



Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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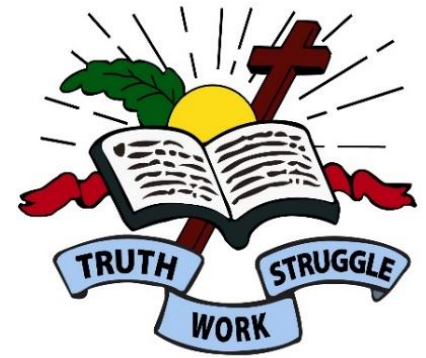
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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

Following Jesus has a price. People in the past have paid it. Today, it is our turn. The decision is ours. But, remember: "Not to decide is to decide."

About Today's Bible Readings

JEREMIAH 38:4-6, 8-10

The prophet Jeremiah discovers the reality of the satirical saying, "The truth will set you free, but first it will make you miserable."

HEBREWS 12:1-4

In every generation, there are those who bear witness to the cross of Jesus, "heedless of its shame."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 40:2, 3, 4, 18

R. Lord, come to my aid!

LUKE 12:49-53

Jesus, called the prince of peace, seems to prefer division. Is this a paradox, or a way of getting our attention?

ENTRANCE RITE – Psalm 139:7-8, 11-12a

V. Where can I hide from your spirit? From Your presence, where can I flee? If I ascend to the heavens, You are there; if I lie down in Sheol, You are there too.

R. Surely darkness shall hide me, and night shall be my light. Darkness is not dark for You, and night shines as the day.

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: Psalm 97:3-4

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Fire goes before Him; everywhere it consumes the foes. Lightning illumines the world; the earth sees and trembles.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL – LUKE 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!

There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!

Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?

No, I tell you, but rather division.

From now on a household of five will be divided,

three against two and two against three;

a father will be divided against his son

and a son against his father,

a mother against her daughter

and a daughter against her mother,

a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – August 14th

20th Sunday Ordinary Time

ONE MASS ONLY

Picnic Sunday

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – August 21st

21st Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

THE PICNIC IS HERE!

I want to thank all of those who have helped with preparations for the picnic so far. Today is the big day. All of our hard work will be put to the test. Please volunteer to help man the picnic and the various stations there. Even if you can only work for a bit, please offer to give someone else a break. I hope to see everyone there whether working or just enjoying themselves. Let's pray for good weather and give thanks to God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for the youth of the Parish will start on Sunday, September 11th. Please sign up your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews for this important training and education. Snacks will be provided.

WINE TASTING PARTY

We will be having a wine tasting party at the Ridgewood Winery Sunday, August 21st from 1:00 PM until 3:30 PM. The cost will be \$40.00 per person. Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule for more information and please add your name to the signup sheet if you are interested in joining us.

T-SHIRTS

We are exploring having T-Shirts made with the parish name and PNCC logo for sale to parishioners, family and friends. These can be worn during church functions or anytime you want to promote our parish. Cost is to be determined later. Please add your name, number of shirts you are interested in and sizes to the signup sheet in the vestibule.

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, Jane and John Aldershoff 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

Today 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

Sunday, September 11th; The ANS will meet at 11:00 AM in the Library. All are welcome to attend. If you are not a member of the ANS, please consider joining.

Tuesday, September 13th; The Book Club will meet at 7:00 PM in the Library

Wednesday, September 14th; 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!

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.

