



Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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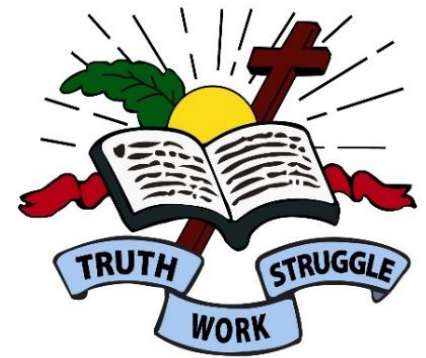
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Third Sunday Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

God sends us pastors, distinguished only by their calling and the gifts God bestows. In spite of their humanness, even because of it! These servants of the Gospel strive to give us a glimpse of God's kingdom.

About Today's Bible Readings

ISAIAH 8:23 – 9:3

The coming of the messiah will mean joy and freedom for those who patiently await deliverance.

PSALM 27:1, 4, 13-14

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-13, 17

To a divided church, Paul proclaims the source of Christian Unity: Jesus Christ. There is only *one* gospel, the gospel of Christ.

MATTHEW 4:12-23

The Lord begins his public ministry with a proclamation of the approach of the kingdom. He summons followers to join him in his mission.

ENTRANCE RITE – Psalm 27:1

V. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom do I fear?

R. The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom am I afraid?

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 – Psalm 126:3

The Lord had done great things for us; Oh, how happy we were!

THE GOSPEL – Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen. From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY 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 re-scheduled to next
Sunday due to the sad events
of this week.

SUNDAY February 2nd

Solemnity

Presentation of the Lord

ONE MASS ONLY TODAY!
Please note the time Change!

9:00 AM – HIGH MASS

Blessing of Candles.

Blessing of throats in honor
of Saint Blaise.

Annual Parish Congregational
meeting following the Mass.
Please plan to attend and
engage. Your opinion counts.



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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 and Walter Schilling.. For the repose of the souls of Beverly Wunderlich and Jane Bustard Wailing.. **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

Sunday, February 2, 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!

Parish Committee Vacancy

The Parish Committee is in need of an Assistant Financial Secretary. The position primarily involve reconciling the Building Fund Envelopes and compiling an Excel Spreadsheet for the Financial Secretary. On the job training will be provided. If you or anyone you know is interested in serving the Parish and the Lord God Almighty by assuming this position, please contact Fr. Sr. Don or our Parish Committee Chair Person, Mike Traczuk. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration.

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.
