

Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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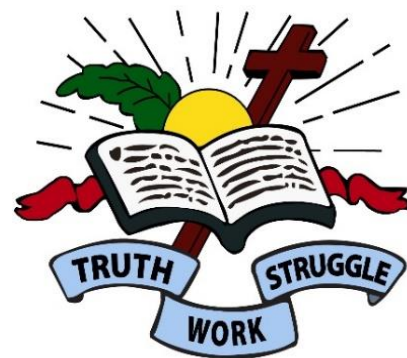
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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

Jesus once said that the contents of our hearts indicate what we hold to be valuable. The same is true of our time and energy. To what or whom are we devoted? Our daily schedules reveal the answers

About Today's Bible Readings

AMOS 8:4-7

God is not fooled. The Lord can easily spot phony devotion.

Responsorial Psalm: 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-8

The first duty of those who believe is to pray for others. Even our prayer must be unselfish.

LUKE 16:1-13

We must seek God's kingdom with all the energy at our disposal.

ENTRANCE RITE – Psalm 113:1-2

V. Praise, you servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

R. Blessed be the name of the Lord both now and forever.

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 29:11

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Dispose of your treasure as the Most High commands, for that will profit you more than the gold.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL – LUKE 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.' The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.' He called in his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.' Then to another the steward said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.' The steward said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.' And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. "For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." **This is the Gospel of the Lord**

Worship Services

TODAY – Sept. 18th
25th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass
9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – Sept. 25th
Spojnia Sunday
26th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass
9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – October 2nd
27th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass
9:30 AM – Holy Mass

BLESSING OF ANIMALS
In Honor of St. Francis of Assisi
2:00 PM - In the Parking Lot

Spojnia Sunday

Next Sunday, September 25th, as the PNCC celebrates Spojnia Sunday – let us always remember to support the efforts of our sister organization as the PNU continues to support the members, clergy and parishes of the PNCC. For more information on the Polish National Union please contact your PNU Branch Secretary, visit the web site www.pnu.org, or call the PNU Home Office at 800-724-6352.

13TH ANNUAL POLISH OPEN

On Saturday, October 8, 2022 the Polish American Heritage Association of Berks County will hold its annual Golf Tournament. Information and signup sheets are in the vestibule. I hope that our parish will be represented again this year as it was last year.

T-SHIRTS

We are exploring having T-Shirts made with the parish name and PNCC logo. 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., Kevin Grossman, Kyle Grossman, Damon Grossman, Donald Deihm, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk., Terry Leatherman, Jackie Weinhold, Andy Kosak, Riley Rejniak, Jane and John Aldershoff, Cindy Golowski 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, September 18th; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Today, September 18th; 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 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.

Wednesday, September 21st; The Mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM. Postponed from last Wednesday.

Tuesday, October 13th; 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 Donald so he can add them!

125th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PNCC

On Saturday, October 22, 2022 a special celebration will be held commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the Polish National Catholic Church. Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule for more information. RSVP is required by October 8th. I am told that following the dinner, a special organ recital will be held in Saint Stanislaus Cathedral. I hope to see many of you there.

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. Absolute last chance deadline to order is today. Please see the flyer in the vestibule or Tom Schalata for more information or to place your order.

THE XXVI SYNOD OF THE PNCC

From October 19th through October 21st The XXVI Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church will be held in Scranton, PA. Please pray for all of the delegates to this Synod, especially those from our parish, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit and inspired to make good and holy choices during this Synod for the benefit of our beloved Polish National Catholic Church and for the greater glory of God.