



# St. Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### A Sabbath Thought

The people who follow God are to be reflections of the divine nature. Because the Lord is loving and merciful, those same qualities must characterize the people who invoke his Name.

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### EXODUS 22:20-26

From the law code of ancient Israel comes the directives of a compassionate God who wishes his people to be compassionate towards the needy.

#### Responsorial Psalm: 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

**R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

#### 1 THESSALONIANS 1:5c-10

Paul praises the Thessalonians because their faith has become an example leading others to salvation.

#### MATTHEW 22:34-40

In a response to a trick question about commandments, Jesus gives a simple answer: There is only one law, and it is about love.

### ENTRANCE RITE – Deuteronomy 6:5, John 4:21

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*V. Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.*

**R. This is the commandment we have from Him; whoever loves God must also love his brother.**

*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 – 1 John 4:12

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*V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

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

*V. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and His love is brought to perfection in us.*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

### THE GOSPEL – MATTHEW 22:34-40

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When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking,

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

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

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# Worship Services

**SUNDAY – Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass**

*Intentions for the health and wellbeing of Gerry Brunson offered by Father Senior Donald.*

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

*Baptism of Hazel Jo March. Please join us in welcoming her to the Holy Family of God's Church.*

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**SUNDAY – Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>**

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**Daylight Saving Time Ends**

**Commemoration of All Souls**

**Honoring Veteran's Day**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

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**SUNDAY – Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>**

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

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## All Soul's

### Commemoration

We will commemorate All Soul's Day by praying for the souls of our dearly departed loved ones on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Please add the names of those you wish to be remembered to the sheets on the table in the vestibule and submit them to Tom Schalata or Father Senior Donald. Prayers will also be offered on that day in honor of Veteran's Day.

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## Medicare Workshop

On Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a Medicare Prescription Workshop from 10:00 AM until ? to help you better understand your Medicare Prescription coverage. Our own Kim Grossman will be available to explain your options and to answer any questions you may have. Please add your name to the signup sheet on the table in the vestibule if you plan to attend.

# 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, homebound and troubled members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Ken and Judy Mawson, Sharon Fitzwater, 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 Hogg, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, 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, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Kaleb Gates, Larkspur Dente, Eric Meck, Darryl Weinhold, Scott Kallish, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Gerry Brunson and Berne Bloom... **Our Father....**

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

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Today, October 29<sup>th</sup>;** Post Picnic Party/Brunch in the Fellowship Hall from 11:00 AM until ?. Join us as we celebrate another successful Parrish Picnic. Please add your names to the signup sheet on the table in the vestibule if you plan to attend.

**Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>;** The ANS will meet in the Library after the 9:30 Mass.

**Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>;** The Book Club will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM.

**Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>;** Regular Monthly meeting of the Parrish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

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

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# PLEA FOR RELIEF

In the wake of the terrible rains very recently in the Scranton, PA area, our Diocesan secretary and administrator of the Diocesan Enlivening program, Janet Kelly, had her house condemned due to irreparable water damage to it. We will be collecting fund: for her to replace domestic and personal items lost to the waters that destroyed her house. Donations to Janet in this venture can be made through the Primate's office with checks payable to Janet Kelly and mailed to

**Prime Bishop Mikovsky  
1006 Pittston Avenue  
Scranton, PA 18505.**

Donors who prefer to remain anonymous can mail checks payable to: Central Diocese PNCC. These checks can be mailed to:

**Central Diocesan Chancery  
515 East Locust Street  
Scranton, PA 18505**

Your help in this matter will be tremendously appreciated.

In addition to this effort, the Parrish Committee has decided that all of the donations made to the Little White Church on the table in the Vestibule for month of October also will be designated to help Janet in her attempts to recover from this disaster.

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# Knights Closet

As part of your continuing support of the Knights Closet Project for the Reading School District, we are asking for donations of granola bars, bottled water, Gatorade and Halloween Candy so that Sally and Janet can make up a big basket for the students in need. Please be as generous as you are able to. Thank you and God bless.