



# Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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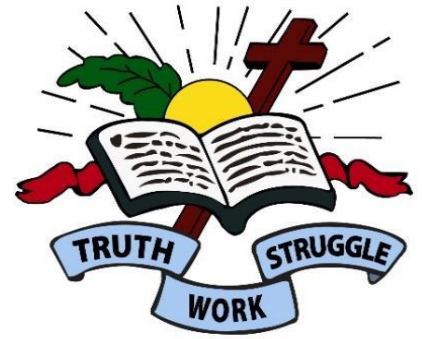
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June 21, 2020

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

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#### A Sabbath Thought

It is all too easy to close our eyes. In that way, we refuse to be seers or prophets who pierce through the pain that others avoid. Through that suffering we attain the vision of God's glory.

#### About Today's Bible Readings

##### JEREMIAH 20:10-13

The prophet is out of step with his contemporaries. He sees what they do not see, the coming of God's salvation.

##### Responsorial Psalm: 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

**R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

##### ROMANS 5:12-15

We sinned and God saved. But this divine salvation is overkill or, better still, "overlife", in response to our evil, God sent his Son to be our Saviour.

##### MATTHEW 10:26-33

Society knows how to deal with prophets. It silences them through intimidation and persecution. But these are idle threats, says Jesus, to those who profess his Name and honor his Father.

### ENTRANCE RITE: 2 Timothy 2:11-13

*V. This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with Him we shall also live with Him; if we persevere we shall also reign with Him.*

**R. But if we deny Him He will deny us. If we are unfaithful He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.**

*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: 1 Peter 3:17

*V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*V. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### THE GOSPEL: Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one.

Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known.

What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.

Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?

Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted.

So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Everyone who acknowledges me before others

I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.

But whoever denies me before others,

I will deny before my heavenly Father."

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**

# *Worship Services*

## **WELCOME BACK!**

**TODAY – June 21<sup>st</sup>**

**12<sup>th</sup> 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**

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**SUNDAY – June 28<sup>th</sup>**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM – Low Mass  
9:30 AM – High Mass

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**SUNDAY – July 5<sup>th</sup>**

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM – Low Mass  
9:30 AM – High Mass

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### **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 sacred 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.

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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 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, and Isabella Mularczyk. For the repose of the souls of all of our dearly departed fathers. **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!**

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 21<sup>st</sup> – 11:00 AM – Monthly Parish Committee Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee will be held in the Fellowship Hall after the 9:30 Mass. I hope that all committee members will be able to attend. Appropriate social distancing rules will be followed and the wearing of masks or facial coverings is encouraged.

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

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## **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.

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## **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.