

June 20, 2021

Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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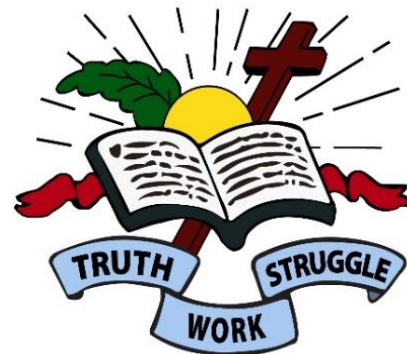
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Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

HAPPY FATHERS' DAY!

A Sabbath Thought

Jesus Christ is the great Lord who can command storms and control the wind. His power over natural elements is a sign of how his love triumphs over the evil that attacks our bodies and spirits.

About Today's Bible Readings

JOB 38:1, 8-11

The book of Job is an ancient novel that dramatically depicts the human condition. The universe in which we live shadows forth the creator to whom we owe our lives.

Responsorial Psalm:

107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31

R: Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-17

Paul proclaims the conviction that motivates all he says and does: Christ died for all that all might live for him.

MARK 4:35-41

A storm at sea provides the occasion for a manifestation of Jesus' power and a tantalizing revelation of his identity.

ENTRANCE RITE: Psalm 46:2-4a

V. God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress. Therefore, we fear not, though the earth be shaken and mountains plunge into the depths of the sea; though its waters rage and foam.

R. For He is the living God, enduring forever; His kingdom shall not be destroyed, and His dominion shall be without end.

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: Mark 6:4b

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. When you pass through the water, I will be with you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples: "Let us cross to the other side." Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was. And other boats were with him. A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

TODAY – June 20th
12th Sunday - Ordinary Time
Fathers' Day

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – June 27th
13th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – May 4th
14th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

VOCATIONS MONTH

June is set aside by the Church as Vocations Month. Please pray that the Lord will send more men to serve as priests and deacons in His Holy Polish National Catholic Church. And if you know anyone who may be contemplating following the calling, please encourage and support them.

FATHERS' DAY HOAGIE SALE

Please pick up your hoagie orders downstairs in the hall after each of the Masses. And spend a moment or two in fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.

NOVEMBER FOOD SALE

We will be holding a pierogi only food sale sometime in November. We will need to begin to make them soon. Help will be needed to prepare for this important fund raising event. Please consider volunteering to help. A sign up sheet will be posted in the hall and in the vestibule in the very near future.

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 Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Damon Grossman, John Zawoski, Bailey Bennet, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, David Wunderlich 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, June 21st: The Parking Lot is still being patched and seal coated. This will take place section by section over several days. It is recommended that it not be driven on afterwards for three days. The weather will, of course play a part in the scheduling. Please be aware of this if you need to access the property during this time as sections may be roped off. Thank you for your understanding.

Monday, June 28th: The Mission Commission will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 PM. All Parishioners are encouraged to attend. Your input will be very helpful.

Sunday, July 11th: The Ladies Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the ANS, will meet in the upper classroom after the 9:30 Mass. All member of the ANS are urged to join and all of the ladies of the parish who are not members are urged to attend and to join this important organization.

Tuesday, July 13th: The Fund Raising Committee will meet at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend. Your input and ideas are very much in need

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

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.

MARY'S SHELTER

Our Parish is going to begin to support Mary's Shelter, an organization that provides housing, pregnancy services and counseling to women and teens. We will be sponsoring a "Christmas in July" to benefit them. All of the donations made to the "Little White Church" during June and July will be donated to Mary's Shelter. In addition, there a tree similar to our Christmas Season Angel Tree from which you can take a card or two or three, the requested gifts are small, that will specify a gift needed by those staying at the shelter. If you chose to participate in this, please bring your gifts to Church and leave them in the Library. **Do not wrap the gifts.** Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Clergy Pension Remembrance

The Polish National Catholic Church asks us to remember those who serve God's people as clergy in our beloved church by making a special donation to the Clergy Pension Fund on Father's Day. **This will be the second collection taken at the door as you leave after Mass.** Please find it in your hearts to remember those who give of themselves in service to you by giving generously. Thank you, and God bless.