



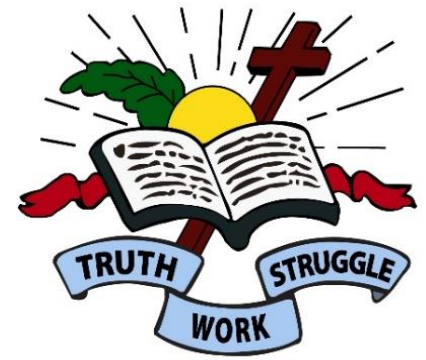
# Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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February 5, 2023

## Septuagesima Sunday

### A Sabbath Thought

Zeal and zest characterize the zealot and the enthusiast. But we Christians must be more serious and sedate, or so we think. Actually, there is an eager joy that should mark our growth in faith and love.

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### SIRACH 15:15-20

Despite excuses and rationalizations, we are basically free. What we choose reveals our heart's desires and our life's direction.

#### PSALM:

119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

**R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-10

What makes us truly wise is the revelation God has given us of the divine love in Jesus Christ.

#### MATTHEW 5:17-37

In the sermon on the mount, Jesus lays out new paths for his disciples to follow. Where law ruled once, infinite love now holds sway.

### ENTRANCE RITE – Psalm 34:15-16

*V. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.*

**R. The Lord has eyes for the just and ears for their cry.**

*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.**

### TRACT - John 15:15 (Recited in place of the Alleluia)

*V. If you love Me,*

**R. you will keep My commandments.**

### THE GOSPEL – Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; and whoever says to his brother, 'Raqa,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny. "You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna.

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# Worship Services

**Today February 5<sup>th</sup>  
First Sunday of Pre-Lent  
Septuagesima**

*Intentions for the repose of the soul of  
Barbara Grebloskie.*

*Offered by the Hinner. Family.*

## **SCOUT SUNDAY**

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**

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**Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup>  
Second Sunday of Pre-Lent  
Sexagesima**

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**

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**Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>  
Third Sunday of Pre-Lent  
Quinquagesima**

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**

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## **Pre-Lent**

The Liturgical Season of Pre-Lent, sometimes referred to as Shrovetide, begins today as we celebrate Septuagesima Sunday. The PNCC continues to observe this season although other rites have abandoned it. It is marked by the use of Rose colored vestments and a period of merrymaking including Mardi Gras before the solemn observance of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which falls on February 22<sup>nd</sup> this year.

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## **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.

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## **PAPER CUTTER**

Does anyone know the whereabouts of the paper cutter that was in the upstairs office in the Annex portion of the building? It appears to have gone missing. If anyone knows where it might be, please let Father Senior Donald know. Thank you very much.

And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna. "It was also said, Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce. But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife - unless the marriage is unlawful - causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. "Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

## **This is the Gospel of the Lord!**

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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, Janice Elaine Casperson, Janis Brunson, 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 Barbara Grebloskie. **Our Father...**

**If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!**

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Today, January 29<sup>th</sup>;** 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 7<sup>th</sup>;** 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 8<sup>th</sup>;** The mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are cordially invited to attend. New ideas are always welcome.

**Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>;** The ANS will meet after the 9:30 Mass. Breakfast Casserole with coffee and orange juice will be served.

**Friday and Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>;** Help is needed to make food for the Wine Tasting Event in March. 10:00AM in the Fellowship Hall.

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

**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>;** Wine and Polish Food Tasting Event in the Fellowship Hall. Details to follow soon.

**Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>;** There will be a combined Book Club and ANS Meeting at 6:30PM. Pizza will be served.

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