



January 19, 2020

Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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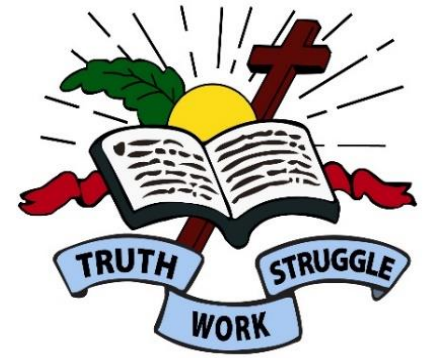
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Second Sunday Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

When Jesus arrives at the scene, John the Baptist steps aside. What he forecast has now come to pass. He becomes a shadow in Jesus' great light.

About Today's Bible Readings

ISAIAH 49:3, 5-6

According to the Prophet, the role of the Lord's servant is that "God's salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

PSALM 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-3

We begin today a series of selections from 1 Corinthians. Here in the letter's opening, Paul greets the church - called to be a holy people."

JOHN 1:29-34

John the Baptist testifies to the mission of Jesus: "He is to baptize with the Holy Spirit."

ENTRANCE RITE – Isaiah 42:1

V. Here is My Servant Whom I uphold, My chosen One with Whom I am pleased,

R. Upon Whom I have put My Spirit; He shall bring forth justice to the nations.

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 – Isaiah 61:1a

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me.

THE GOSPEL – John 1:29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY January 19th

2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – LOW MASS

9:30 AM – HIGH MASS

Intentions for both Masses for the repose of the soul of Beverly Wunderlich. May she rest in peace.

SUNDAY January 26th

3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

**ONE MASS ONLY TODAY!
Please note the time Change!**

9:00 AM – HIGH MASS

Music Scholarship Sunday Collection for the Music Scholarship Program.

Annual Parish Membership Meeting following the Mass. Please plan to attend and engage. Your opinion counts.

SUNDAY February 2nd

Solemnity Presentation of the Lord

8:00 AM – LOW MASS

9:30 AM – HIGH MASS

Blessing of Candles. Blessing of throats in honor of Saint Blaise.



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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 families and friends, especially John Czechowski, Thomas Grodkiewicz, John Aldershoff, Tom Schalata, Joseph Ross, Stanley Sub, Bea Sub, Peggy Kowalik, Ruth Mechowski, Julie Urban, Jackie Weinhold, Walter Schilling, and Jane Bustard Walling. For the repose of the soul of Beverly Wunderlich. **Our Father...**

If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, January 20, 2020; 7:00 PM
Regular Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee

Sunday, January 26, After the 9:00 AM Mass
Annual Parish Membership Meeting
Free coffee and donuts after Mass with the meeting to follow.

The key to success in any democratically oriented organization is in the participation of the membership. Our parish is facing challenges as are many parishes and not just PNCC parishes. Your thoughts and ideas on how to solve them are of the utmost importance. Please plan to attend, engage and to elect representatives to the various offices and positions in our parish for the upcoming terms. Our ancestors fought for this right when they founded the PNCC. Please respect it and make use of it by attending and participating.

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

OPLATEK DINNER

Last Sunday's Oplatek Dinner was a resounding success. The food was excellent as usual and everyone who attended had a great time. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard for the greater glory of God and for the good of our Parish.

MEMORIAL ALTAR FLOWERS

The new signup sheet for Memorial Altar Flowers for 2020 is now posted in the Church Hall. You can see Carol Urban or call 610-678-3133 if you wish to reserve a Sunday for a Flower Memorial donation or fill out the form attached to the chart.

\$48.00 for the MAIN ALTAR ONLY
\$88.00 FOR ALL ALTARS

This is a lovely way to remember a dearly departed loved one or to honor a living loved one as well as helping to beautify the altars.
