catholic Schools Week at SSK School begins on Sunday, January 21 and continues with activities all week. Beginning on Sunday, join us in celebrating Catholic Schools Week with 9 a.m. Mass and then take a tour of SSK School to see the value of a Catholic education.

During this time, you can meet our teachers and students and see the difference Catholic Schools make.



ORGANIZATIONS & SOCIETIES

~ ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ~

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BOY'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

On Friday nights in January, February and March, the AA is hosting a seventh and eighth grade boy's basketball league that will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. There is no game scheduled for Friday, February 16. Instead, everyone is encouraged to attend the annual HNS Fish Fry, which starts at 4:30 p.m.

FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BOY'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

On Saturday afternoons in January, February and March, the AA is hosting a fifth and sixth grade boy's basketball league that will take place from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

~ HOLY NAME SOCIETY ~

WELCOMING IN THE NEW YEAR!

The officers of the HNS wish a happy and holy New Year to all of our members, parishioners, friends and family.

MONTHLY CORPORATE MASS

We will meet on January 14, February 11 and March 11 to pray the Rosary at 8:30 a.m. and celebrate 9 a.m. Mass. After Mass, everyone is invited to breakfast at the SSK School cafeteria.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Our monthly meetings will occur on January 15, February 12 and March 12. All meetings begin at 7 p.m. and refreshments are provided.

MONTHLY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

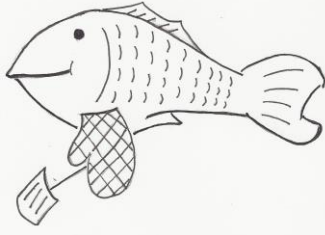
A bus trip to Atlantic City will take place on the first Thursday of each month. The bus leaves the SSK parking lot at 11 a.m. To reserve your seat, call Roman at 732-254-5352. (See calendar for dates)

NEW YEAR'S DAY 50/50 RAFFLE

The drawing for the New Year's Day Raffle will be on January 1 at 1 p.m.

ANNUAL FISH FRY

We invite all parishioners to come and enjoy our annual fish fry on Friday, February 16 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Take-out orders will be available. Look for additional information about this event in an upcoming bulletin or on the Parish Web site.



EUCKARIST ADORATION

On the first Friday of January, February and March the adoration hour takes place from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish in South Amboy. If you prefer, there is also an adoration hour that takes place at Saint Bartholomew Church on Ryders Lane in East Brunswick.

~ PRAYER GROUP ~

Our prayer group meets at 7:00 p.m. In the Saint Theresa Chapel on the first and third Tuesday in January, February and March.

***Special Intentions for the
"St. Stanislaus Kostka Prayer Group"***

Please pray for: _____

Please deposit prayer intentions in collection basket or designated box in the church lobby.

~ HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION ~

THANK YOU

The HSA thanks everyone who donated to, volunteered at, or attended our recent fundraising events; including our Coach Bingo and Christmas Bazaar. Without your support and generosity, these fundraising events would not be possible or successful. All of our efforts benefit our students and School.

SUPER SUNDAY CALENDAR RAFFLE

There is still time to purchase your raffle ticket. We are selling calendar raffle tickets at a cost of \$20 each. The tickets are being sold in our parish office and before and after Masses in the church lobby. A winner will be selected every Sunday from January through June 2018. Each raffle winner will receive a prize of \$100. The first drawing will be on Sunday, January 7.



GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY FUNDRAISER

The HSA is selling delicious Gertrude Hawk Candy for Easter. The sale begins in early February and candy will be delivered in time for the holiday. Gertrude Hawk has chocolate gifts and treats for every occasion. If you are interested in obtaining a catalog or placing an order, please contact Amy Huff at 732-425-0005.

WINE AND BEER TASTING

We have started planning for another wine and beer tasting event that will take place at the end of April. There will be more details about the event in an upcoming Church bulletin.

~ **ROSARY-ALTAR SOCIETY** ~

ROSARY AND MASS

On January 7, February 4 and March 4, we meet to pray the Rosary at 8:35 a.m. and attend Mass at 9 a.m. Our monthly meeting will only take place on February 4 and March 4.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual RAS party is on January 7 at 2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Washington Road in Parlin. The price for a ticket is \$25.

Flyers are available in the main lobby and the elevator lobby of the church. Family and friends are welcome to attend. Please put your payment in an envelope and place it in the collection baskets during Mass.

NIGHT WATCH

We will participate at Night Watch on Holy Thursday (March 29) at 8 p.m., which follows 7 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. We will also participate at Adoration on Good Friday (March 30) at 2 p.m., which precedes the 3 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

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The abbreviations that are used in our newsletter are listed below.

AA – Athletic Association

HNS – Holy Name Society

HSA – Home School Association

RAS – Rosary-Altar Society

SSK – Saint Stanislaus Kostka

COMIC STRIP



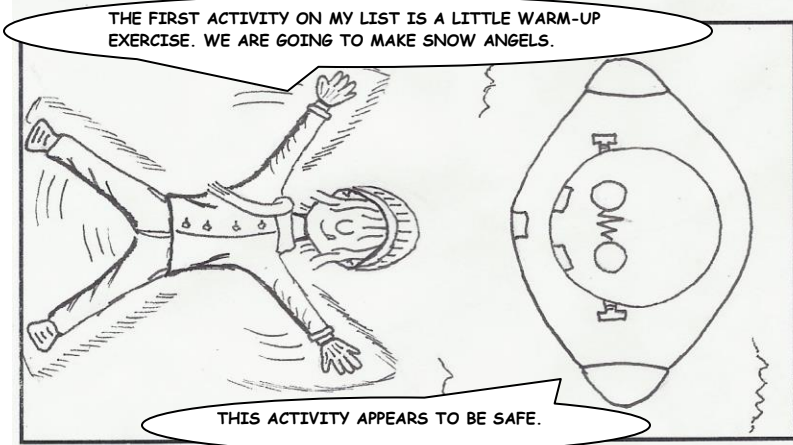
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WITH THE FIRST SNOWFALL, IT'S TIME TO GET DOWN TO BUSINESS AND COMPLETE MY LIST OF ACTIVITIES.

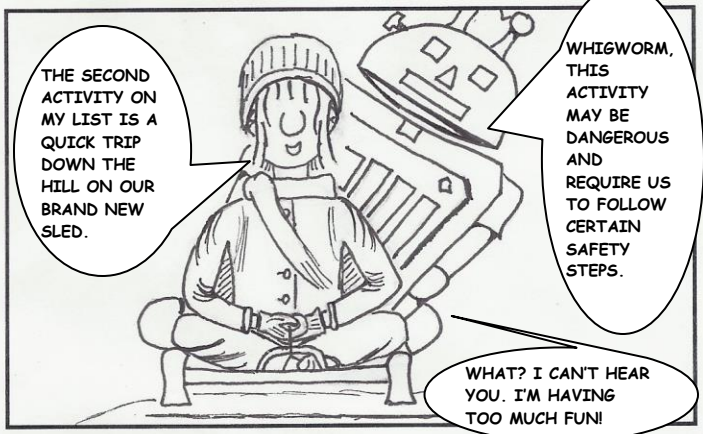
WILL WE BE FOLLOWING SAFETY STEPS WITH THESE ACTIVITIES, WHIGWORM?

OF COURSE, P3000. SAFETY RULE NUMBER ONE, DON'T FORGET TO HAVE FUN.



THE FIRST ACTIVITY ON MY LIST IS A LITTLE WARM-UP EXERCISE. WE ARE GOING TO MAKE SNOW ANGELS.

THIS ACTIVITY APPEARS TO BE SAFE.



THE SECOND ACTIVITY ON MY LIST IS A QUICK TRIP DOWN THE HILL ON OUR BRAND NEW SLED.

WHIGWORM, THIS ACTIVITY MAY BE DANGEROUS AND REQUIRE US TO FOLLOW CERTAIN SAFETY STEPS.

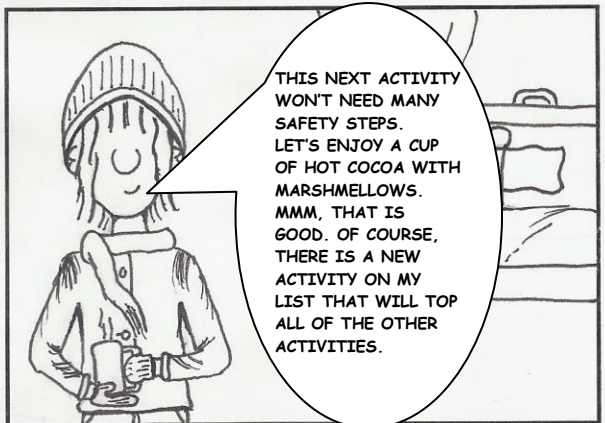
WHAT? I CAN'T HEAR YOU. I'M HAVING TOO MUCH FUN!



THE THIRD ACTIVITY ON MY LIST IS TO BUILD A SNOW FORT. WITH THAT FLAG ON TOP, THIS SNOW FORT WILL BE AWESOME!

WHY MAKE A FORT OUT OF SNOW IF IT WILL MELT?

FOR FUN.



THIS NEXT ACTIVITY WON'T NEED MANY SAFETY STEPS. LET'S ENJOY A CUP OF HOT COCOA WITH MARSHMELLOWS. MMM, THAT IS GOOD. OF COURSE, THERE IS A NEW ACTIVITY ON MY LIST THAT WILL TOP ALL OF THE OTHER ACTIVITIES.



MERRY CHRISTMAS, HOLLY.

THAT IS SO SWEET. THANK YOU, WHIGWORM. BUT CHRISTMAS ISN'T UNTIL NEXT WEEK.

I COULDN'T WAIT TO GIVE YOU THE GIFT. AND TODAY IS A PERFECT DAY.



DO YOU LIKE YOUR NEW HAT?

LIKE IT? I LOVE IT. YOU MAY BE A WEIRDO, BUT YOU'RE MY WEIRDO.

OH, BOY.