



September 19, 2021

Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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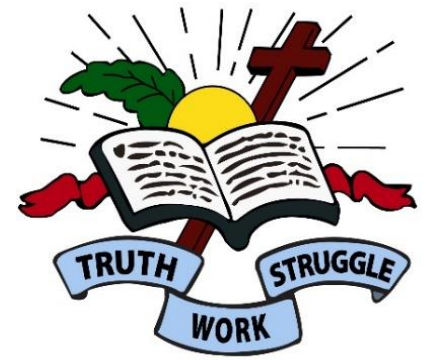
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Twenty Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE RITE: 1 Jeremiah 12:19a, 20

V. Yet I, like a trusting lamb led to slaughter, had not realized that they were hatching plots against me.

R. But, You, O Lord of hosts, O just Judge, searcher of mind and heart, Let me witness the vengeance You take on them, for to You I have entrusted my cause!

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.

A Sabbath Thought

Those who follow Jesus are to be humble, hospitable people. No one is to be spurned, no one is to be refused because everyone is in Jesus.

About Today's Bible Readings

WISDOM 2:12, 17-20

Just persons are sitting targets. In a cynical world, they draw the anger of those who cannot bear goodness.

Responsorial Psalm: 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8

R. The Lord upholds my life.

JAMES 3:16 - 4:3

The restlessness of the human spirit is our undoing. Our cravings drive us crazy. Only peace *within* us can bring peace *around* us.

MARK 9:30-37

Ranking comes naturally to us because we want to know where we stand. But Jesus advises us to take our stand in humble service, not in arrogant authority.

ALLELUIA: 1 Peter 3:18a

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that He might lead you to God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him. They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

**TODAY – September 19th
25th Sunday - Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

**SUNDAY – September 26th
26th Sunday - Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

**SUNDAY – October 3rd
27th Sunday - Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

NOVEMBER FOOD SALE

We will be holding a Polish Food sale November 20th. We have begun to make pierogis. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and showed up already. Please consider volunteering to help on the upcoming days. Signup sheets are in the vestibule. Please volunteer to help make this sale a success. And not only women can make pierogi, men can too!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Hosted by *Lifeline of Berks*
on **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th**
from 6-10pm!

Join us at St. Benedict's Picnic Grounds (4541 Morgantown Rd. Mohnton, PA) for a night filled with food, raffles, giveaways, games, music and an outdoor movie the whole family will enjoy!

FREE ADMISSION!!

Visit our website for additional info at lifelineofberks.org. Please contact Maureen Helms, Development Director, at 610-374-8545 with any additional questions.

Coffee and Donuts

Beginning today, we are resuming the Fellowship hour in the Church Hall following each Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served with the coffee being free and the suggested donation for each donut being \$1.00. I hope that many of you will join 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 Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, David Wunderlich, Bernice Biroszak, Jean Loose, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban 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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, September 19th; The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Parish Committee will be held at 11:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. I hope that all committee members are planning to attend,

Saturday, September 25th; Pierogi Making. Please sign up to volunteer.

Monday, September 27th; The Mission Commission will meet at 7:00PM in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

Wednesday, September 29th; The Book club will meet at 7:00PM in the Library to review the Book "The Wedding Dress" by Rachel Hauck. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday, October 3rd; The ANS will meet at 11:00AM in the Library. All members and all of the ladies of the Parish are encouraged to attend.

Tuesday, October 12th; The Y.M.S. of R. will meet at 7:00PM in the Church Hall. All of the men of the church are encouraged to attend.

Friday, October 15th; Pierogi Prep. Please sign up to volunteer.

Saturday, October 16th; Pierogi Making. Please sign up to volunteer.

Saturday, November 20th; Polish Food Sale. Noon until sold out. Tell your friends.

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 take a token from the table in the vestibule and fill the need on it. Please leave your contributions on the table in the Library and we will get them to those in need. Also, all donations to the Little White Church made during August and September will be used to supplement this endeavor. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

2021 POLISH OPEN

On Saturday, October 9th, the Polish American Heritage Association of Berks County will be holding its annual Golf Tournament at the Manor Golf Course in Sinking Spring. Information is available on the flyers on the table in the vestibule. I hope that some of the golfers in our congregation will participate and represent Saint Stephens.

