

Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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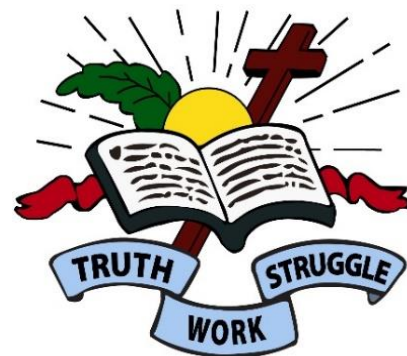
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Twenty Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time

Heritage Sunday

Today is Heritage Sunday. Please take a moment to remember and to embrace your personal heritage whatever it may be. And remember to respect and honor the heritage of others.

A Sabbath Thought

When we gather as a worshipping community, we bring with us the struggle and the pain of our individual lives. But we need not lose heart because the Lord has promised to be with us as we persevere in prayer.

About Today's Bible Readings

EXODUS 17:8-13

Standing before the Lord, supported by others, Moses gives an example of faithful, steadfast prayer.

Responsorial Psalm:

121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

2 TIMOTHY 3:14 – 4:2

This exhortation to live the good news of Jesus Christ charges us to preach the word of God and to take to heart the guidance it provides.

LUKE 18:1-8

Through parables, Jesus reveals a God who is not true to human expectations. We see the real nature of the kingdom in a widow who perseveres.

ENTRANCE RITE – Psalm 31:24a, Sirach 51:11

V. Love the Lord, all you faithful. The Lord protects the loyal.

R. I will ever praise Your name and be constant in my prayers to You. Thereupon the Lord heard my voice, He listened to my appeal.

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.

ALLELUIA Job 27:10

Will he then delight in the Almighty and call upon Him constantly?

THE GOSPEL – LUKE 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY October 20th

29th Sunday Ordinary Time
Heritage Sunday

8:00 AM – LOW MASS
Contemporary Rite

9:30 AM – HIGH MASS
Contemporary Rite

SUNDAY October 27th

30th Sunday Ordinary Time

ONLY ONE MASS TODAY!

CONFIRMATION

9:00 AM – HIGH MASS
Contemporary Rite
Please note the time
change!



SUNDAY November 3rd

ALL SOULS DAY

8:00 AM – LOW MASS
Contemporary Rite

9:30 AM – HIGH MASS
Contemporary Rite

The annual observance of All Soul's Day is fast approaching. You will find envelopes on the table in the Narthex if you wish to remember dearly departed family members or friends. Please give the envelopes to me.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish. **Our Father...**

HELP IS NEEDED!

Help is needed to prepare the food for our upcoming FOOD SALES. Please consider joining the folks who always work so hard to make these important fundraising events so successful. It is not fair that the same people are involved every time. Some new faces would be much appreciated.

Pierogis

Sign Up Sheet is in the Church Hall – Morning Shift is Preparation and Cooking – Afternoon Shift is Clean Up.

Saturday, October 26th - Cheese preparation

Sunday, October 27th – Pierogi making / cooking / packaging

Golumpkie

Sign Up Sheet is in the Church Hall

Sunday, October 20th – Saturday, November 2nd – Sunday, November 3rd

PLEASE PITCH IN AND HELP FOR THE GOOD OF OUR PARISH!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, Oct. 25th: Special Synod of the PNCC in Scranton

Sunday, Oct. 27th: Confirmation of Kaitlyn Kotula and Brianna Zelek.

Sunday, November 3rd: ANS Meeting at 11:00AM

Saturday, Nov. 9th: Food Sale

Sunday, Nov. 17th: ANS Soup and Barbeque Sale after both Masses.

Sunday, Dec. 1st: Advent Tea, Program starts at 11:00AM; **NO ANS MEETING!**

Sunday, January 5th: ANS Meeting at 11:00AM

Sunday, January 12th: **Oplatek Dinner.** Tickets can be purchased from Mary Cooper, Cheryl Weinhold and Father Senior Don. Tickets must be purchased no later than December 29th.

SPECIAL SYNOD OF THE PNCC

On October 25th a Special Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church will be held in Scranton, PA for the specific purpose of electing candidates for the position of Bishop. Please pray for all of the delegates to this Synod, especially those from our parish, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit and inspired to make good and holy choices in this matter for the benefit of our beloved Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On Sunday, October 27th, there will be only one Mass at 9:00AM.

This will be the case because we will be once again have the honor of hosting a visit by the Rt. Rv. Bernard Nowicki, the Bishop Ordinary of the Central Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church. Bishop Nowicki will be here to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on two of the youth of our Parish, Kaitlyn Kotula and Brianna Zelek. Please pray for these two young people that they may feel welcomed into full and complete communion with the Church and the Parish community. Mark your calendars now – SAVE THE DATE.

Please plan to join together as the one body of Christ for this joyous event!

QUOTE OF THE DAY

To err is human; to blame it on somebody else is even more human.