



Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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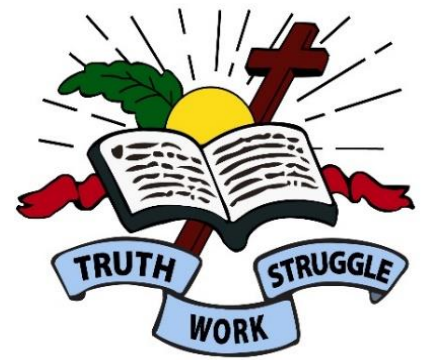
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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

Today's scriptures fit the season. They celebrate transitions as we move into autumn. While such times may represent loss, they can also mean challenge and growth. Living our lives in the care of God reduces the anxiety that change usually brings.

About Today's Bible Readings

HABAKKUK 1:2-3, 2:2-4

Surrounded by violence and misery, the people of Judah panic. But the prophet reassures them that despite their turmoil, God is faithful.

Responsorial Psalm: 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

2 TIMOTHY 1:6-8, 13-14

The Spirit of God that fills the community rules out shame and fear. Therefore, Christians should be like those who guard a rich treasure.

LUKE 17:5-10

Jesus does not answer directly the disciples' request for faith, but he tells them two stories that are vivid examples of it: the tiny but powerful mustard seed and the servants who wait patiently for their master, expecting no reward.

ENTRANCE RITE – Isaiah 33:2,5

V. O Lord, have pity on us, for You we wait. Be our strength every morning, our salvation in time of trouble!

R. The Lord is exalted, enthroned on high; He fills Zion with right and justice.

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: Mark 9:35b

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL – LUKE 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

"Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

TODAY – 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

Baptism of Nicholas Jacob

Nelson during 9:30 Mass

SUNDAY – October 16th

29th Sunday Ordinary Time

Heritage Sunday

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – October 23rd

30th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

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.

SENIORATE MEETING

On Saturday, October 1st, a meeting of the Philadelphia Seniorate of the Central Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church will be held here at Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish. Please pray for the delegates attending that the Holy Spirit may be upon them and guide them in their deliberations for the good of our church.

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 2nd; Blessing of the animals in the parking lot at 2:00PM.

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.

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 next door today. The Shops at Nolde Pines will be holding a Fall Fest today 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.