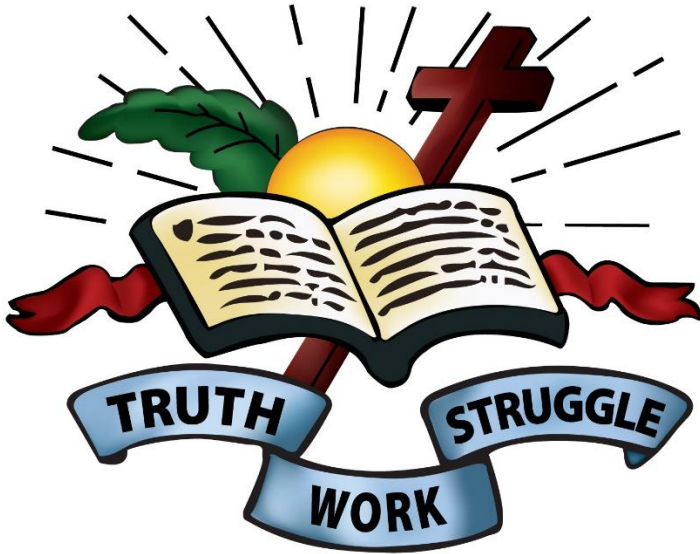


**Solemnity
of
St. Joseph
Spouse of the BVM**



**Ordination
to the
Sub-Diaconate
and
Diaconate**

**St. Stanislaus Cathedral
Scranton, PA
March 19, 2026**

Celebrant

Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky
Prime Bishop – PNCC
Rector – Savonarola Theological Seminary

Archdeacon

Rev. James Konicki

To Receive Ordination

Cleric David Dudzinski
Cleric Todd Godwin
Cleric Jon Johnson
Cleric Joel Smith

Masters of Ceremony

Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich, Jr.
Rev. Sean Dodd

Pastor of St. Stanislaus Cathedral

Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki

Vice Rector of Savonarola Seminary

Very Rev. Zbigniew Dawid

Processional Hymn

Blessed Is He Who – PNCC Hymnal #196

Blessed is he who trusts in God Almighty,
And he who hopes in God's most gracious mercy.
He shall acknowledge: God is my protector.
In life's dark journey, (I shall fear no danger.)

From all the pow'rs of evil God shall save him.
Of nature's forces he shall ne'er fall victim.
Under the pinions of the Lord Almighty,
In God's protection, (he shall dwell in safety.)

God's mighty strength shall be his shield and buckler,
And shall protect him from all nightly danger.
Thousands shall fall, yet he shall walk without fear.
Kept from the arrows (of the foe that is near.)

Hear what the Lord says: "Who in truth shall love Me,
And who shall follow all that I have asked thee,
He shall be blessed, and shall find salvation,
And dwell forever (safe in My protection.)"

For God shall charge His angels to uplift him,
And shall command them ever to protect him.
They shall uphold him, lest he fall in danger,
And they shall keep him (in their care forever.)

Savior we heed Thy wondrous invitation,
And we accept the strength of Thy protection.
Lord, in Thy mercy, keep us safe forever,
And in life's journey, (Lord, forsake us never!)

The Hymn of Faith

PNCC Hymnal #1

To Thee we come, O Lord, our God,
Before Thine altar, Father.
Thou knowest best our yearning hearts;
This supplication answer.
Lift up from want Thy people, Lord,
Bless us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

Under Thy cross we stand prepared,
To serve Thee with devotion;
Be it with sweat, of blood, or tears,
Or humble resignation.
For we Thy people are, O Lord,
Save us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

ENTRANCE HYMN

(Luke 12:42b, 43)

- V.** And the Lord replied, “Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants.”
- R.** **Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so.**
- V.** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
- R.** **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE KYRIE

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| C. Lord, have mercy. | R. Lord, have mercy. |
| C. Christ, have mercy. | R. Christ, have mercy. |
| C. Lord, have mercy. | R. Lord, have mercy. |

THE GLORIA

THE OPENING PRAYER

B. Let us pray. Almighty Father, You entrusted our Savior to the care of Saint Joseph. By the help of his prayers may Your Church continue to serve her Lord. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE ORDINATION OF SUBDEACONS

The Archdeacon, facing the candidates, says

A. Let all those who are to be ordained Subdeacons come forward. They are Cleric David Dudzinski, Cleric Todd Godwin, Cleric Jon Johnson and Cleric Joel Smith.

Each candidate responds

R. Present

The Bishop addresses the candidates standing before them, saying:

B. Dear brothers, you are about to receive the Order of Subdeacon. Consider well the obligation which will come upon you from the moment you receive the ordination. For as yet, you are free and may, if you please, remain in the secular state. However, if you accept the Order of Subdeacon, you will be obligated to serve God exclusively and with His help lead a chaste life and dedicate Your work continually in service to the Church. Therefore, while there is yet time, reflect, and if you feel that you can fulfill the obligations of the clerical state, then in the name of God come forward.

The subdeacon candidates then come forward and kneel before the Bishop, who addresses them, saying:

B. Dear brothers, the duty of the Subdeacon is to prepare wine and water required for the Holy Sacrifice, to keep clean the vessels and articles used during Holy Mass, such as, the chalice, paten, pall, corporals, purificators, finger towels and altar linens. Remember that all articles designated for use during the Holy Sacrifice have a symbolic meaning relating to Jesus Christ, Who is the true altar of His Church. Therefore, let your actions be an expression of your living faith. If to the present time you were negligent with respect to the Church, become zealous; if languid, be on the alert; if intemperate, be sober; if devoted to the world and to the senses, arise to the life of the spirit. This you will attain with the help of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

The Bishop, handing the chalice and paten for each candidate to touch with his right hand, says:

B. Consider the importance of the obligation you are taking upon yourself. Therefore, I admonish you: fulfill it so as to please God.

The Archdeacon or assistant hands the purificator and cruets with wine and water which the candidates touch with the right hand.

The Bishop, standing and facing the people, says:

B. Let us pray to God, our Father, that he may bestow His grace and blessing ✠ on these His servants, whom He called to His service as Subdeacons, that performing their duties faithfully, they may attain eternal glory with the help of Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

The Bishop continues:

B. Let us pray. Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, we ask You to bless ✠ Your servants, whom You have called to service as Subdeacons. Bestow on them the Spirit of knowledge and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and fortitude, the Spirit of wisdom and piety. Imbue them with the Spirit of Your love and obedience to Your Commandments, that, abiding by them, they may become partakers of Your Kingdom. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

The Bishop, seated, places the amice on the candidate's head, saying:

B. Receive this head covering that symbolizes purity of speech. In the name of the Father ✠ and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy ✠ Spirit.

R. Amen.

The Bishop, placing the tunic on the candidate, says:

B. Let God clothe you in the garment of joy and gladness. In the name of the Father ✠ and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy ✠ Spirit.

R. Amen.

The Bishop, handing each candidate in turn the Book of Lessons, says:

B. Receive the Book of Lessons and have the authority to reading it in the Church of God for the intention of the living and the dead. In the name of the Father ✠ and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy ✠ Spirit.

R. Amen.

The Subdeacons now return to their places and Mass continues.

THE FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16

S. A reading from the Second Book of Samuel

The Lord spoke to Nathan and said: “Go, tell my servant David, ‘When your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. It is he who shall build a house for my name. And I will make his royal throne firm forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before Me; your throne shall stand firm forever.’”

S. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

S. The son of David will live for ever.

R. The son of David will live for ever.

S. The favors of the Lord I will sing forever;

Through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your
faithfulness.

For you have said, “My kindness is established forever.”

In heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

R. The son of David will live for ever.

S. “I have made a covenant with my chosen one,

I have sworn to David my servant:

Forever will I confirm your posterity

And establish your throne for all generations.”

R. The son of David will live for ever.

S. “He shall say of me, ‘You are my father,
My God, the Rock, my savior.’
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,
And my covenant with him stands firm.

R. The son of David will live for ever.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

S. A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Certainly the promise made to Abraham and his descendants that they would inherit the world did not depend on the law; it was made in view of the justice that comes from faith. Hence, all depends on faith, everything is a grace. Thus the promise holds true for all Abraham’s descendants, not only for those who have the law but for all who have his faith. He is father of us all, which is why Scripture says, “I have made you father of many nations.” Yes, he is our father in the sight of God in Whom he believed, the God Who restores the dead to life and calls into being those things which had not been. Hoping against hope, Abraham believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it was once told him, “Numerous as this shall your descendants be.” Thus his faith was credited to him as justice.

S. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA

Isaiah 11:1

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots
a bud shall blossom.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE ORDINATION OF DEACON

After the Bishop is seated, the Archdeacon says:

- A. Let those who are to be ordained Deacons come forward. They are Subdeacon David Dudzinski, Subdeacon Todd Godwin, Subdeacon Jon Johnson and Subdeacon Joel Smith.

Each candidate responds:

R. Present.

The Archdeacon then says:

- A. Most Rev. Father, our Mother, the Holy Catholic Church, requests that you raise these Subdeacons here present to the office of Deacon.

The Bishop then asks:

- B. Do you know whether they are worthy?

The Archdeacon replies:

- A. As far as human frailty permits, I know and I attest that they are worthy.

The Bishop replies:

- B. Thanks be to God.

The Bishop, seated, says:

- B. With the help of God and Jesus Christ, our Savior, we are about to elevate these Subdeacons here present to the Order of Deacon. Should anyone here present have anything whatsoever against them, let him step forward and speak. However, let this one be aware of the responsibility one is taking upon oneself by so doing.

After a moment's pause, the Bishop addresses the candidates:

B. Dear brothers, the duty of the Deacon is to assist during the celebration of Holy Mass, to baptize and to preach the Word of God. Moreover, you are to be free from all allurements of the flesh, and endeavor to set a good example for those to whom you preach the Word of God, so that you confirm by deeds that which you preach by word of mouth. Let Almighty God grant you this grace.

R. Amen.

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

The candidates prostrate themselves before the altar as the Litany of the Saints is sung. The Bishop and all other clergy and faithful kneel.

*At the appropriate time, the Bishop rises
and blesses the candidates during the Litany.*

The Bishop resumes his seat after the Litany and says.

B. Let it be accomplished by our mutual prayer and petition, that those, who are preparing themselves to receive the office of Deacon, be worthy of the petition of the entire Church and blessing ✠ bestowed upon them by this ordination. Through Christ, our Lord.

R. Amen.

The Bishop, standing, says:

B. Dearly beloved brothers and sisters, let us pray to Almighty God, that He pour out His graces, bless, ✠ sanctify and strengthen His servants, whom it pleased Him to call to the office of Deacon. Through Jesus Christ, our lord, Who with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

B. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

B. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

B. Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

R. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

B. Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. You remain unchanging; You restore and lead everything to a more perfect goal through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Whose visible body on earth is the Holy Church, and the servants and the dispensers of Your graces are the deacons and priests deriving their power and authority from Apostolic Succession. We humbly ask You, O God, to pour out Your blessing on Your servants, who this day are being elevated to the dignity of Deacon, that by their saintly life and zeal in preaching the Word of God they may become competent laborers in Your vineyard and lead those entrusted to their care, the faithful of the Church, to You, God, our Father.

Concluding in a prayer tone:

B. Through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Each candidate approaches and kneels before the Bishop.

The Bishop places his hands on the head of each candidate, saying:

B. Receive the Holy Spirit, so that you may be able to ward off evil and temptations. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.

R. Amen.

The Bishop, with miter on, sits. He places the stole on each candidate from the left shoulder under the right arm, saying:

B. Receive the spotless ☩ stole from the hands of God and fulfill your sacred ministry.

R. Amen.

The Bishop vests each candidate with the dalmatic, saying:

B. Let God clothe you with the garment of joy and gladness in the name of the Father ✠ and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy ✠ Spirit.

R. Amen.

The Bishop, handing each candidate the Book of Gospels, says:

B. Receive the authority to read the Gospel of the Church of God for the intention of both the living and the dead. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

The Bishop, standing before the candidates, says:

B. Let us pray. Harken, O Lord, unto our supplications and send upon Your servants the Spirit of ✠ blessing, so that, being endowed with heavenly gifts, they may merit for themselves Your graces and, living virtuously, may become an example to others. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24

D. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

D. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

R. Glory be to You, Lord.

Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary. It was of her that Jesus Who is called the Messiah was born. Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When His mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, and upright man unwilling to expose her to the law, decided to

divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when suddenly the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream and said to him: “Joseph, son of David, have no fear about taking Mary as your wife. It is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived this child. She is to have a son and you are to name Him Jesus because He will save His people from their sins.” When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord had directed him.

D. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit Dwell Within Us - PNCC Hymnal #143

Holy Spirit, dwell within us,
Great Creator, come and teach us.
Send Your grace and consolation,
Fill the hearts of Your creation.

You were named by God in heaven
Comforter our soul's Companion.
Fire of Love, O Living Fountain,
Counsel us; our hearts enlighten.

THE HOMILY

Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

THE GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

The response is: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

C. On this joyful day for the Church as we celebrate the solemnity of Saint Joseph, and as more deacons enter the ranks of the

clergy, let us turn our prayer to Almighty God, asking His blessing upon these Deacons and imploring His continued love and mercy on all the clergy.

L. For the Church, as it seeks through the ministry of Holy Orders, to bring the Good News of salvation to all people in Jesus Christ. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

L. For Prime Bishop Anthony, Bishops John, Paul, Bernard and Robert that God will continue to bless them in the fullness of Holy Orders. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

L. For all the deacons and priests of the Church, that they will be strengthened by the presence of the Lord Jesus in their ministry to carry out the work of service and announcing and building the Kingdom of God. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

L. For the newly ordained this day: Deacon David Dudzinski, Deacon Todd Godwin, Deacon Jon Johnson and Deacon Joel Smith; that as they begin their ministry in the Diaconate, they will come to more fully know Jesus each day, and following the example of Saint Joseph, serve and guide all people in Christ's Name. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

L. For those that support these Deacons in their journey to the altar, their families and friends, that Christ will strengthen that support and will continue to allow it to be strong examples of love and service. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

L. For the increase of Sacred Vocations, that God will continue to call the men of the Church and that they will respond with open ears, seeking minds and willing hearts to follow God's Call. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

- L.** For the congregations of the Church, that the Lord will teach, lead and guide them through the ministry of these Deacons. We pray to the Lord.
- R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- L.** For our deceased family and friends, especially the deceased clergy of the Church, that as they served Jesus within the Church, they will now see Him face to face. We pray to the Lord.
- R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- C.** Almighty God, You established the sacred ministry so that Your people will be shepherded and taught to follow Jesus, our Way, our truth and our Life. Listen to our prayers and those of Your whole Church and let the presence of Jesus always be found in the ministry of these Deacons and in us all. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- R. Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY

(Isaiah 7:14)

- V.** The Lord Himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name Him Immanuel.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought by day and by night;
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I Thy dear child;
Thou in me dwelling, with Thee reconciled.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight.
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r;
Raise Thou me Heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

C. Almighty Father, with unselfish love Saint Joseph, the spouse of the Virgin Mary, cared for Your Son. As we present these gifts may we serve You with pure hearts. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

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COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

COMMUNION HYMN

Hallowed Be Forever – PNCC Hymnal #155

Hallowed be forever, Living Host Divine,
In which Christ our Savior hidden is sublime.
Hail Thou, Jesus, Son of Mary,
Thou art God eternal, Wondrous mystery.

Hallowed be forever, Thou Angelic Bread
Sacrament Most Holy by which we are fed.
Hail Thou, Jesus, Son of Mary,
Thou art God eternal, Wondrous mystery.

Hallowed be forever, Shepherd Crucified,
For us Thou didst suffer, for us Thou hast died.
Hail Thou, Jesus, Son of Mary,
Thou art God eternal, Wondrous mystery.

POST COMMUNION HYMN

Cherubic Hymn

COMMUNION VERSE

(Matthew 1:20b)

- V. “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this Child has been conceived in her.”

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- B. Let us pray. Lord our God, today You nourish us at this altar as we celebrate this solemnity in honor of Saint Joseph, Guardian of our Lord. Guard Your Church always, and in Your love watch over us. We ask this through in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
- R. Amen.

THE BISHOP'S BLESSING

DISMISSAL

HYMN OF THE POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Tyle Lat My Ci, O Panie – PNCC Hymnal #2

**Tyle lat my Ci, O Panie,
Służbę wiernie wypełniali,
Szli ku słońcu, w świt, zaranie,
(Łańcuch niewoli targali.)**

**Unto Thee we built a temple,
Which for us became a treasury,
Pouring gifts of faith and courage,
(In it is our hope forever.)**

**Would to God we be faithful ever,
Would to God this sacred banner
In our souls and hearts be opened,
(Until death our life does sever.)**



Jerome Savonarola
(September 21, 1452 – May 23, 1498)
Patron of
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