



August 7, 2022

Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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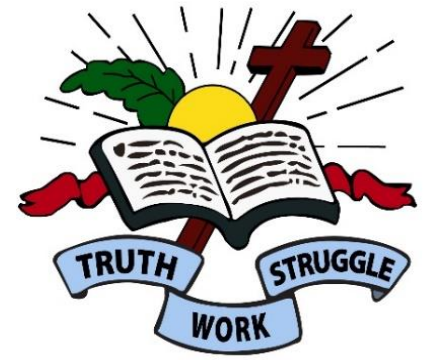
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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

Those who follow Jesus keep both feet on the ground, both eyes on the horizon, both hands at work. This is the manner in which the Lord urges us to be ready for his return.

About Today's Bible Readings

WISDOM 18:6-9

This ancient text makes the point that, when God's people awaited salvation from the Lord, they were never disappointed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

HEBREWS 11:1-2, 8-19

Here is a profile of Abraham and Sarah, proving that all faith is a matter of assurance and hope, conviction and trust.

LUKE 12:32-48

Jesus hammers home a lesson about readiness. Disciples must always be prepared for the Lord's coming.

ENTRANCE RITE – Psalms 28:7; 105:7-8

V. The Lord is my strength and my shield, in Whom my heart trusted and found help. So my heart rejoices; with my song I praise my God.

R. The Lord is our God who rules the whole earth. He remembers forever His covenant, the act imposed for a thousand generations, which was made with Abraham, confirmed by oath to Isaac, and ratified as binding for Jacob, an everlasting covenant for Israel.

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: Hebrews 11:6b

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Anyone who approaches God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL – LUKE 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. "Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Then Peter said, "Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?" And the Lord replied, "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so. Truly, I say to you, the master will put the servant in charge of all his property. But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants, to eat and drink and get drunk, then that servant's master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish the servant severely and assign him a place with the unfaithful. That servant who knew his master's will but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his will shall be beaten severely; and the servant who was ignorant of his master's will but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating shall be beaten only lightly. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – 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

PICNIC PREPARATION

I want to thank all of those who have helped with preparations for the picnic. Much more work is needed as we continue to prepare for the return of our Annual Picnic. More work will be done each day this week and help is needed. Also, please try to attend the Picnic/Fundraising Committee meeting Monday, August 8th 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 today if possible.

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

Monday, August 8th; The Picnic/Fundraising Committee will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are invited to attend.

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

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!

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.

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