

Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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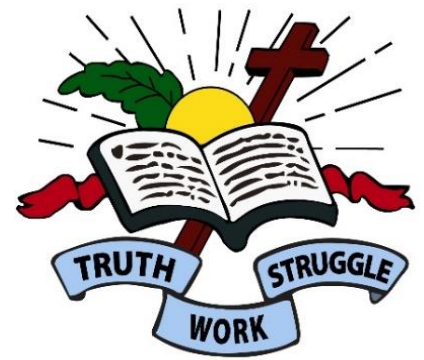
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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

Our God is gracious, and that graciousness should rub off on us. One way in which we proclaim the gospel to those around us is by imitating the God in whom we believe.

About Today's Bible Readings

SIRACH 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Humble attitudes and actions are not only a social lubricant. They should also characterize our stance before God.

Responsorial Psalm: 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

HEBREWS 12:18-19, 22-24

The living God forms us into a living body - the community of the church.

LUKE 14:1, 7-14

A dinner party and its seating arrangements give Jesus a chance to teach that our humble graciousness towards each other is a sign of our faith in God.

ENTRANCE RITE – Zephaniah 2:3a; Psalm 149:40

V. Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who have observed His law; seek justice, seek humility.

R. For the Lord takes delight in His people, honors the poor with victory.

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: Sirach 3:28

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the wise man's joy.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL – LUKE 14:1, 7-14

On a Sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

TODAY – August 28th

22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – Sept. 4th

Labor Day Weekend

23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – Sept. 11th

Solemnity of Brotherly Love

Annual Blue Mass in honor of our First Responders and in remembrance of 9/11

ONE MASS ONLY!

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

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

The Wine Tasting Event was a great success. Everyone had a great time and truly enjoyed the unique wine pairings with various selections of Soul Food. The Ridgewood Winery was a gracious host and I hope that we can do this again sometime and that more people will join 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 sign up 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., Kevin Grossman, Kyle Grossman, Damon Grossman, Donald Deihm, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk,,Terry Leatherman, Christine Mulutzie, Kevin 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

Sunday, September 11th; Sunday School begins. Please see Janet Katinowsky for more information. Please sign up young people for this important training and education.

Sunday, September 11th; Annual Blue Mass in Honor of our local First Responders. Please see the Newsletter for more info. **ONE MASS ONLY at 9:00AM.**

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.

Monday, September 12th; The Picnic/Fundraising Committee will meet in either the Library or the Fellowship Hall for an analysis of the Picnic and to consider plans for next year. All are invited to attend.

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.

Sunday, September 18th; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Tuesday, September 20th; The YMS of R (Young Men's Society of the Resurrection) will meet in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the Parish are invited to attend and to join the YMS of R if they are not already members.

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.

FALL MUM FUNDRAISER

Through a joint promotion with our next-door neighbors, The Shoppes at Nolde, We are holding a Fall Mum Fundraising Event. We are taking orders for nine inch, potted mums that can be picked up at the shop next door on October 1st and 2nd. Deadline to order is Saturday, September 17th. Please see the flyer in the vestibule or Tom Schalata for more information or to place your order.