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Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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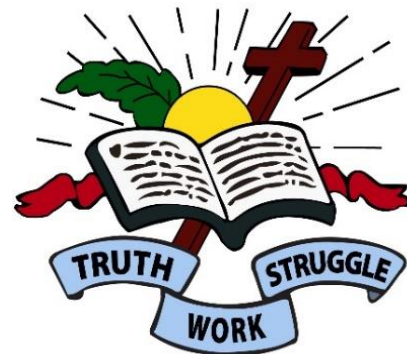
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Fourth Sunday – Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

God sends prophets not only to warn and threaten, but also to encourage and to confirm. The apostle Paul's stirring words about love are just such an encouragement.

About Today's Bible Readings

JEREMIAH 1:4-5, 17-19

The Lord commissions the prophet to preach the word of God and reveals that this has been the purpose of his whole life.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17

R. I will sing of your salvation.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:31-13:13

Paul's famous hymn to love may be so familiar that we overlook the fact that it applies to us.

LUKE 4:21-30

Jesus presents himself as a prophet, preaching the word of God, and he receives a prophet's reward: his own people reject him!

ENTRANCE RITE – Psalm 106:47

V. Save us, Lord, our God; gather us from among the nations.

R. That we may give thanks to Your Holy Name and glory in praising You.

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 6:42a

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother?

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL – Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying:

"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'" And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

SUNDAY - January 30th

4th Sunday Ordinary Time

Intentions for the repose of the souls of James Speelman, and Josephine Rencewicz offered by Fr. Sr. Donald.

Music Scholarship Sunday

ONE MASS ONLY

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Annual Parish Congregational meeting following the Mass.

Please plan to attend and engage. Your opinion counts.

WEDNESDAY – February 2nd

Solemnity

Presentation of the Lord

Blessing of Candles

7:00 PM – Holy Mass

THURSDAY – February 3rd

Feast of Saint Blaise

Blessing of Throats

7:00 PM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – February 5th

5th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Music Scholarship Sunday

Next Sunday, January 30th, is Music Scholarship Sunday. For more information on applying for one of these scholarships, please visit www.nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com.

To donate, please pick up a sheet from the table in the vestibule. Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause as it supports those in our church who give of their musical talents for the benefit of us all. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

Koleda – Blessing of Homes

To Have Fr. Sr. Donald bless your home this season, please sign the sheet in the vestibule with your name, phone number and best time of day and he will contact you to make arrangements.

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, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Courtney Pierce, Joseph Grossman Sr., Joseph Grossman Jr., Kyle Grossman, Damon Grossman, Ed Edling, and Riley Rejniak. For the repose of the souls of James Speelman and Josephine Rencewicz. Let us Pray: **Our Father....**

If there are any individuals who should be on this list or should be removed from it, please email or tell Fr. Sr. Donald so he can make the changes!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE JOIN US IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Today, January 30th; Annual Parish Membership Meeting at 11:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. I urge every member of Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish to attend this important meeting. Many issues vital to the health and success of our parish will be discussed and decided upon. The key to success in any democratically oriented organization is in the participation of the membership. Our parish is facing many challenges and your thoughts and ideas on how to solve them are of the utmost importance. Please plan to attend, engage and to elect or volunteer to be elected representatives to the various offices and positions in our parish for the upcoming terms. Our ancestors fought for this right when they founded the Polish National Catholic Church one hundred and twenty four years ago. Please respect it and make use of it by attending and participating.

Sunday, February 6th; The ANS will meet in the library at 11:00 AM. All of the women of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend and to join the ANS if you are not already members.

Monday, February 7th; The mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are cordially invited to attend. New ideas are always welcome.

Tuesday, February 8th; The YMS of R will meet at 7:00PM in the fellowship Hall. This will be the annual organizational meeting. All of the men of the Parish are encouraged to attend and to join if you are not already members.

Thursday February, 10th; The Book Club will meet at 7:00PM in the library. The book that will be discussed is "Where Do We Go From Here" by Dr. David Jeremiah. All are welcome and we hope to make participation online available via TEAMS. Check back for details.

Sunday, February 20th; Monthly Parish Committee meeting at 11:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. I hope all committee members are planning to attend

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 again this year. 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 copy of the items needed from the rack in the vestibule and fill the needs on it. Please leave your contributions on the table in the Fellowship Hall and we will get them to those in need. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.