



## Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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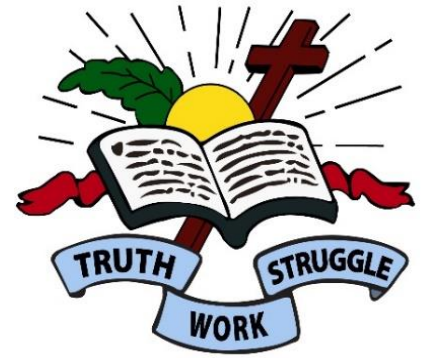
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November 7, 2021

## Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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### A Sabbath Thought

Selective vision is the occupational hazard of being human. We tend to overlook people, thus fulfilling the proverb, "Out of sight, out of mind." Also, out of heart - because we cannot love those we cannot see.

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### 1 KINGS 17:10-16

A widow's generosity does not go unrewarded. She gives out of her poverty and receives unexpected returns.

#### Responsorial Psalm: 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul!**

#### HEBREWS 9:24-28

This selection establishes the mood for us as we approach the end of the church year. Jesus, our great high priest, has redeemed us and we now look to his coming the second time.

#### MARK 12:38-44

A poor widow, victim of the rapacious, demonstrates the true meaning of generosity.

### ENTRANCE RITE: Sirach 29:11-12; Tobit 12:8c-9a

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*V. Dispose of your treasure as the Most High commands, for that will profit you more than the gold. Store up almsgiving in your treasure house, and it will save you from every evil.*

**R. It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin.**

*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: Sirach 3:29

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*V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

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

*V. Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms atone for sins.*

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

### THE GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

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In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**

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# Worship Services

**TODAY – November 7th**  
**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time**

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

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**SUNDAY – November 14th**  
**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time**

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

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**SUNDAY – November 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Solemnity – Christ the King**

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

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## NOVEMBER FOOD SALE

We will be holding a Polish Food sale November 20<sup>th</sup>. We have made pierogis and will have Haluski and Kielbasa as well. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to make the pierogis. Please consider volunteering to help on the day of the sale. A signup sheet is on the table in the vestibule. We are accepting pre-orders for Kielbasa only. Forms are available on the table in the vestibule. This is due to the fact that we must meet a minimum order for the Kielbasa. Please volunteer to help make this sale a success. Flyers are available on the table in the vestibule. Please take a few and put them up wherever you can in the community.

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## VETERAN'S DAY

Thursday is Veteran's Day. Please take time to honor the brave men and women who have served, who are serving, and who will serve our country in the armed services. Say a prayer for them and remember to say "Thank you" if you have the opportunity to do so face to face. We live in peace and freedom because of their courage and their sacrifice.

**Please, do not forget it.**

## 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, Sandy Pfennig and Riley Rejniak. Let us Pray: **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

**Today, November 7<sup>th</sup>;** The Ladies Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will meet in the library at 11:00 AM. All of the ladies of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

**Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>;** The Fundraising Committee will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are welcome to attend.

**Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>;** The Book club will meet at 7:00PM in the Library. Since we are between books, this meeting will take the format of an Adult Forum or Discussion Round Table. Our topic, hosted by Father Senior Donald will be the Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. All are cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

**Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>;** Polish Food Sale. 9:00 AM until sold out. Tell your friends.

**Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>;** Confirmation and First Holy Communion. One Mass at 10:00AM. Please join us to welcome The Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki, Bishop Ordinary of the Central Diocese of the PNCC, who will celebrate mass and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Skye Sadowski. 3

**Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>;** The Mission Commission will meet at 7:00PM in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

**Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>;** 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.

**Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>;** Advent Penitential Service at 7:00PM

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022;** Saint Stephen's Annual Picnic returns! From 10:00AM until whenever at Saint Benedict's Picnic Grove in Mohnton. We have a band, a beer wagon and of course, great Polish Food. The picnic has been sorely missed the past few years by almost everyone, parishioner and non-parishioner alike so let's get behind the Picnic Committee and volunteer to help when the time comes in order to make the return of the Picnic a rousing success.

**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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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

For the months of October, November and December all of the donations to the Little White Church will be used to help the less blessed of our community as the winter and holiday seasons come upon us. These donations will be used for heating assistance and other such necessities. The Angel Tree is in the Fellowship Hall so that gifts can be donated for the elderly and shut in individuals of our community. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you and God bless.

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## DIOCESAN SYNOD

The Central Diocesan Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church will be held in Rome, NY this Friday and Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. I will be attending along with your elected delegate, Michael and Sally Traczuk and Kevin Grossman. Please pray for us and for all Synod delegates that we may do the Lord's work in truth and justice.