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Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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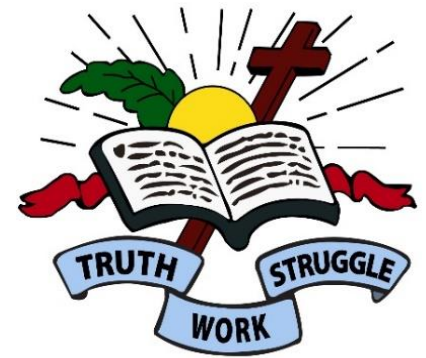
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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

Today's scriptures fit the season. They celebrate transitions as we move into autumn. While such times may represent loss, they can also mean challenge and growth. Living our lives in the care of God reduces the anxiety that change usually brings.

About Today's Bible Readings

HABAKKUK 1:2-3, 2:2-4

Surrounded by violence and misery, the people of Judah panic. But the prophet reassures them that despite their turmoil, God is faithful.

Responsorial Psalm: 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

2 TIMOTHY 1:6-8, 13-14

The Spirit of God that fills the community rules out shame and fear. Therefore, Christians should be like those who guard a rich treasure.

LUKE 17:5-10

Jesus does not answer directly the disciples' request for faith, but he tells them two stories that are vivid examples of it: the tiny but powerful mustard seed and the servants who wait patiently for their master, expecting no reward.

ENTRANCE RITE – Isaiah 33:2,5

V. O Lord, have pity on us, for You we wait. Be our strength every morning, our salvation in time of trouble!

R. The Lord is exalted, enthroned on high; He fills Zion with right and justice.

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 Mark 9:35b

If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.

THE GOSPEL – LUKE 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY October 6th

27th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – LOW MASS

Contemporary Rite

Intentions for the repose of the souls of Father Francis and Beatrice Kaczmarczyk. Offered by the Kaczmarczyk Family in loving memory.

9:30 AM – HIGH MASS

Contemporary Rite

First Sunday of the month. Second collection is to support the Mission work of the Church. Please give as generously as you can.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament following Mass.



SUNDAY October 13th

Solemnity – Christian Family

8:00 AM – LOW MASS

Contemporary Rite

9:30 AM – HIGH MASS

Contemporary Rite

SUNDAY October 29th

**29th Sunday Ordinary Time
Heritage Sunday**

8:00 AM – LOW MASS

Contemporary Rite

9:30 AM – HIGH MASS

Contemporary Rite

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. For the repose of the souls of Father Francis Kaczmarczyk and Beatrice Kaczmarczyk. **Our Father...**

YMS of R Meeting

The Young Men's Society of the Resurrection will hold a meeting in the church hall on Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00PM. You do not have to be a member to attend. Membership is, however, open to all men of the parish and considering all of the good work this organization does for the parish, all of our men should seriously consider being involved by joining this society.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, October 8th: The YMS of R will meet in the church hall at 7:00 PM.

Wednesday, Oct. 9th: The Book Club will meet at 7:00PM. Continuing the discussion of "God's Wisdom for a Woman's Life".

Sunday, Oct. 13th: St Stephen's Mission Commission invites everyone to an Ice Cream Social in the Parish Hall following the 9:30AM Mass. Share your heritage and have fun with our Christian Family while building your favorite ice cream sundae! Invite your friends and family to come to this unique solemnity of the PNCC and join us for ice cream following the service. See Sally Traczuk or any member of the Mission Commission for more information. Deadline to sign up is October 9th.

Sunday, Oct. 13th: Confirmation practice will be in lieu of Sunday School at 11:00AM. SOCL Halloween Party in the Parish Hall after SOCL Classes around 11:30AM. Pizza and snacks will be served. Students will be able to participate in Sundae Sunday as part of the party.

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

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

Saturday, Nov. 9th: Food Sale

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

Sunday, Dec. 1st: Advent Tea

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!