



July 24, 2022

Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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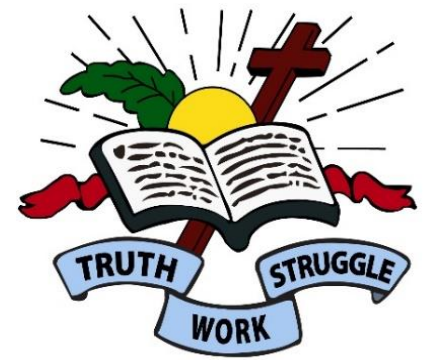
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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

Why do we pray? It might seem selfish to answer, "to ask for things." But that is an acceptable reason. God loves us and is ready to give us the good gifts for which we ask.

About Today's Bible Readings

GENESIS 18:20-32

Abraham perseveres in his petitions to God. Even more striking is his confidence that he will be heard.

Responsorial Psalm: 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8

R: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

COLOSSIANS 2:12-14

God has given us new life in Christ, not because of our merits, but rather out of love.

LUKE 11:1-13

As a part of a lesson on prayer, Jesus gives a simple version of the Our Father. These are the words that open the door to God - not out of magic but rather out of love.

ENTRANCE RITE Wisdom 12:15-16

V. But as you are just, you govern all things justly; you regard it as unworthy of your power to punish one who has incurred no blame.

R. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all.

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 29:12

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. When you call Me, when you go to pray to Me, I will listen to you.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL – LUKE 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence. "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

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, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk, Terry Leatherman, Christine Mulutzie, Jackie Weinhold, Andy Kosak, Riley Rejniak, Toni Wiswesser and Father Senior Ed Ratajack. **Our Father...**

If there are any other individuals who should or shouldn't be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them or remove them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, August 1st; The Picnic/Fundraising Committee will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are invited to attend.

Wednesday, August 3rd; The Mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM

Thursday, August 4th; The Book Club will meet at 7:00 PM in the Library

Sunday, August 21st; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM

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

CENTRAL DIOCESE ANS WOMEN'S RETREAT

WHEN: August 26-27, 2022

WHERE: Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Waymart, PA

RSVP BY: AUGUST 8, 2022

Come join women of the Central Diocese of the PNCC in fellowship and prayer at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center in Waymart, PA. Retreat Master, Deacon Jim Ploskonka, will lead us in three presentations on The Holy Eucharist. The retreat will start at 4 pm on Friday August 26, 2022. Pizza, desserts, and snacks will be available. The first session of the retreat will be held Friday evening. There will be a continental breakfast at 8 am Saturday August 27, 2022 followed by the second session of the retreat at 9 am. Lunch will be served at 12 pm, followed by the third and final session at 1 pm. Lunch will consist of hoagies, potato and/or macaroni salad and snacks.

*****Overnight stay is available. Anyone staying overnight will need to bring their own linens.*****

Cost of registration is \$75.00 per person. Checks can be made out to Central Diocese ANS. Registration is due by Monday August 8, 2022. Please include name, address, phone number and parish. Please send Registration information directly to Kathy Cortazar, President of the Central Diocese ANS. Her address and contact information are below:

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***We look forward to seeing you and sharing in the experience!
Board of the Central Diocese ANS***

TODAY – July 24th

17th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – July 31st

18th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – August 7th

19th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

PICNIC PREPARATION

I want to thank all of those who helped make pierogi. Much more work is needed as we continue to prepare for the return of our Annual Picnic. Watch for signup sheets for Golumpkie making in the near future. Please try to attend the Picnic/Fundraising Committee meeting Monday, August 1st at 7:00 PM in the Library to find out how you can help. Thank you and God bless.

PICNIC TICKETS

Picnic Raffle Tickets have been mailed to all. Please either purchase or sell these tickets to help our Picnic Fund Raising efforts. If you need more tickets, please see Fr. Sr. Donald. Please return the money and stubs by August 7th.

SUMMERTIME

As we continue our physical and spiritual journey through the summer of the year of Our Lord 2022, let's keep in our thoughts and prayers all of our brothers and sister who are homebound and lonely. If you know some such individual, try to make an effort to visit them or at least call them. This simple act of kindness can have a major impact on their lives and mental and spiritual wellbeing.