



September 25, 2022

Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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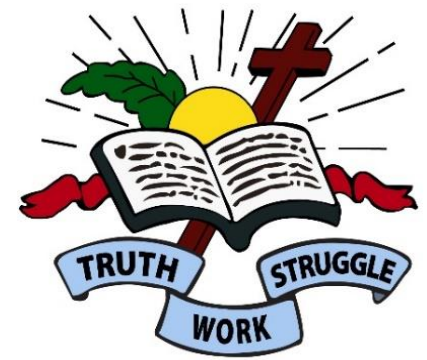
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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

The good things of life, are they only for the rich? Then, there are other good things that only God can give: justice for the oppressed, food for the hungry, healing for the sick and, for all, protection, integrity, piety and love.

About Today's Bible Readings

AMOS 6:1, 4-7

The prophet Amos warns the complacent that their good things have now become bad news.

Responsorial Psalm: 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

1 TIMOTHY 6:11-16

Here are our battle orders for the good fight of faith. Aim at integrity and grasp firmly the new life to which Jesus witnessed.

LUKE 16:1-13

In this history of rich and poor, the roles are reversed. It is not too late for us. We have Moses and the prophets...and one who has come to us from the dead. Let us hear him.

ENTRANCE RITE – Psalm 146:9-10

V. The Lord protects the stranger, sustains the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the way of the wicked.

R. The Lord shall reign forever; your God, Zion, through all generations. Hallelujah!

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: Proverbs 21:13

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor will himself also call and not be heard.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL – LUKE 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.' Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.' But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

TODAY – 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

SUNDAY – October 9th

Solemnity

The Christian Family

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Spojnia Sunday

Today is 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.

POST PICNIC BRUNCH

There will be a free brunch on October 9th at 11:00AM in the Fellowship Hall for all who helped to make the Picnic the rousing success that it was. Please see the flyers in the vestibule for more info and be sure to add your name and number attending to the signup sheet.

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, Pat Schiaroli 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, October 9th; Post Picnic Brunch in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00AM.

Tuesday, October 11th; 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, October 12th; The Fundraising Committee will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are welcome to attend.

Thursday, October 13th; The Book Club will meet at 7:00 PM in the Library.

Sunday, October 16th; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Sunday, October 16th; 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.

Wednesday, October 26th; The Mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM. Postponed from last Wednesday.

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. There will be an organ recital by international concert organist, Gail Arche, in Saint Stanislaus Cathedral at 7:30PM. I hope to see many of you there.

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.

FALL MUM FUNDRAISER AND FALL FEST

Those who ordered MUMS Can pick them up any time between now and October 2nd. If you haven't submitted your payment, please see Tom Schalata after Mass. The Shops at Nolde Pines will be holding a Fall Fest on October 1st and 2nd from 10:00AM until 2:00PM. They will be using our parking lot for overflow parking. Orange cones will be set up to direct them to the upper area near the shed. The event will feature merchandise, food trucks, music, face and pumpkin painting, petting zoo and apple cider. Please support our neighbors and visit if you can.