



Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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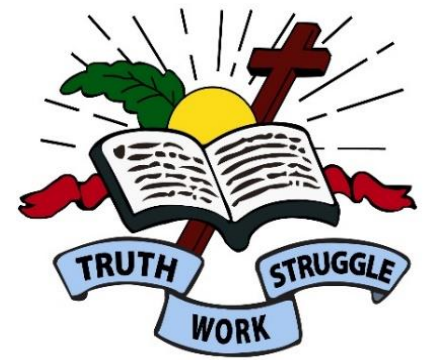
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Solemnity of the Christian Family

A Festival Thought

A family is a community where everybody's rights are recognized and honored, where happiness and lasting relationships rest on mutual respect. An authentic family is much more than a biological unit: It is organized in the spiritual service of Christ.

About Today's Bible Readings

SIRACH 3:11-16

It is wisdom to realize that respect, honor and mutual recognition of rights makes for longevity in relationships, especially within families.

Responsorial Psalm: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

**R. Happy are those who fear
the Lord and walk in his ways.**

COLOSSIANS 3:12-21

Dress up to stay at home because you will need the best of clothes: shared suffering, kindness, humility, gentle mannerisms and patience. Let love be the crown you wear around the house.

LUKE 2:41-52

Jesus' own family gave him a place to grow - in strength and wisdom and God's favor. Every organized relationship of human persons has to provide that opportunity for each other.

ENTRANCE RITE – 1 Timothy 5:8; Galatians 6:10

V. Whoever does not provide for relatives and especially family members has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

R. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith.

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 6:20

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Observe, my son, your father's bidding, and reject not your mother's teaching.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL – Luke 2:41-52

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

TODAY – 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

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

POST PICNIC BRUNCH

There will be a free brunch today 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. I hope to see you there!



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 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

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.

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. More details to follow later.

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.

THE SHOPS AT NOLDE PINES FALL FEST

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.