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## Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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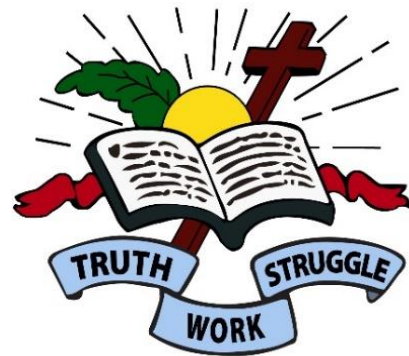
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## Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Sabbath Thought

What is real and what is illusion? In Christ Jesus, we have come to know the truth. In him, God the Father has shown us the way to true happiness.

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### EXODUS 16:2-4, 12-15

Even a grumbling people cannot prevent God's love from taking effect. The Lord provides food for the hungry people and they eat their fill of the manna from heaven.

#### Responsorial Psalm: 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54

**R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

#### EPHESIANS 4:17, 20-24

We have learned Christ. In this school of truth, we have been renewed in body and spirit. We now set our feet on the path of justice and holiness.

#### JOHN 6:24-35

'Give us this day our daily bread', is our daily prayer. God answers us with the gift of bread from heaven. That bread is Jesus Christ.

### ENTRANCE RITE: Psalm 79:19, 20b-21a, 22

*V. Yes, they spoke against God, saying, "Can God spread a table in the desert? Can He also give bread and provide meat for His people?"*

**R. Then the Lord heard and was enraged; because they believed not God nor trusted in His help.**

*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: Exodus 16:31

*V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

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

*V. The Israelites called this food manna. It was like coriander seed, but white, and it tasted like wafers made with honey.*

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

### THE GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*" So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**

# Worship Services

**TODAY – August 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

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**SUNDAY – August 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Solemnity**

**Transfiguration of the Lord**

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

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## NOVEMBER FOOD SALE

We will be holding a pierogi only food sale sometime in November. We will need to begin to make them soon. Please consider volunteering to help. A signup sheet will be posted in the hall and in the vestibule very soon.

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## B2 BISTRO BRUNCH

We will be having a brunch at the B2 Bistro; 701 Reading Ave., West Reading, PA 19611; located in the VF Outlet today at 11:00AM. Everyone will be responsible for their own expenditures. We are just hoping to get together for some good food and fellowship. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule or see Laura Alfano.

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## Celebrate Your Faith Night

We are getting a group together to attend a Reading Fightin' Phils baseball game. If you are interested in joining us, please sign the sheet in the vestibule or downstairs in the hall. It is not too late to join us. This will be on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 PM against the Akron Rubberducks. Ticket pricing will depend on the number of attendees, estimated to be \$9.00 each. Please see Sally Traczuk if you want to attend.

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## Clergy Retreat

The annual Clergy Retreat of the Central Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church has been cancelled. I will not be gone this week.

## 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, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, David Wunderlich, Bernice Biroscak, Jean Loose, Geri Piotrowski and Riley Rejniak. **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

**Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**; 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.

**Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**; The Mission Commission will meet at 7:00PM in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

**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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## MARY'S SHELTER

Our Parish has shown such support for Mary's Shelter, an organization that provides housing, pregnancy services and counseling to women and teens. All of the donations made to the "Little White Church" during June and July will be donated to them. In addition, many of you donated much needed supplies for the women. These are on display in front of Mary's Altar. We will be delivering these donations to the shelter on Tuesday of this week. Thank you for your generous support.

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## 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 in the literature rack in the vestibule.

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## HOAGIE SALE

We will be holding a Hoagie Sale on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are available in the vestibule. Orders must be pre-paid for delivery. Deadline to submit your orders to Father Senior Don or Janet Katinowski is Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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