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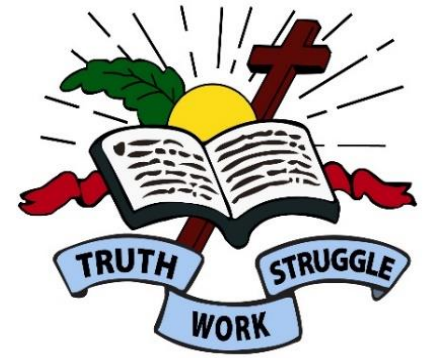
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Seventh Sunday of Easter

**MEMORIAL DAY IS
TOMORROW**

**NEVER FORGET OUR
BRAVE SOLDIERS**

A Sabbath Thought

Jesus has returned to the Father. He leaves the Apostles behind to continue His work on Earth. This task falls to each of us as well.

About Today's Bible Readings

ACTS 1:12-14

The Apostles, having witnessed Jesus' Ascension, return to Jerusalem to reflect and to pray.

Responsorial Psalm: 27:1, 4, 7-8

R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

1 PETER 4:13-16

Peter tells us that we should rejoice in the glory of God and that we should never be ashamed of our beliefs.

John 17:1-11a

In John's Gospel, Jesus prays to the Father that those He is leaving behind will be strengthened and protected as they continue His work. He also makes the meaning of Life Eternal abundantly clear.

ENTRANCE RITE: Psalm 37:5-6; 130:5

V. Commit your way to the Lord; trust that God will act and make your integrity shine like the dawn, your vindication like noonday. Alleluia.

R. I wait with longing for the Lord, my soul waits for His word. Alleluia.

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 37:27-28

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Turn from evil and do good, that you may inhabit the land forever. For the Lord loves justice and does not abandon the faithful.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The GOSPEL: John 17:1-11a

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. "I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

CANCELLED!

*Celebrated by the Clergy
for you, the people of God.
Please Pray along at home.*

**TODAY – MAY 24th
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

*Intentions for members of the
Armed Forces of the United
States of America in honor of
Memorial Day.*

**SUNDAY – MAY 31st
Solemnity of Pentecost**

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

**SUNDAY – June 7th
Solemnity - Holy Trinity**

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

The Month of May

During the Month of May we give special attention to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary after the service each Sunday this month as we beseech the Mother of Our Lord to intercede with the Father and her Beloved Son on our behalf. I urge each of you to spend a few moments each day in reflection, asking for her prayers and remembering her sacrifice.



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(Recited together in place of the reception of the Holy Eucharist)

Most loving Jesus,

I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

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, John Aldershoff, Tom Schalata, Donna Schalata, Joseph Ross, Stanley Sub, Bea Sub, Ruth Mechowski, Julie Urban, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Joe Brinsko, Walter Schilling, Bernice Biroscak, Isabella Mularczyk, Nancy Ziolkowski and Lt Colonel Fr, Andrew Bilinski, his colleagues and patients. For the repose of the souls of all departed members of the armed forces of the United States of America. **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

All Masses, services and other events are cancelled until further notice. Please check the website or Facebook page for updated information. Thank you and God Bless. Take care and stay well.

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

A CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, that we may experience your healing love, now and forever more. AMEN.

RETURNING TO CHURCH

Please watch your mail for an important update concerning the possible return of in person worship at Saint Stephen’s. It includes a document from the Bishops of the PNCC outlining what will be required of us as we transition to the next phase of this new way of life imposed on us by the Coronavirus. Please read it carefully and remember that the decision of whether or not to participate at this time is entirely up to you and your personal circumstances and needs. No one should jeopardize their personal health or safety or that of their family members. Should you choose to join us, please respond to the included questionnaire so that we can prepare and be ready to welcome you back in as safe an environment as we possibly can. Thank you and God bless you all.