

Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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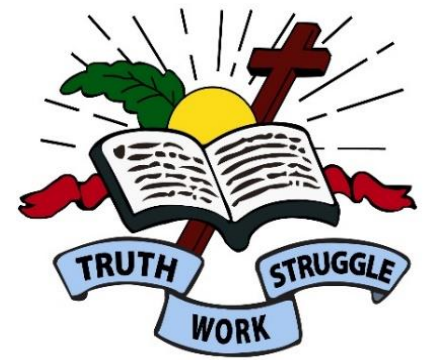
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Thirtieth First Sunday Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

In this last month of the liturgical year, we will learn to trust deeply in our God. He who promises to come at the end of the ages even now comes in our daily lives. We should welcome the Lord joyfully.

About Today's Bible Readings

WISDOM 11:22-12:1

All creation is in the hands of a God who knows us and loves us. God's mercy is one with the divine love.

Responsorial Psalm:

145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14

R. I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

2 THESSALONIANS 1:11-2:2

By glorifying God through our 'honest intention and work of faith,' we truly prepare for the coming of the Day of the Lord.

LUKE 19:1-10

Jesus came into Zacchaeus' life in a way that fulfills the hope of all believers - that the Lord will seek out in love those who he has created.

ENTRANCE RITE – Psalm 103:12-14, 11

V. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on the faithful. For He knows how we are formed, remembers that we are dust.

R. As the heavens tower over the earth, so God's love towers over the faithful.

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: Zephaniah 2:3a

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL – Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

TODAY—October 30th
31st Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY

November 2nd

**Commemoration
of All Souls Day**

7:00 PM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY- Nov. 6th

32st Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

ALL SOULS DAY

The annual observance of All Soul's Day is fast approaching. We will celebrate it on Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:00 PM. You will find sheets and envelopes on the table in the vestibule in front of the Little White Church if you should wish to remember dearly departed family members or friends. Please give the envelopes to Tom Schalata or to Fr. Sr. Donald and they will be read after Mass. A suggested donation of one dollar per name is requested and a battery powered tea lamp candle will be lit during the Mass and placed near the altar in remembrance.

Wigilia Dinner

The Polish American Heritage Association of Berks County will be holding their annual traditional Wigilia dinner on Sunday, December 18th, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Reading. Doors open at 4:15PM.

Adult Members: \$65.

Adult Non-Members: \$75.

For questions or reservations, please call Henry Pruski at 610-372-1279 after 7:00PM. Deadline for reservations is December 9th.

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, Joseph Seliga 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

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.

Sunday, November 13th; 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.

Sunday, October 20th; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Saturday, December 10th; Advent Penitential Service at 7:00 PM. I hope to see many of you there.

Sunday, December 11th; The YMS of R will be holding one of its famous Egg Sandwich Sales after each Mass.

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.

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

ANGEL TREE FOR THE BERKS COUNTY OFFICE OF AGING

Our Parish will once again be participating in the Angel Tree Program for the elderly who might be alone this Christmas. The Tree will be up either this week or next. When you take a card, please write your name and phone number on the sheet by the tree and check that column when you return the card. The deadline for returning the card is **December 11th**. Thank you for your loving kindness and generosity towards those less blessed than ourselves.

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 this year. 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 Hall near the windows and we will get them to those in need. Thank you for your support and God bless.