



Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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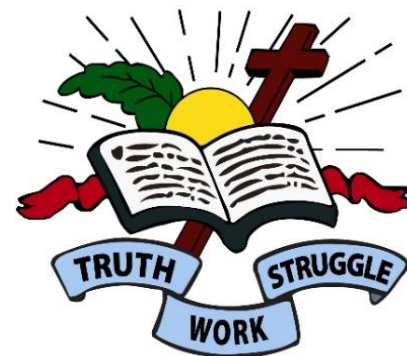
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February 27, 2022

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

**Ash Wednesday is this
Wednesday, March 2nd.**

A Sabbath Thought

On this day, Jesus places before us the basic obligation of discipleship.

About Today's Bible Readings

SIRACH 27:5-8

Our speech reveals our hearts' intentions. Even deceptive words will eventually betray the deception within.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:54-58

In a stirring conclusion to his teaching on the resurrection, the apostle Paul praises God who has given us in Jesus Christ the victory over death.

LUKE 6:39-45

Disciples are not deceptive. Jesus teaches that we are to be completely open to God's influences if we are to influence others to the good.

ENTRANCE RITE – Psalm 26:1-3

V. Grant me justice, Lord! I have walked without blame. In the Lord I have trusted; I have not faltered.

R. Test me, Lord, and try me; search my heart and mind. Your love is before my eyes; I walk guided by your faithfulness.

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.

TRACT : Proverbs 11:3

V. The honesty of the upright guides them;

R. The faithless are ruined by their duplicity.

THE GOSPEL – Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – February 27th

**Third Sunday – Pre-Lent
Quinquagesima**

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

WEDNESDAY – March 2nd

ASH WEDNESDAY

*Blessing and distribution of
Ashes to the faithful.*

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

7:00 PM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – March 6th

First Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

PICNIC COMMITTEE

As we begin preparation for the return of our annual picnic, much help is needed. If you can and are willing to help, please contact Jay Rowe, our committee chairperson at jrowe@oblon.com or call him at 484-332-9409.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

A Spring Clean-Up is planned for the Cemetery. If you have decorations on the graves that you want to keep, please remove them before March 17th or they will be disposed of for you.

**Prime Bishop Mikovsky
25th Anniversary of Ordination**

On Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at the St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton, PA, You are invited to join Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky as he celebrates Holy Mass of Thanksgiving on his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood.

Following the Mass there will be a reception/banquet (with limited capacity of 200) at the Cathedral Youth Center. More information is available on the flyer posted on the bulletin boards in the vestibule and in the Fellowship Hall and in the information rack above the bulletins.

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, Donald Deihm and Riley Rejniak: **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

Wednesday, March 2nd; ASH WEDNESDAY. Mass at 9:00 AM and 7:00PM. The ANS will be serving grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup beginning at 6:00PM.

Sunday, March 6th; The ANS will meet in the Library at 11:00AM. All of the Ladies of the parish are urged to attend and to join if you do not already belong.

Monday, March 7th; The Mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00PM.

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

Wednesday, March 9th; STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:00PM. The Mission Commission will be serving potato soup beginning at 6:00PM.

Thursday March, 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.

Wednesday, March 16th; STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:00PM. The YMS of R will be serving potato pierogis and mushroom soup.

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

Wednesday, March 23rd; STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:00PM. The ANS be serving spaghetti with meatless marinara sauce at 6:00PM.

Wednesday, March 30th; STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:00PM. Manhattan Clam Chowder and Tuna Salad on a roll served at 6:00PM.

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

Jesus is King

Jesus is King and I will extol Him

Give Him the glory and honor His name

He reigns on high enthroned in the heavens

Word of His Father, exalted for us

We have a Hope that is steadfast and certain
Gone through the curtain and touching the throne

We have a Priest who is there interceding

Pouring His grace on our lives day by day

O holy One, our hearts do adore you

Thrilled with your goodness we give you our praise

Angels in light with worship surround Him

Jesus, our Savior, forever the name