

April 3, 2022

Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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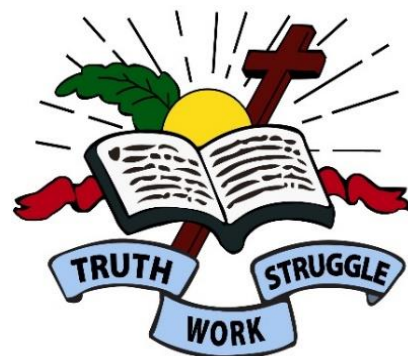
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – PASSION SUNDAY

A Sabbath Thought

As we continue our Lenten journey, we now acknowledge our sinfulness and recognize our need for conversion. As a people of faith, we gather in worship to share the Word that calms our fears and the Bread that makes us whole.

About Today's Bible Readings

ISAIAH 43:16-21

The prophet reminds us that our story is one of hope. God's relationship with us involves us in a journey through redemption.

Responsorial Psalm: 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

PHILIPPIANS 3:8-14

Like runners in the midst of a race, disciples are in movement toward a goal: formation in the image of Christ.

JOHN 8:1-11

The Saviour who doodles in the dirt disarms the critics and, at the same time, rescues the criticized.

ENTRANCE RITE (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

V. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

R. And all this is from God, Who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

V. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.

R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

TRACT (Psalm 103:8,13-14)

V. Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

R. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on the faithful. For He knows how we are formed, remembers that we are dust.

THE GOSPEL (John 8:1-11)

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

SUNDAY – April 3rd

*Fifth Sunday of Lent
Passion Sunday*

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

WEDNESDAY – April 6th

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00 PM

SUNDAY – April 10th

Palm Sunday

*Blessing and distribution of
palms to the faithful,
Procession*

ONE MASS ONLY!

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

THURSDAY – April 14th

Holy (Maundy) Thursday

7:00 PM

FRIDAY – April 15th

Good Friday

Mass of the Pre-Sanctified

3:00PM

Tenebre

7:00 PM

SATURDAY – April 16th

Holy Saturday

Blessing of Easter Foods

12:00 Noon

*Blessing of New Fire, Holy
Water and Pascal Candle*

7:00 PM

SUNDAY – April 17th

EASTER SUNDAY

*The Resurrection of The Lord
PROCESSION*

ONE MASS ONLY!

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

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 Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk 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

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

Today, April 3rd; At 11:00AM the School of Christian Living (SOCL) will be holding an Easter Egg hunt for the children of the parish. Please bring your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Treats and Pizza will be served.

Today, April 3rd; 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, 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, 21st; 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!

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 or attend the next meeting on Monday, April 18th at 7:00PM in the Library. Thank you.

Prime Bishop Mikovsky 25th Anniversary of Ordination

More information is available on the flyer posted on the bulletin boards and in the information rack above the bulletins.

RELIEF FOR UKRAINE

We will be taking a second collection today as you leave for financial support to the Ukraine. This money will be sent to the National Church in Scranton to be forwarded to our sister Parishes of the Polish Catholic Church that are near the Ukrainian border to assist in their efforts to help refugees fleeing the conflict. Please be as generous as you can. We are also collecting items for the refugees as well. A list of what is needed is in your April Newsletter arriving in the mail soon. Thank you.