

July 3, 2022

# Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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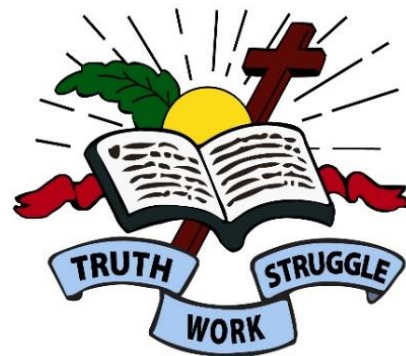
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## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Happy  
Independence Day!**

**The Land of the free  
and the home of the  
brave!**

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### A Sabbath Thought

Right from the beginning, the mission of Jesus' disciples has been to bring his message of peace to a violent world. The world is still violent; therefore, the mission has not changed. Today, we are the disciples sent forth to bring peace.

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### ISAIAH 66:10-14

With emotional images, the prophet Isaiah paints a picture of universal peace, contentment and love.

#### GALATIANS 6:14-18

The risen Christ has wrought a new creation that brings peace and love to the world.

#### LUKE 10:1-12, 17-20

The Lord sends his disciples on a mission to carry the message of peace to all.

### ENTRANCE RITE (Psalms 122:6-9)

*V. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: "May those who love you prosper! May peace be within your ramparts, prosperity within your towers."*

**R. For family and friends I say, "May peace be yours." For the house of the Lord, our God, I pray, "May blessings be yours."**

*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: 1 Samuel 25:6

*V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

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

*V. Say to him, "Peace be with you, my brother, and with your family, and with all who belong to you."*

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

### THE GOSPEL – LUKE 10:1-12, 17-20

At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.' Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, 'The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you.' Yet know this: the kingdom of God is at hand. I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day than for that town."

The seventy-two returned rejoicing, and said, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name." Jesus said, "I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky. Behold, I have given you the power to 'tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

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

# Worship Services

**TODAY – July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

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**SUNDAY – 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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## SIGN UP SHEETS

I want to thank all of those who helped make pierogi the last time. 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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## The Fourth of July

Tomorrow is the Fourth of July or Independence Day. While many will celebrate with fireworks and food, let us not forget just what this day is commemorating. We are celebrating the Declaration of Independence, separating the United States of America from England. Many brave men and women suffered and died to make this a reality and since then, many more have sacrificed to maintain that reality. Please remember them all, their courage, their bravery and their devotion to country as you enjoy what for many will be a long weekend off from work. If you encounter an active duty service person or a veteran, remember to say "Thank You for your service and may God Bless and keep you."

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## 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, Jerry Butto, 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

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

**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

**If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior**

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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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## Recessional Hymn

### GOD BLESS AMERICA

**God bless America, land that I love  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with a light from above**

**From the mountains to the prairies  
To the oceans white with foam  
God bless America, my home sweet home  
God bless America, my home sweet home**

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