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Twenty-seventh Sunday in ORDINARY TIME
October 4, 2026
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Mass Intention for this Sunday is available. If you have your own, please see Fr. Paul before the Mass.

What Fruit Are We Bearing?

Today Jesus tells us about a vineyard lovingly prepared by its owner. Everything is provided, yet the some of the tenants forget that the vineyard does not belong to them. They want the harvest for themselves.

We, too, can forget that all we have is a gift: our families, our work, our talents, our time, and even our faith. God entrusts these gifts to us and asks that they bear good fruit.

What kind of fruit is growing in my life? Is there patience when someone gets on my nerves? Kindness when I am tired? Forgiveness when I have been hurt? Generosity when I would rather keep something for myself? – God does not simply ask us to admire His vineyard. He asks us to care for it and produce fruit.

This week, let us ask: ***"Lord, what fruit are You asking me to bear today?"*** And may our ordinary acts of love, kind, patience become a harvest pleasing to Him. *- Fr. Paul*

We are Catholic community *called to serve God and others through Eucharist, prayer, education, and daily living of the Gospel values.* ***Everyone is always welcome to worship with us*** *in our beautiful church. It is* ***a house of prayer for all****, who with sincere heart desire to praise the only God, our Father in heaven.*

For those who are new to our church (and even those who aren't!) To follow along with the **Mass, begin on page 63 in the Mass booklet.** Father will announce which page to turn to for the Canon at the appropriate time.

Reception of the Holy Eucharist - Baptized Christians who **believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist and are in a state of grace**, free from mortal sin, are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament with us. – If you are unable to receive the Precious Blood, please alert Father before Mass so that he is aware of the situation. If you would like to receive only a blessing from Father instead of Communion, come to the altar rail with your arms crossed, palms on shoulders. **Come and let us be one with our Lord.**

Can't get to Mass? The National Cathedral in Scranton and the Eastern Diocesan Cathedral have YouTube channels to which you can subscribe. Both channels archive the weekly Mass for later viewing. So, if you're away from home, or shut-in at home, you can still see a Mass from our Church. Check them out – https://www.youtube.com/@ststanislauscathedral or https://www.youtube.com/@bishoppaulsobiechowski9743

Want to request a Mass? Please contact Fr. Paul or call the rectory at (203) 729-4035. **Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living.** You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin. **We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.**

Please remember in your prayer those who are suffering, sick or confined at home, hospitals and nursing homes, especially our parishioners and friends: **Bp. Paul Sobiechowski**, **Fr. Henry Smilonski**, **Sarah Squezello**, **Logan**, **Debbie** & **Emil Caruso**, **Diane Szczesiul, Aiden Klein** and **John Huggins.**

Pastoral Care Visit. The two great Sacraments: Eucharist & Holy Anointing may be a source of grace and health for a sick person. So, if you are confined at home or have a family member at hospital or nursing home unable to take part in Sunday Mass and Sacraments, please notify the father to set the day and time for pastoral visit.

In emergency call directly Fr. Paul @ 475-208-4455.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

➡ ***'TASTE of POLAND'*** *returns and will be held this month on* ***Saturday, October 28th,*** *between* ***11:00AM-2:30PM****. The smell of Polish food is in the air once again. This is an opportunity for all to enjoy the taste of delicious Polish food.* ***Please advertise this event*** *among your friends, relatives and neighbors and* ***bring them to our food festival****!*

➡ ***We are collecting raffle prices for 'Taste of Poland'. If you could please bring any donation to the church hall by Sunday, October 11th,*** *it would be greatly appreciated. This will give us time to arrange the raffle tables. If you have any* ***questions, please contact Rory Carlson or Janet Tropeano****. Big thanks in advance for all your generosity.*

➡ *We are also collecting* ***donations for lottery tickets this Sunday and next one, October 11th****. Either* ***ticket*** *or* ***cash donation, if you prefer****, would be very appreciated. Thank you.*

➡ ***Quarter Night – Saturday, November 14th****. We are starting to collect items for this fundraiser event.* ***We need to collect 100-120 items*** *as it was in past years. All items must be unused, in original condition, preferably packaged and clean. Thank you.*

➡ ***Gift Card Raffle*** *– The 2nd edition of this lottery has come to an end. Thank you, Janet, for coordinating this event again this year!*
Last week's winners: (September 27th – October 1st): 27th – Charles V., Stratford CT; 28th – Jill B., Waterbury CT; 29th – Elizabeth S., Naugatuck CT; 30th – Ken K., Bridgeport CT., Oct 1st – Lorraine Z., Waterbury CT.

➡ ***"Wine of the Month" raffle. The draw will take place today.*** *Tickets are still available,* ***$2 each****, or* ***3 for $5****, and are on sale during coffee hour each Sunday. We thank Ken Krasko for donating a bottle of his excellent homemade wine to this raffle every month.*

➡ ***Heating of our church in Winter****. With the heating season approaching, we are beginning - as in previous years - to raise funds for this purpose. This is a FREE WILL donation.* ***Our goal this year is to raise at least $8,000****, because the price of oil is significantly higher compared to previous years. Specially designed envelopes are available in the church vestibule.* ***THANK YOU!***

THIS MONTH BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATE:

Donna Warner *– October 12;*
Nancy Mariano *– October 13;*

We Have a New Bishop

Father Senior Charles Zawistowski, a former Pastor of St. Mary Parish in South Bend, Indiana, since 1994, **was elected bishop during the 27th General Synod of tour PNCC**, held last week.

He was ordained in 1989 at All Saints Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois and served there as an assistant for nearly 5 years. He is the first third generation priest of the PNCC. His father, the late Bishop Joseph C. Zawistowski served the Church for 53 years and his grandfather, the late Very Rev. Joseph L. Zawistowski served the Church for 52 years. He was active in the community and was an organizer of the Oliver Gateway Neighborhood Association, established by the parish for the benefit of the neighborhood.

In addition, he serves as chair of the diocesan School of Christian Living commission, a member of the Diocesan Council, chair of the diocesan Diaconate commission, an instructor in the diocesan deacon formation program, chair of the National School of Christian Living commission, a member of the Polish National Catholic/Roman Catholic Dialogue team, a member of the Supreme Council. In 2023, he was appointed Administrator of the Western Diocese by Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky and continues to serve in this office to this day.

The consecration of the newly elected Bishop Charles Zawistowski will take place on Wednesday, October 28th, at 2:00 PM at St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Our Eastern Diocese newsletter, ***'The Messenger'*** is available on the diocesan website. Please find the link to the latest issue (and archived issue) at the following address: Newsletters - Eastern

If you feel that you have experienced in some ways God's blessing in your life, maybe it is important to share with others what you have received from Him. - In your generosity, please consider a donation or bequest to Holy Saviour Parish.
Thank you. May God continue His blessing upon you. -