



# Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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July 2, 2023

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!**

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### A Sabbath Thought

Firm and fast guidelines would give us emotional security in discerning God's presence. But the Lord is all around us. How can we ignore him? It is better to be always hospitable than sometimes neglectful.

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### 2 KINGS 4:8-11,14-16a

Hospitality given in God's Name earns a reward, but sometimes the outcome is unexpected.

#### Responsorial Psalm: 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19

#### R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

#### ROMANS 6:3-4, 8-11

We are so closely identified with Christ in baptism then even now we live his risen life: dead to sin but alive for God.

#### MATTHEW 10:37-42

The cross of Jesus opposes all self-seeking. All those who follow the Lord must first think of others, not of themselves.

### ENTRANCE RITE: John 13:20; Romans 15:7

V. *Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever receives the One I send receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives the One Who sent Me.*

R. **Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.**

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: Sirach 33:13

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

V. Like clay in the hands of a potter, to be molded according to his pleasure, so are men in the hands of their Creator, to be assigned by Him their function.

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

### THE GOSPEL: Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus said to his apostles:

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.

Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward,

and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward.

And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink

because the little one is a disciple,

amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**

# Worship Services

**Today – July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**

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**Sunday – July 9<sup>th</sup>**

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**

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**Sunday – July 16<sup>th</sup>**

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**

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**Sunday – July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**

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## Picnic Donations

We are at this time asking for donations to help fund the Annual Polish Picnic in August. As you may know, this is our signature fund raising event of the year and require much work and sacrifice on the part of many of our parishioners. If you are financially able to donate to help offset the costs it would be greatly appreciated. **Please make out any checks payable to the YMS of R as they are handling funds for the picnic. If you are donating cash, please mark the envelope clearly "PICNIC DONATION".** Thank you in advance for your support and generosity. May God bless you.



## 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 and Judy Mawson, Sharon Fitzwater, Jeannine Dresh, Amanda Dresh, Brianne Dresh, Bonnie Sue Pilot, Lorah Zawoski, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Birosca, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Janis Hogg, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Riley Rejniak, Jane and John Aldershoff, Pat Schiaroli, Diane Fisher, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Jerry Butto, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Bishop Bernard Nowicki, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Loretta Mikovsky, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Sally Traczuk and Buddy Lord. **Our Father....**

**If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Weekends in July and August;** Food making in preparation for the Annual Polish Picnic in August. Please see the Monthly Newsletter for dates and signup sheets are in the vestibule. **More help is needed than have signed up so far. Please consider volunteering a day or two of your time to help make the Picnic the huge success that it has been in the past.** Flyers are on the table in the vestibule, please take and post.

**Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>;** Ladies' Night Out! Doc and Bubba's 6:00 PM. Please join the women of the Book Club and the ANS for dinner and drinks. This is not a sponsored event, we will all be paying our own way. Please see the signup sheet on the table in the vestibule for more information and to sign up. This is open to all women 21 and older you do not need to be a member of the ANS or the Book Club so please join us and invite your friends. If you are interested, please sign the sheet as we need to know how many will be attending in order to make reservations. Thank you.

**Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>;** Reading Fightin' Phils Baseball Game. More info to follow.

**If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!**

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## NATIONAL UNITED CHOIRS CONVENTION AND WORKSHOP

The National United Choirs will be holding their 36<sup>th</sup> General Convention and Music Workshop at Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish, Dupont, PA from August 9<sup>th</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup>. Information and registration forms can be found on the table in the vestibule,

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## The Fourth of July

As we prepare to celebrate the two hundred forty seventh birthday of the greatest nation on God's Earth, let us pause to give thanks to Our Lord for this incredible gift of freedom and ask Him to bless it with peace and security. And don't forget to say a prayer for all those who give of themselves every day to keep us safe and sound, especially those in the armed forces and our brave first responders.

