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Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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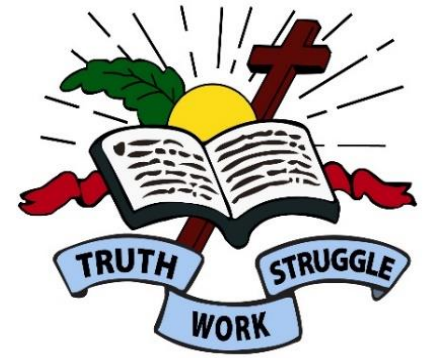
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Second Sunday – Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

When Jesus arrives at the scene, John the Baptist steps aside. What he forecast has now come to pass. He becomes a shadow in Jesus' great light.

About Today's Bible Readings

ISAIAH 49:3, 5-6

According to the Prophet, the role of the Lord's servant is that "God's salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

PSALM 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-3

We begin today a series of selections from 1 Corinthians. Here in the letter's opening, Paul greets the church - called to be a holy people."

JOHN 1:29-34

John the Baptist testifies to the mission of Jesus: "He is to baptize with the Holy Spirit."

ENTRANCE RITE – Isaiah 42:1

V. *Here is My Servant Whom I uphold, My chosen One with Whom I am pleased,*

R. **Upon Whom I have put My Spirit; He shall bring forth justice to the nations.**

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 – Isaiah 61:1a

V. *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

V. *The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me.*

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

THE GOSPEL – John 1:29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY - January 15th

2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

Intentions for the repose of the soul of Beverly Rush Wunderlich, offered by Fr. Sr. Donald and Danielle Wunderlich.

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY - January 22rd

3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY - January 29th

4th Sunday Ordinary Time

Music Scholarship Sunday

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Martin Luther King Day

Tomorrow is Martin Luther King Day. Let us honor his memory by praying for peace and love among all of God's People.

Koleda – Blessing of Homes

To Have Fr. Sr. Donald bless your home this season, please sign the sheet in the vestibule with your name, phone number and best time of day and he will contact you to make arrangements.

Thanks

To Dr. Ned Kotula for erecting the nativity crèche and for disassembling and storing it for next year. And thanks to everyone else who decorated and cleaned the church for Christmas.

Coffee and Donuts

Please join us after each Mass in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. For a small donation, have a cup of coffee, a donut and some Christian Fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Catch up with old friends and maybe make some new ones.

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. For the repose of the soul of Beverly Rush Wunderlich. **Our Father....**

If there are any individuals who should be on this list or should be removed from it, please email or tell Fr. Sr. Donald so he can make the changes!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, January 15th; Monthly Parish Committee meeting at 11:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. I hope all committee members are planning to attend

Sunday, January 29th; Annual Parish Membership Meeting at 11:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. I urge every member of Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish to attend this important meeting. Many issues vital to the health and success of our parish will be discussed and decided upon. The key to success in any democratically oriented organization is in the participation of the membership. Our parish is facing many challenges and your thoughts and ideas on how to solve them are of the utmost importance. Please plan to attend, engage and to elect or volunteer to be elected representatives to the various offices and positions in our parish for the upcoming terms. Our ancestors fought for this right when they founded the Polish National Catholic Church one hundred and twenty four years ago. Please respect it and make use of it by attending and participating. To participate online via TEAMS, please email Fr. Sr. Donald no later than Wednesday, January 25th.

Sunday, January 29th; The ANS (Ladies Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament) will be selling their famous POT PIE after the Annual Meeting. Quarts to go only for \$10.00 each.

Tuesday, February 7th; The YMS of R will meet at 7:00PM in the fellowship Hall. All of the men of the Parish are encouraged to attend and to join if you are not already members. The Fundraising Committee will meet as well in conjunction with the YMS of R.

Wednesday, February 8th; The mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are cordially invited to attend. New ideas are always welcome.

Sunday, February 12th; The ANS will meet after the 9:30 Mass.

Sunday, February 19th; Monthly Parish Committee meeting at 11:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. I hope all committee members are planning to attend.

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

NEW YEAR

I would like to remind all of the various parish organizations to be sure to have their year-end reports ready in preparation for the Annual Meeting. If you have not already done so, please see to it that your yearly dues are paid up to date. And be sure to pick up your donation envelopes for 2023. They are in the Library.

UKRAINIAN RELIEF DONATIONS

The deadline for Ukrainian Relief Donations will be Sunday, January 22nd. Please be sure to have your donations here by then and leave them in the Fellowship Hall by the door near the stage. Please contact Tom Schalata for more details.
