

July 31, 2022

Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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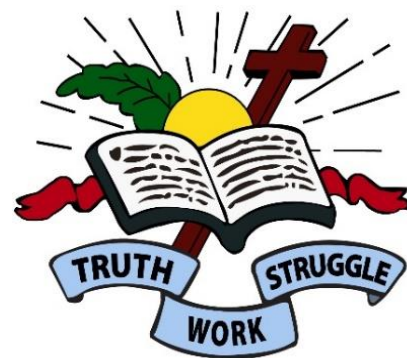
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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

The human struggle for earthly goals is universal. But God invites us to set our hearts on goals that do not disappear. Anxiety over material profit is but futile energy which could otherwise be expended in discovering life's many surprises and rejoicing over life's immeasurable blessings.

About Today's Bible Readings

ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 2:21-23

Only the meaning we have brought into the lives of others and only the gospel values we have learned and have lived will ultimately endure.

Responsorial Psalm:

90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

COLOSSIANS 3:1-5, 9-11

These eternal virtues will witness to our life in Christ and will be our legacy in death.

LUKE 12:13-21

At the end of our earthly life, each of us will meet God face to face, but with empty hands. When the moment arrives for us to cross death's threshold, we will do so without baggage, without souvenirs nor gifts.

ENTRANCE RITE – Psalms 39:6; 49:11

V. You have given my days a very short span; my life is as nothing before You. All mortals are but a breath.

R. Anyone can see that the wisest die, the fool and the senseless pass away too, and must leave their wealth to others.

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: Psalms 31:11-15

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL – LUKE 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus,

“Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.” He replied to him, “Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?” Then he said to the crowd, “Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.”

Then he told them a parable. “There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, ‘What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?’ And he said, ‘This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, ‘Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!’” But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – July 31st

18th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Intentions for the repose of the soul of
Michał Mularczyk.

SUNDAY – August 7th

19th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – August 14th

20th Sunday Ordinary Time

ONE MASS ONLY

Picnic Sunday

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

IN MEMORIAM

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you of the passing to life eternal of Michał Mularczyk, the father of the Reverend Mariusz Mularczyk the pastor of Saint Valentine's parish in Philadelphia. He passed away Friday in Poland and due to his recent back surgery, Father Mariusz is unable to travel home to be there for the funeral. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michał, and for the peace and consolation of Father Mariusz, his wife and son and especially for his mother Sophie.

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 see how you can help.

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.

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. For the repose of the soul of Michał Mularczyk. **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 14th; Saint Stephen's Annual Parish Picnic! I hope to see everyone and their friends and families there.

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**