



June 14, 2020

Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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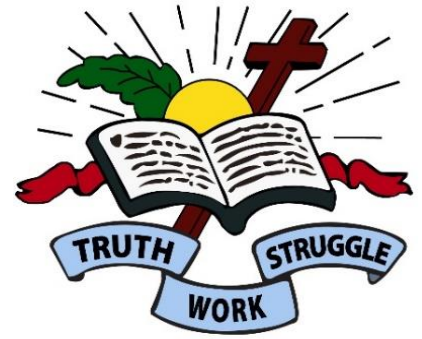
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Solemnity - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

A Festival Thought

The Body and Blood of Christ is more than just bread and wine. It is the real presence of Christ on the altar and in our hearts. But the Body of Christ is so much more. It is each and every one of us, united as one Body together as the Church of Christ on earth

About Today's Bible Readings

DEUTERONOMY

8:2-3, 14-16

The Lord feeds the Israelites with Mana from Heaven after testing their intentions.

Responsorial Psalm:
147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

**R. Praise the Lord,
Jerusalem.**

1 CORINTHIANS 10:16-17

Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

JOHN 6:51-58

Jesus tells us that he is the living bread come down from Heaven and that we must eat His flesh and drink His blood if we are to have life eternal.

ENTRANCE RITE: Wisdom 16:20-21

V. Lord You nourished Your people with food of angels and furnished them bread from heaven, ready to hand, untoiled for, endowed with all delights and conforming to every taste.

R. For this substance of Yours revealed Your sweetness toward Your children, and serving the desire of him who received it, was blended to whatever flavor each one wished.

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: John 6:57

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me and I in him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

WELCOME BACK!

TODAY – June 14th

Solemnity – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

“Corpus Christi”

8:00 AM – Low Mass

9:30 AM – High Mass

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Festival Procession

Modified for Social Distancing and Safety.

SUNDAY – June 21st

12th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Low Mass

9:30 AM – High Mass

FATHERS’ DAY

The PNC Church respectfully suggests that we honor our fathers by making a donation to the PNCC Clergy Pension Plan in their name. This can be done by placing your donation in the special collection plate by the door as you leave or by mailing it to:

Polish National Catholic Church Clergy Pension Fund, 212 Wyoming Ave., Dupont, PA 18641

Sacred Vocations Month

The Polish National Catholic Church sets aside June as Sacred Vocations Month. The Polish National Catholic Church, much like all denominations, suffers from a shortage of priests and deacons to serve the needs of the faithful. Many more are needed. Please remember to pray ever more fervently during this month that the Lord God Almighty will call more men to His service and that they may hear Him and answer His call.

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 Walter Schilling, John Czechowski, John Aldershoff, Tom Schalata, Donna Schalata, Joseph Ross, Stanley Sub, Bea Sub, Ruth Mechowski, Julie Urban, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Joe Brinsko, Bernice Biroscak, Isabella Mularczyk and Nancy Ziolkowski. For the repose of the soul of Gladys Czechowski.

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

The YMS of R will hold its third annual Bishop Bilinski Memorial Spiritual Retreat June 18 – 20, 2020 “virtually” from the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center in Waymart, PA. All of the men of the PNCC are invited to attend online. There is a nominal registration fee of \$25.00.

Registration can be done online at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfz3qpRETAtL0Sqv8WktaLIDLG0T7m48Uszfbv-AsCdwEw/viewform>

The invitational video can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/InXVY6EZ1cc>

I urge all of our men of ny age to participate.

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

As we return to in person worship here at Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish, we thank God Almighty for the gifts of His love and Grace for keeping us safe thus far in this age of uncertainty. Please follow all of the prescribed health and safety guidelines outlined in the recent mailing sent to your homes in order to protect yourselves and each other from the Coronavirus. While we are glad to see you back, we are concerned about your health. Please help us to help you and yours to stay safe as we once again gather together as the one Body of Christ to sing praise, Honor and Glory to God the Father through His only begotten Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.