



May 23, 2021

Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

20 St. Stephens Church Lane, Reading PA 19607

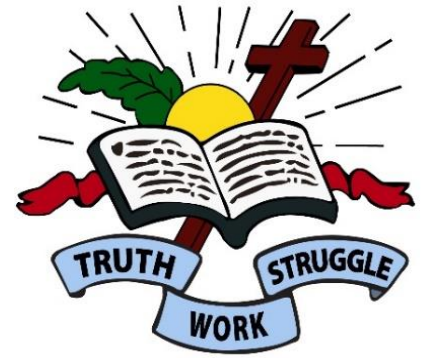
The Very Reverend Donald E. Wunderlich

Parish Office: 610-775-4559

Email: fatherdon@ststephenpncc.org

Website: www.ststephenpncc.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ststephenspncc



Solemnity – Pentecost Sunday

A Festival Thought

God finds us, not just by tearing down walls but by coming through them.

About Today's Bible Readings

ACTS 2:1-11

Fear and confusion become manageable where there is faith in God's bold Spirit. Peoples of all ages from all areas of the world and from every walk of life have been gathered together in a prayerful and powerful assembly by the Spirit of God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:3-7, 12-13

Where once there was an overwhelming and staggering variety of unanswered needs, now those needs can be met by the multiple gifts of the Spirit working through the unique talents of each member of the congregation. Different gifts and unusual talents are a cause for wonder and thanksgiving, not resentment and distrust.

JOHN 20:19-23

Where once there was alienation and resentment, now there was the possibility of forgiveness and peace because of the ever-present and ever compelling Spirit of Jesus Christ. Mutual forgiveness, freely given, bestows the gift of peace on the forgiven and the forgiver.

ENTRANCE RITE: Wisdom 1:7-8

V. For the Spirit of the Lord fills the world, is all-embracing, and knows what man says. Alleluia.

R. Therefore no one who utters wicked things can go unnoticed, nor will chastising condemnation pass him by. 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: Joel 3:1

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. I will pour out my Spirit upon all humankind. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE SEQUENCE — Veni, Sancte Spiritus

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

And from your celestial home

Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, Father of the poor!

Come, source of all our store!

Come, within our bosoms shine.

You, of comforters the best;

You, the soul's most welcome guest;

Sweet refreshment here below;

In our labor, rest most sweet;

Grateful coolness in the heat;

Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light divine,

Shine within these hearts of yours,

And our inmost being fill!

Where you are not, we have naught,

Nothing good in deed or thought,

Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;

On our dryness pour your dew;

Wash the stains of guilt away:

(OVER)

Worship Services

TODAY – May 23rd

Solemnity - Pentecost

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – May 30th

Solemnity – Holy Trinity

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – June 6th

Solemnity – Corpus Christi

ONE MASS ONLY!

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

With procession to the four altars.

COFFEE, DONUTS AND FELLOWSHIP

As the Covid Crisis slowly but surely begins to lessen in severity and with the increasing number of people having received the vaccine, we will once again be offering coffee and donuts downstairs in the Church Hall after each Mass. To offset the cost we are suggesting a minimum donation of at least \$.70 per donut and whatever you deem fair for coffee. It is suggested that you continue to wear your masks except when eating or drinking and that you maintain social distancing. While each of you will need to individually assess your own risk factors, we hope that many of you will join us as we strive to move forward by taking this first step in an attempt to return to normalcy. I hope to see many of you there.

INVITE A FRIEND

Many people say that they would attend church if invited by a close friend. Please reach out to your friends, especially those that do not regularly attend church services. Tell them about how wonderful our Parish is. Tell them about how welcoming and inclusive we can be. Always speak highly of our Parish when talking to outsiders and try to get them to be insiders.

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore
And confess you, evermore
In your sevenfold gift descend;

Give them virtue's sure reward;
Give them your salvation, Lord;
Give them joys that never end. Amen. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

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 Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Damon Grossman, John Zawoski, Bailey Bennet, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata and Bernice Biroscak. **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, May 24th; The Mission Commission will meet in the Church Hall at 7:00 PM. All are invited to attend.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, June 17th – 19th; The National YMS of R Bishop Belinski Memorial Spiritual Retreat for Men. Held at the Bishop Hodur Retreat Center, Waymart, PA. Please email unitedymsofr@gmail.com for more information. This is open to all men.

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

All events are subject to review and the appropriate health and safety restrictions. Please check the website or Facebook page for updated information. Take care, stay safe and stay well.

