

May 9, 2021

Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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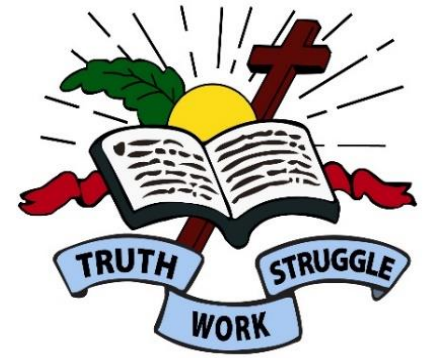
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Sixth Sunday of Easter

A Sabbath Thought

Through the Holy Spirit, Christ prepares his church for the mission of proclaiming the reign of God. Today, we respond to the risen Lord's call to be faithful and fruitful disciples.

About Today's Bible Readings

ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

The first gentile Christians receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, thus showing Peter that God chooses disciples from all nations.

Responsorial Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1 JOHN 4:7-10

God is love, and love is the measure of our unity with God. God showed love for us by giving his Son for us while we were yet sinners.

JOHN 15:9-17

Jesus commands his disciples to love unselfishly, thus bearing the fruit of that love.

ENTRANCE RITE: Jeremiah 15:16; Acts 2:28

V. When I found Your words, I devoured them; they became my joy and the happiness of my heart. Alleluia.

R. You have made known to me the paths of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence. 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 (John 4:12b)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. If we love one another, God remains in us and His love is brought to perfection in us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL JOHN 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

“As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

TODAY – May 9th
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mothers' Day

8:00 AM – Holy Mass
9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – May 16th
Solemnity
Ascension of Our Lord

8:00 AM – Holy Mass
9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – 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

IN MEMORIAM

Catherine Zamonas, a former Sunday school teacher, member of the Ladies' Auxiliary and parishioner of St. Stephen's PNCC passed away from Covid at the age of 90 at St. Michael Medical Center, Silverdale, WA on April 22, 2021. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

Mothers' Day

On behalf of myself and the entire Parish Committee, I would like to wish all of the mothers of the Parish a healthy, happy and wonderful Mothers' Day. We can never thank you enough for all that you have done, all that you have sacrificed for us.

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. For the repose of the soul of Catherine Zamonas. **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

Today, May 9th; After each Mass, the YMS of R will be serving coffee and cake in the Church Hall in observance of Mothers' Day. All are welcome.

Tuesday, May 11th; The YMS of R will meet in the Church Hall at 7:00 PM. All of the men of the Parish are encouraged to attend and join if you do not already belong.

Sunday, May 16th; Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee after the 9:30 Mass. I hope all committee members will plan to attend.

Monday, May 17th; 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.

THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

The Reading Area School District has informed us that the Knights Closet Project which provides items of basic necessity to students in need will resume even under the COVID restrictions. The parish has generously participated in this worthwhile cause in past years and I hope that we will find it in our hearts to continue to do so. Please leave your contributions on the table in the Library and we will get them to those in need. A list of needed items can be found on the table in the vestibule near the offering baskets. Please take one as you leave. Thank you and God bless.

