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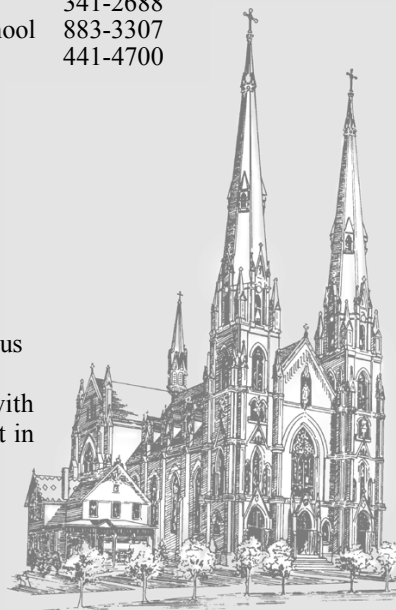
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Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus

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Send an e-mail to the parish, with the person you wish to contact in the subject line.

The artist's sketch on the right depicts the original building with the spires. Corner Stone laid in 1886, church dedicated in 1891.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses: 7:00 AM & 8:30 AM (no 7:00 on Sat.)
Sunday Vigil: Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday English Masses: 8:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Sunday Polish Mass: 10:00 AM
Holy Day English: Refer to Schedule
Holy Day Polish: 5:30 PM
National Holidays: 9:00 AM

DEVOTIONS

Daily Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (exc. Sunday)
Saint Anthony Novena Tuesdays after Mass
Rosary for Life Tuesdays and Fridays after 8:30 Mass
Avilas prayer for vocations, second Monday of the month

OFFICE HOURS

The parish office is open from Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ordinarily on Sundays at 1:00 PM. Alternate times must be arranged with a parish priest. Pre-Baptism instructions are necessary in advance.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

All arrangements must be made with one of the priests of the parish six months in advance.

GODPARENT AND SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Those who wish to be sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must be registered and practicing members of the Catholic Church. If you attend St. Stanislaus but you are not registered, please contact the parish office so that you can be listed as a parishioner here.

INQUIRY CLASSES

(R.C.I.A.): Contact any member of the Pastoral Team.

CHURCH HOURS

Church is open daily 30 minutes before and after all Masses. For tours or private prayer call the rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 19 *Grudnia* 2010

Sat 5:00 PM + Henry & Margaret Kotarski
Sun 8:30 AM + Witold & Aleksandra Citko
10:00AM Sp. Int. Parishioners
11:30 AM + Hayden & Donna Mabe
Mon December 20 Late Advent Weekday
7:00 AM + Vera Bartunek
8:30 AM + Józef Nisiewicz
Tue December 21 Late Advent Weekday
7:00 AM + Stanley & Mildred Bolta
8:30 AM + Hattie Tokar
Wed December 22 Late Advent Weekday
7:00 AM + Ted Leciejewski
8:30 AM + Frank Kaminski
Thu December 23 Late Advent Weekday
7:00 AM + Colin Boland
8:30 AM + Helen Ann Cendrowski
Fri December 24 Late Advent Weekday
8:30 AM + Helen Markiewicz

CHRISTMAS EVE / *Wigilja Bożego Narodzenia*

5:00 PM + Jan Jarmuziewicz

MIDNIGHT Sp. Int. Parishioners

Sat December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY / *Bożego Narodzenia*
8:30 AM + Br. Fidelis OFM
10:00 AM + Sandra Wintrich
11:30 AM + Eddie Racut

THE HOLY FAMILY

December 26 *Grudnia* 2010

Sat NO 5 PM VIGIL MASS

Sun 8:30 AM + Richard Modlinski
10:00 AM + Jan Boć
11:30 AM + George Sheba

1:00 PM Baptism Noelle Theresa Cenna, Matthew Jameson Cenna



*We pray for the souls of
All the faithful departed.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them!*



Bread and Wine Offering for December:
"In Thanksgiving for all the living and deceased members of
St. Hyacinth Parish"

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sun 10:00 AM R.C.I.A., rectory.
3:00 PM Godzinki
6:00 PM Vespers, Church Decorating begins
Wed 8:00 PM A.A. & Al-Anon, in Social Center.
7:00 PM Communal Penance/Spowiedzi
Fri Christmas Eve (rectory offices closed)
Sat Christmas Day (*Wesołych świąt Bożego Narodzenia!*)
NO VIGIL MASS AT 5 PM
Sun Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth
All Masses **SECOND COLLECTION** for St. Vincent DePaul
Mon—Fri Daily Mass at 8:30 AM ONLY
Sat 10:30 AM Bi-Lingual Mass for the New Year



**COME TO
GODZINKI
AND VESPERS
ON SUNDAYS IN
ADVENT!**

St. Hyacinth

Our latest 'saint in residence' has been here barely a week and, yet, it has been amazing how many people have been asking questions about him, particularly of the two items he is shown carrying. Well, I'll get to that, but first would like to give you a little information about the man as well.

St. Hyacinth was born in 1185 in Silesian Poland, slightly more than 100 years after the martyrdom of St. Stanislaus. In 1220 he became one of the first friars to receive the habit of the newly established Order of Friars Preachers from the hands of St. Dominic himself. Subsequently Hyacinth traveled about much of Central and Eastern Europe doing missionary work and founding new communities. His work took him to places as distant as Denmark and Kiev! It was in the latter city where we discover the meaning behind the two items he is clutching in his arms.

While saying Mass one day in Kiev it so happened that the city had come under siege from the Tartars. Upon completing the Mass Hyacinth began to flee the church along with the Blessed Sacrament in one hand. It was at that point that he heard a voice calling him—a voice coming from the statue of Mary! She wanted Hyacinth to save her from the Tartar onslaught as well! Hyacinth turned back and rescued the figure of Mary holding Jesus in his other arm. As the broadcaster Paul Harvey would say: "*And that's the rest of the story!*"

As Hyacinth moved on in years he spent his final days in the city of Kraków at one of the convents which he had founded. He died there in 1257, just four years after the canonization of our St. Stanislaus. His relics are enshrined in the Dominican Church of the Most Holy Trinity in Kraków up a long flight of steps alongside the sanctuary.

In the near future, once the corbel is completed and securely installed on the wall adjacent to the altar of Mary and the two 'Queen' saints, St. Hyacinth will have his place of permanent residence within our church. Directly across from him will be the shrine dedicated to the Infant of Prague, the statue which came to us from Goosetown's Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. That shrine, funded by an anonymous donor, will be quite a bit more elaborate, keeping in line with the gothic woodwork carvings throughout the church.

Both religious items are most welcomed into our midst as they serve as inspirations to many who have private devotions to them. During this holy season, may they bring special blessings to all who hold them close to their hearts.

David Krakowski



SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Holy Family Sunday, December 26 Grudnia, 2010

Sun 8:30 AM Lector – Ron Zeszut
Euch. Min. — C. Luboski & Alicja Klafczyńska, N. Kobylinski & R. Tegowski
10:00 AM Lector— Mieczysław Garncarek
Euch. Min. — M. Śladewska, A. Jankowska, E. Ejsmont, W. Sztalkoper
11:30 AM Lector—William Bobowicz
Euch Min.— Frank Greczanik & Terry Kopania, Angela Revay & Lar Wilks

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Sunday's Collection	
5:00 PM	\$ 1,239.80
8:30AM.....	1,472.00
10:00 AM	963.00
11:30 AM	972.30
<u>Mailed In</u>	<u>2,433.40</u>
Total	7,080.50

**Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel which means 'God with us.'
*Oto Dziewica pocznie i Syna porodzi, któremu nadadzą imię Emmanuel, to znaczy 'Bóg z nami'.***



What are you building?

An architect worked many years in a construction company. One day the president and his board of directors called him in for a meeting. They said to him, "You have been a very loyal and faithful employee of our company. We want you to perform a special task." "What is the task?" asks the architect. We want you to

pick out the best section of town and build the most beautiful house. Hire the best workers you can find; use the best materials you can purchase, spare no expense."

So, the man goes out and hires the best of workers, purchases the best of materials. He begins the project and sees that all is going well. Then one day, as he looks at the progress of the house being built, he says to himself, "What a waste. I'm going to get rid of some of the workers, and buy inferior quality of materials, use the money saved for my own purposes."

Finally, the house was completed. It looked very beautiful on the outside. The president and his board came to look at the beautiful house. Then, the president spoke up and said "We are very grateful to you for all your hard work throughout all these years with the company. We all appreciate your work, and so, we decided to present this house as our gift to you!"

Greed and dishonesty always come back to haunt us and destroy us. What kind of life have we been building here on earth. Any shortcuts we take will be discovered in the "mansion" that we are building for ourselves in heaven. As Jesus once said, "What you sow is what you reap."

A similar situation is often times mentioned. A man dies and arrives at the gates of heaven. St. Peter comes out to greet him and take him to the place where he will reside forever in heaven.

Peter drives this man towards his home; he passes through the palatial section of heaven, and continues beyond. He drives beyond the suburbs and finally arrives at a house—small and simple. "That's your house, sir." To which the man replied, "There must be some mistake; I deserve something much better." "That's true," said Peter, "but we could only build your house with the materials you sent up here."

As we reflect on today's scripture readings we see that those who are "favored" by God accepted, even with doubts, the task that God entrusted to them. The prophets suffered a lot; Moses and Abraham accepted the challenge even if it didn't make sense to them. But they sent up the materials of faith, obedience, love and loyalty with which to build their eternal mansion in heaven.

Mary had her doubts, but she trusted in the Lord. She was looked upon as a young maiden, pregnant, without a husband. Joseph was betrothed to her—the first stage leading toward marriage, when he finds out that she is pregnant and that he is not the father. Both Mary and Joseph did not refuse the invitation of God to not only bring forth a child, but to help fulfill the plan of salvation whereby we are all given life through the death and resurrection of this child, Jesus, Emmanuel, "God is with us." Am I building the kingdom of God here on earth? Or am I cheating on the time, workmanship and materials? If not, I shouldn't complain about the poor quality of life within our society in today's world. Let's get to work!!

Fr. Len

„Ja jestem Niepokalane Poczęcie”

Św. Maksymilian zastanawiał się nad słowami Maryi, które Ona wypowiedziała do Bernadetty w Lourdes: Jestem Niepokalane Poczęcie. Ta nazwa czy tytuł nawiązuje do Boga, bowiem jest czymś absolutnym. Maryja nie mówi, „Jestem poczęta niepokalanie”, ale „jestem Niepokalane Poczęcie”. Św. Maksymilian zastanawiał się, co to znaczy? I często sobie zadawał pytanie: „Kim jesteś, o Niepokalane Poczęcie?”



Oto fragmenty jego ostatniej konferencji, której nigdy nie wygłosił. Spisał ją na kilka godzin przed drugim i ostatecznym uwieszeniem w Oświęcimiu, z którego już nie wyszedł.

Kim jesteś, o Niepokalane Poczęcie? Nie Bogiem, bo ten początku nie ma, ani aniołem stworzonym bezpośrednio z niczego, nie Adamem ulepionym z mułu ziemi, nie Ewą wziętą z Adama, ani też wcielonym Słowem, które od wieków już istniało i raczej poczętym, niż poczęciem jest. (...)

Cokolwiek poza Bogiem, ponieważ od Boga jest i to całkowicie pod każdym względem od Boga, nosi na sobie i w sobie podobieństwo Stwórcy i nie ma nic w stworzeniu, co by tego podobieństwa nie miało, gdyż wszystko jest skutkiem tej pierwszej przyczyny. (...)

Kim Ojciec? Co stanowi Jego istotę? Rodzenie, bo rodzi Syna od wieków na wieki, zawsze rodzi Syna. Kim Syn? Rodzonym, bo zawsze i od wieków rodzony przez Ojca. A kim Duch? Owocem miłości Ojca i Syna, Owocem miłości stworzonej - to poczęcie stworzone. Owocem zaś miłości, pierwowzoru tej miłości stworzonej, toteż nic innego, jak tylko poczęcie. Duch więc - to poczęcie niestworzone, przedwieczne, pierwowzór poczęcia życia we wszechświecie.

Ojciec więc rodzi, Syn jest rodzony, Duch jest poczynany - i to jest ich istota, którą się różnią nawzajem. Jednoczy zaś Ich ta sama natura: Boskie istnienie istotne. Duch więc - to poczęcie przenajświętsze, nieskończenie święte, niepokalane.

I Niepokalana w Lourdes nie zowie się już niepokalanie poczęta, ale jak opowiada sama święta Bernadeta: „Pani stała wówczas nad krzewem dzikiej róży w takiej samej pozycji, w jakiej ukazują się na Cudownym Medaliku. Na moje trzecie pytanie twarz Jej nabrała poważnego wyrazu, a zarazem głębokiej pokory... Składając dłonie jak do modlitwy, uniosła je w górę na wysokość piersi... spojrzała w niebo... po czym powoli rozkładając ręce i pochylając się ku mnie, rzekła głosem, w którym wyczuwało się lekkie drżenie: 'JAM JEST NIEPOKALANE POCZĘCIE'". (...)

Jeżeli w stworzeniach oblubienica otrzymuje nazwę oblubienica dlatego, że do niego należy, z nim się jednoczy, do niego upodabnia i staje się w zjednoczeniu z nim czynnikiem twórczym życia, o ile bardziej nazwa Ducha Przenajświętszego - Poczęcie Niepokalane - jest nazwą Tej, w której On żyje miłością płodną w całym porządku nadprzyrodzonym. Niepokalana bez najmniejszej zmały grzechu, arcydzieło rąk Bożych, łaski pełna.

Maryja mówi o sobie „Niepokalane Poczęcie”, ponieważ jest Oblubienicą Tego, który jest wiecznym Poczęciem Niepokalanym.

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Shrine Church of ST. STANISLAUS

CONFESSIONS WEDNESDAY

Nine priests will be available for confessions this week Wednesday at 7:00 PM, in Polish and English.

SPOWIEDZ

Spowiedź przedświąteczna będzie miała miejsce we środę, 22 grudnia o godz. 7:00 wieczorem.

PASTORAL VISITS

The friars of the parish are always ready and happy to visit parishioners while they are in the hospital, residing in a nursing home or rehab center, or confined to their homes. We already have a large list of people we visit on a regular basis. However, sometimes there are people who would like a visit, but nobody contacts the rectory to let us know. **Please remember: Hospitals are not allowed to tell us who is there as a patient.** If you have a family member or friend who would like to be visited by one of the friars, either in the hospital, nursing home, or their own home, please call the rectory.

WIZYTY DUSZPASTERSKIE W SZPITALACH

Bracia pracujący przy parafii zawsze są gotowi i chętnie odwiedzają parafian, gdy są w szpitalu lub przebywają w domu opieki lub ośrodka rehabilitacyjnym, czy też nie wychodzą z domów. Mamy już długą listę osób, które odwiedzamy regularnie. Czasami jednak są ludzie, którzy chcieliby odwiedzin, ale nikt nie przekazuje nam informacji o tym. Proszę pamiętać: Szpitale nie mogą powiadamiać nas, kto jest tam jako pacjent. Jeśli masz członka rodziny lub znajomego, którzy chcieliby być odwiedzani przez jednego z braci, czy to w szpitalu, w domu opieki lub domu własnym, proszę dzwonić na plebanie.



HALLOWEEN OR CHRISTMAS?

It was hard telling last week as the teachers held a competition to dress up for Christmas. Fr. Len and Br. Justin were the judges and were torn over who would win First Place, so they gave the prize to two: Mrs. Connelly (above) dressed up as a Christmas package, and Mrs. Irizarry (below) was the ghost of Morley from Dicken's *A Christmas Carol*. Both received Appleby's gift cards for their prizes.



DON'T FORGET YOUR MANNA CARDS

OPLATKI

The traditional Christmas Eve wafer known as *opłatki* is now available after all Masses in the vestibule of the church. Sr. Marietta will be there asking for a donation of at least \$2.00 for a packet of 4 wafers. They will also be available, **while supplies last**, at the rectory.



Parishioner Ben S. Stefanski II is beaming as he stands next to Polish President Bronisław Komorowski, who bestowed upon Ben the Knights Cross of Merit of the Republic of Poland. This is the highest award given by the Polish state to a non-citizen. President Komorowski was in the United States for official visits with President Obama, and he had a chance to visit one other U.S. city. His advisors told him the place to be is Cleveland! We are proud of Ben and grateful for all his work for Polonia and our community.

BREAD AND WINE OFFERING

Parishioners and friends are invited to share in daily Mass in a special way by donating the bread and wine used at the altar for an entire month. The donor can dedicate the donation in memory of someone, or for some special intention. The dedication will appear in the bulletin each week of the donated month. Call the rectory if you would like to make a dedication for a given month.

NOTE: The month of January is still available!

Zapraszamy parafian i przyjaciół do udziału w Ofierze codziennej Mszy św. w szczególny sposób poprzez ofiarowanie chleba i wina dla używanego w czasie Mszy św. w ciągu całego miesiąca. Ofiarodawca może uczynić to dla uczczenia dowolnej osoby, czy też w innej szczególnej intencji. Intencja ukaże się w biuletynie. Prosimy o telefon, jeśli chcesz uczynić taką donację.

INFANTS / TODDLERS OF SLAVIC VILLAGE

Like the Little Drummer Boy, are you contemplating what would be a fitting gift for our Lord on His birthday? Consider donating warm clothing, baby blankets, baby food, for HIS children....fill the baskets in the vestibule! Certainly that would be music to His ears! When you are shopping for food for yourself or your family, can you buy **JUST ONE EXTRA** item for a poor child in our neighborhood?

Your donations also entitle you to enter the drawing that will take place on January 9th for a \$25 gift card to Chuppa's Market. **BLESSED HOLIDAYS TO ALL!**

By the way, in case you are looking for a piece of pie hit up Sue Halamek....she was the winner of November's drawing!!!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Dec. 22, 7 PM
Communal Penance Service/*Spowiedzi*
(English and Polish)

Friday, Dec. 24, 5 PM
Children's/Family Christmas Eve Liturgy

Friday, Dec. 24th, 11:30 PM
Christmas Music followed by Midnight Mass/*Pasterka*

Saturday, Dec. 25th, Christmas
8:30 AM, 10 AM (Polish) and 11:30 AM Masses
NO 5 PM VIGIL MASS

Sunday, Dec. 26th, Holy Family
8:30 AM, 10 AM (Polish) and 11:30 AM

Monday, Dec. 27 –Friday, Dec. 31
8:30 AM Daily Mass ONLY

Saturday, January 1, Mary, Mother of God
10:30 AM Parish Bi-Lingual Mass
5 PM VIGIL MASS

Sunday, January 2, Epiphany
8:30 AM, 10 AM (Polish) and 11:30 AM*
*Special Epiphany Mass with Brass and Tympani



**LOCALLY PRODUCED
POLISH CHRISTMAS CAROL CD**

Are you still looking for something to stuff in your friends' Christmas stockings? Why not pick up a newly issued CD of Polish Christmas Carols produced right here in Slavic Village? The CD "*Idę śpiewając Bogu*" features children's voices from the various Cleveland Polish parishes sharing their talents and voices to promote unity and peace between us all. It's a very sweet performance which you will love! The CD sells for \$15, most proceeds coming back directly to our own church. Please check them out and share in the spirit of Christmas by sharing the joy of these beautiful songs.

Czy nadal szukasz czegoś na prezent z okazji Bożego Narodzenia dla swoich przyjaciół czy znajomych? Jeżeli tak, to mamy jeszcze jedną ciekawą propozycję: dysk CD z polskimi kolędami „Idę śpiewając Bogu” w wykonaniu dzieci z polskich parafii w Cleveland. CD kosztuje 15 dolarów. Dochód wraca bezpośrednio do naszego kościoła. Zachęcamy do kupna. I niech te kolędy w wykonaniu dziecięcych głosów pomogą nam w duchowym przeżyciu Bożego Narodzenia.

ST. STANS HISTORICAL FACT by Rob Jagelewski. In many of our pews there are hat clips with nameplates. Some of these nameplates have family names on them, some may be faded, and some have no names at all. These hat clips demarked where a family would sit for the High Mass. The family would pay a quarterly fee to sit in that spot for the High Mass. There were no weekly envelopes for collections in the early years of our parish. Pastors and their associates made house visits to parishioners' homes for a collection, and they also had the pew fee for the High Mass. This is the same principle as sports teams now use for season tickets or personal seat licenses. In 1861 Bishop Amadeus Rappe, the first Bishop of Cleveland, added an entrance fee at the church door for the High Mass. It was hoped that, with the constant coming and going of transient church goers, everyone would have the opportunity to contribute. The third Provincial Council in Cincinnati approved of this measure. The idea was not liked and the decision was referred to the Vatican. Bishop Rappe explained the case to the Holy Father, Pope Pius IX, and it was permitted for a time because of great financial needs.



The choirs from Trinity High School performed their annual Christmas concert at Saint Stanislaus last week Tuesday. The crowd of proud parents and friends were uplifted by the amazing sound coming from these talented young people.

A PILGRIMAGE FOR VETERANS

A special pilgrimage for Veterans to the land of St. Francis of Assisi is being offered through Franciscan pilgrimage programs. If you are interested in more details or know someone who might be please check out the web site:

www.FranciscanPilgrimages.com
...or call the rectory for more info.