



## Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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March 10, 2024

**Solemnity – Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church**

### A Festival Thought

Christ calls us to serve Him, now and forever. And to help make this possible, He gave us the great gift of the Polish National Catholic Church, the anniversary of the founding of which we commemorate today.

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### Wisdom 5:1-5

The wicked are overwhelmed and amazed at the power and the glory of the righteous one.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

**9:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, 10-11**

**R. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice before him; with trembling pay homage to him.**

#### 1 Timothy 4:1-5

Saint Paul cautions us to beware of those who try to tell us to disobey the Lord, for all things made by Him are good and pleasing to the soul.

#### John: 12:1-7

The branches are us, the people of God, called together as the body of Christ, His One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. If we remain faithful to Him, we will bear good fruit to the Glory of His Holy Name.

### ENTRANCE RITE – Psalm 23:1-3, 5

*V. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures You let me graze; to safe waters You Lead me, You restore my strength. You guide me along the right path for the sake of Your name.*

**R. You set a table before me as my enemies watch; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

*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 – Psalm 31:2

*V. In You, Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.*

**R. In Your justice deliver me.**

### THE GOSPEL – John 12:1-7

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.”

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

# Worship Services

**TODAY – March 10th**

**Solemnity**

**Institution of the Polish  
National Catholic Church**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

**Daylight Saving Time  
Begins!**

**Remember to set your  
clocks ahead!**

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**WEDNESDAY – March 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Stations of the Cross**

**7:00 PM**

**YMS of R Fish Fry will be  
served at 5:45 PM**

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**SUNDAY – March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Passion Sunday**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

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**WEDNESDAY – March 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Stations of the Cross**

**7:00 PM**

**Meatless Lenten Meal will  
be served at 6:00 PM**

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**SUNDAY – March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Palm Sunday**

**Blessing and distribution of  
Palms to the Faithful  
Procession**

**Ensemble Reading of the  
Passion Gospel**

**One Mass Only!**

**9:00 AM – Holy Mass**

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**Remember, you can find the  
weekly bulletin online at:**

<https://www.ststephenpncc.org/bulletins-and-newsletters/>

## 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, Nicole Dapp, 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, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Eric Meck, Darryl Weinhold, Scott Kallish, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, Alicia Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Larry Bagenstose, Peggy Smith and family, Chi Koch, Vicki Shoemaker, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Cistin Burke, Kelly Wylezik Shawn Siedel, Father Carmen Bolock and Christine Mulutzie. **Our Father....**

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Today, March 10<sup>th</sup>;** YMS of R Egg Sandwich Sale in the Fellowship Hall after each Mass, \$5.00 each. Kielbasa and Pierogis for sale also! Please see the Flyer on the table in the vestibule for more details.

**Friday & Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>;** Pierogi Making! Please sign the sheet on the table in the vestibule to volunteer to help. No experience needed!

**Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>;** The Parrish Committee will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

**Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>;** The Book Club will meet in the library at 7:00 PM.

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

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## LENTEN WORSHIP BOOKLET

The Lenten Worship Booklets are on the table in the vestibule. Please take one and refer to it daily during Lent for prayers and reflections on our Lord's Passion.

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## PIEROGI MAKING SIGNUP SHEET

Pierogi Signup sheets are on the table in the vestibule. We are starting early this year in order to avoid the last minute rush in preparing food for the Annual Picnic in August. Help is need on each of the designated days. If you can volunteer to help it would be most appreciated. No experience is necessary. We will teach you how.

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## WEDNESDAY FREE MEALS DURING LENT

There will be free meatless meals offered each Wednesday during Lent, before Stations of the Cross. A Flyer detailing the offerings as well as some other offers is available on the table in the vestibule near the Bulletins. On the reverse side is a request for a head count for the Fish Fry sponsored by the YMS of R on March 13<sup>th</sup> as well as on order form for takeout orders. If you are planning to attend the Fish Fry, please fill out the form and return it to Tom Schalata or Fr. Sr. Donald no later than March 6<sup>th</sup>.

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## 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MISSION AND EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mission and Evangelism Workshop of the PNCC will be held this year at Saint Barbara's Parish in Houtzdale, PA, April 12<sup>th</sup> through April 14<sup>th</sup>. Flyers are on the table in the vestibule. See Fr. Sr. Donald for more information.



## *Saint Stephen's Easter Season Worship Schedule 2024*

**Lenten Services** – During this season of Lent we prepare ourselves spiritually for the death of Jesus and for the risen Christ. Stations of the Cross will be offered by Father Senior Donald each Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM. These will be preceded by a light Lenten meal at 6:00 PM. There will be no charge for these meals but free will donations will be accepted. Please join us.

### **Penitential Devotions, March 9, 2024 7:00pm**

#### **Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024 – One Mass**

9:00 AM            Holy Mass  
                         Blessing and Distribution of Palms

#### **Holy (Maundy) March 28, 2024**

7:00 PM            Holy Mass  
                         Feast of the Institution of the Most Holy Eucharist  
                         Mandatum – Washing of Feet  
                         Procession to the Repository

#### **Good Friday, March 29, 2024**

3:00 PM            Mass of the Pre-Sanctified  
                         Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord  
  
7:00 PM            Tenebre

#### **Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024**

12:00 noon.        Blessing of Easter Food  
6:45 PM            Blessing of Easter Food  
7:00 PM            Blessing of the New Fire, Paschal Candle and Holy Water

#### **Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 – One Mass**

9:00 AM            Holy Mass  
                         Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord - Procession

#### **Low Sunday, April 7, 2024**

8:00 AM.            Holy Mass  
9:30 AM            Holy Mass

*A Blessed and Glorious Easter to all!  
The Very Rev. Donald E. Wunderlich and the Parish Committee*