



Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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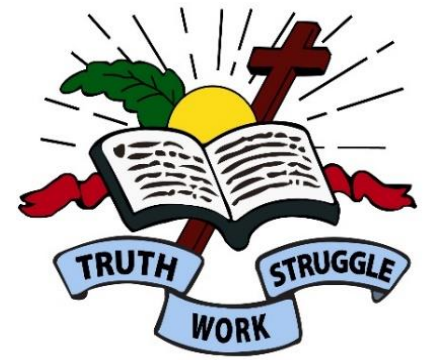
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January 1, 2023

Solemnity – The Circumcision of the Lord

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A Festival Thought

The Lord, Jesus, underwent circumcision to show that He was one hundred percent God and one hundred percent human. Thereby uniting Himself to us fully.

About Today's Bible Readings

GENESIS 17:9-14

God explains to Abraham the importance of the covenant as it relates to circumcision.

Responsorial Psalm:
19:8, 9, 10, 11

R. The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing my soul.

GALATIANS 5:3-6

Paul explains to the Gentiles that circumcision is not actually necessary to be Christians, only faith working through love.

LUKE 2:21

On the eighth day, Jesus was circumcised and given the name which is above every name.

ENTRANCE RITE – Genesis 17:10; Psalm 89:35-36a

V. This is My covenant with you and your descendants after you that you must keep: every male among you shall be circumcised.

R. I will not violate My covenant; the promise of My lips I will not alter. By My holiness, I swore once for all.

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 – Philippians 3:3

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. For we are the circumcision, we who worship through the Spirit of God, who boast in Christ Jesus, and do not put our confidence in flesh.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL – Luke 2:21

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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Worship Services

TODAY– Jan. 1st

SOLEMNITY

Circumcision of Our Lord

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

THURSDAY– Jan. 6th

SOLEMNITY

Epiphany of Our Lord

Blessing and distribution of incense and chalk.

7:00 PM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY- Jan. 8th

SOLEMNITY

Humble Shepherds

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – Jan. 15th

2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – Jan. 22nd

3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass



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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 Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Ken Mawson, Sharon Fitzwater, Jeannine Dresh, Amanda Dresh, Brianne Dresh, Bonnie Sue Pilot, Lisha Rowe, Lorah Zawoski, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Courtney Pierce, 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. **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

Thursday, January 5th; The Book Club will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM.

Sunday, January 8th; The ANS will meet in the Library at 11:00 AM. All of the women of the Parish are encouraged to attend and to join the ANS if not already members.

Tuesday, January 10th; The Mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

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

Saturday, January 14th; The Music Commission of the Central Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church will hold a seminar here at Saint Stephens at 1:00 PM. All are welcome to attend. All Choir members should mark this date on your calendars.

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

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.

2023 PNCC HOME LITURGICAL CALENDER

The 2023 PNCC HOME LITURGICAL CALENDAR is now available in limited quantities. They can be found on the table in the vestibule and cost \$6.50 each. They are a great way to keep up with Holy Days and other liturgical celebrations during the year.

Donation Envelopes 2023

The Donation Envelopes for 2023 are available on the table in the Library. Please remember to pick up yours so that you are ready to faithfully support our beloved Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish in the coming year.

Mobility Scooter and Wheelchair

Sally Traczuk has a Mobility Scooter and an Electric Wheelchair available. Please contact Sally after the 9:30 Mass for more information.

