

Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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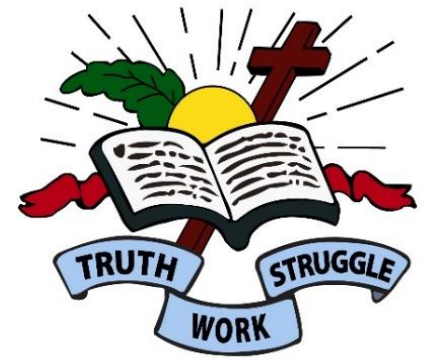
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March 13, 2022

Solemnity – Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church

A Festival Thought

Christ calls us to serve Him, now and forever. And to help make this possible, He gave us the great gift of the Polish National Catholic Church, the anniversary of the founding of which we commemorate today.

About Today's Bible Readings

Wisdom 5:1-5

The wicked are overwhelmed and amazed at the power and the glory of the righteous one.

Responsorial Psalm:

2:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, 10-11

R. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice before him; with trembling pay homage to him.

1 Timothy 4:1-5

Saint Paul cautions us to beware of those who try to tell us to disobey the Lord, for all things made by Him are good and pleasing to the soul.

John: 12:1-7

The branches are us, the people of God, called together as the body of Christ, His One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. If we remain faithful to Him, we will bear good fruit to the Glory of His Holy Name.

ENTRANCE RITE – Psalm 91:1-2; Psalm 17:8

V. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures You let me graze; to safe waters You Lead me, You restore my strength. You guide me along the right path for the sake of Your name.

**R. You set a table before me as my enemies watch;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

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 – Psalm 31:2

V. In You, Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

R. In Your justice deliver me.

THE GOSPEL – John 12:1-7

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – March 13th

Solemnity

Institution of the P.N.C.C.

Daylight Saving Time Begins!

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

WEDNESDAY – March 16th

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00 PM

SUNDAY – March 20th

Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

WEDNESDAY – March 23rd

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00 PM

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, Janice Elaine Casperson, Frank Fisher, Elizabeth McAlanis 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

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

Sunday, March 20th; 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 21st; Fund Raising/Picnic Committee meeting in the library at 7:00 PM. We are combining the Fundraising Committee and the Picnic Committee for the foreseeable future. Anyone interested in helping with the Picnic should attend this meeting as well as all current Fundraising Committee members.

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.

Sunday, April 3rd; YMS of R Egg Sandwich sale after each Mass. \$5.00 each, with coffee. Eat in or take out..

Monday, April 4th; The Mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00PM

Tuesday, April 5th; The YMS of R will meet at 7:00PM in the fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, April 6th; **STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:00PM.** Mama's Pizza served at 6:00PM.

Tuesday, April 12th; Proposed trip to Scranton for the Chrism Mass at Saint Stanislaus Cathedral. More info to follow. Please sign the sheet in the vestibule if you are interested in joining us.

Wednesday, April 13th; **STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:00PM.** Tuna or egg salad sandwiches served at 6:00PM.

Thursday April, 25th; 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.

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

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

We are exploring several different ways of offering support for those afflicted by the turmoil in Ukraine. There are sheets in the vestibule with suggested donation items. Please have them here by Sunday, March 20th when we will be taking them to Philadelphia.