



July 10, 2022

## Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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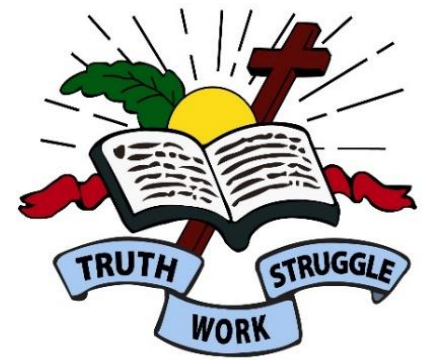
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## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### A Sabbath Thought

For many, the past is a prison from which they cannot escape. But Christ has freed us from all that is past. Prejudice need not blind us, nor habit dull our minds. We live unfettered and our only responsibility is the burden of love.

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### DEUTERONOMY 30:10-14

Moses reminds the people that God's law is not an ancient artifact but a recent reality. It is in their hearts.

#### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37

**R: Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

#### COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

After his greetings, Paul begins his letter to Colossae by describing Christ's place in the universe and our place to him.

#### LUKE 10:25-37

The story of the good Samaritan is a warping of the dimension of space. "Neighbors" are not only those *near* to us. Christ makes everyone near, so *all* persons are our neighbors.

### ENTRANCE RITE Psalms 25:1b-2

*V. I lift up my soul to my God. In You I trust;*

**R. Do not let me be disgraced; do not let my enemies gloat over me.**

*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: Jeremiah 50:5b

*V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

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

*V. Come, let us join ourselves to the Lord with covenant everlasting,  
never to be forgotten.*

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

### THE GOSPEL – LUKE 10:25-37

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test him and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

**This is the Gospel of the Lord!**

# Worship Services

**TODAY – July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

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**SUNDAY – July 17<sup>th</sup>**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

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**SUNDAY – July 24<sup>th</sup>**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

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**SUNDAY – July 31<sup>st</sup>**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

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## SIGN UP SHEETS

I want to thank all of those who helped make pierogi recently. Much more work is needed. Sign Up Sheets for Pierogi making are on the table in the vestibule. Please take a moment and see if you are available to help. The pierogi sheets are for July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. I hope that you can find time to help. These are for the picnic so please help. Thank you and God bless.

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## SUMMER

As we continue to enjoy this beautiful summer season with which the Lord has gifted us, please try to take a moment out of your busy days to remember those of our brothers and sisters who are less blessed than ourselves. If you are able, reach out financially, spiritually, socially or bodily and act on the Lord's behalf. Go, as the Lord sent His disciples, and spread His love to all of those who feel neglected or forgotten. Show them that they are not alone and that God loves them and so do we.

## 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, Donald Deihm, Janice Elaine Casperson, Frank Fisher, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk, Terry Leatherman, Christine Mulutzie, Jackie Weinhold, Andy Kosak, Riley Rejniak and Father Senior Ed Ratajack. **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 or remove them!**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>:** The Picnic/Fundraising Committee will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are invited to attend.

**Friday and Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>;** Pierogi Making! Please sign up to help make Pierogi for the Picnic in August!

**Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>;** Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM

**Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>;** The Book Club will meet at 7:00 PM in the Library

**Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>;** The Mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM

**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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## THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

The Reading School District has informed us that the Knights Closet Project which provides items of basic necessity to students in need will continue. 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 leave your contributions on the table in the Fellowship Hall by the windows and we will get them to those in need. A list of needed items can be found in the literature rack in the vestibule above the weekly bulletins. Please take one as you leave. Thank you and God bless.

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**"Go and do likewise."**

**LUKE 10:37**