

Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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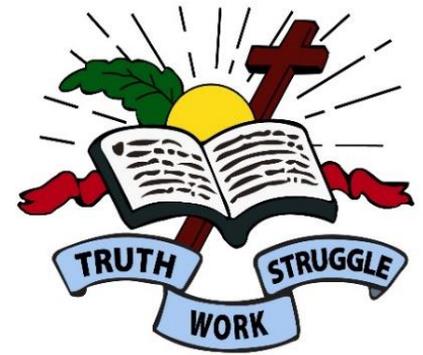
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October 16, 2022

Twenty Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time

Heritage Sunday

Today is Heritage Sunday. Please take a moment to remember and to embrace your personal heritage whatever it may be. And remember to respect and honor the heritage of others.

A Sabbath Thought

When we gather as a worshipping community, we bring with us the struggle and the pain of our individual lives. But we need not lose heart because the Lord has promised to be with us as we persevere in prayer.

About Today's Bible Readings

EXODUS 17:8-13

Standing before the Lord, supported by others, Moses gives an example of faithful, steadfast prayer.

Responsorial Psalm:

121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

2 TIMOTHY 3:14 – 4:2

This exhortation to live the good news of Jesus Christ charges us to preach the word of God and to take to heart the guidance it provides.

LUKE 18:1-8

Through parables, Jesus reveals a God who is not true to human expectations. We see the real nature of the kingdom in a widow who perseveres.

ENTRANCE RITE – Psalm 31-24a, Sirach 51:11

V. Love the Lord, all you faithful. The Lord protects the loyal.

R. I will ever praise Your name and be constant in my prayers to You. Thereupon the Lord heard my voice, He listened to my appeal.

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: Job 27:10

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Will he then delight in the Almighty and call upon Him constantly?

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL – Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

TODAY—October 16th

29th Sunday Ordinary Time

Heritage Sunday

Intentions for the health and happiness of Reverend Colonel Andrew Bilinski, MD on his recent promotion to full Colonel of the Army of the United States of America. Congratulations!

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY—October 23rd

30th Sunday Ordinary Time

Intentions for the repose of the souls of Rev. Francis N. Kaczmarczyk and Beatrice Kaczmarczyk offered by Francis D. Kaczmarczyk, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk and family.

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY—October 30th

31st Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass



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, 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, Diane Fisher and Father Senior Ed Ratajack. For the repose of the soul of Joseph Wesolowski. **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, October 16th; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Today, 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.

Wednesday, November 2nd; All Souls Day. Mass of Remembrance at 7:00PM. Please take a form from the table in the vestibule to submit your names to be honored.

Sunday, November 6th; The ANS will be holding a Pot Pie Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 Noon. Pot Pie, Cole Slaw and Rolls, all you can eat. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ten years of age and under. Quarts to go - \$10.00, includes 2 Rolls and Cole Slaw. Please see Cheryl Weinhold or Mary Cooper to purchase tickets. And please do so early so that we can plan on how much food to make. Thank you.

Wednesday, November 9th; The Book Club will meet at 7:00 PM in the Library.

Tuesday, December 13th; The YMS of R (Young Men's Society of the Resurrection) will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00PM. All men of the Parish are invited to attend and to join the YMS of R if they are not already members.

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

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.