



# Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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## EASTER SUNDAY – ALLELUIA!

### ENTRANCE RITE (Traditional CFR-RSV Psalm 139:18, 5b-6a; 118:1-2)

*V. I have risen: I am with you once more; you placed your hand on me to keep me safe. How great is the depth of your wisdom. Alleluia.*

**R. O Lord, you have probed me and you know me; you know when I sit and when I stand. Alleluia.**

*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!**

### SEQUENCE - Victimæ paschali laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim Offer your thankful praises! A Lamb the sheep redeems; Christ, who only is sinless, Reconciles sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal. Speak, Mary, declaring What you saw, wayfaring. "The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus' resurrection; bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting. Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you." Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia.

### ALLELUIA (1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a, c)

*V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

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

*V. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.*

*Therefore let us feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

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

### Gospel (JOHN 20:1-9)

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

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*He is risen!  
He is risen, indeed!*

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### About Today's Bible Readings

Life has become a multi-dimensional experience in which believers share by faith in an ancient Passover; in which believers share daily the many great and small passages from death to life and look ahead to the ultimate passing over from time into the timelessness of eternity (**Acts**).

Jesus lives! The fact of his resurrection has set the world and its values upside down. (**1 Corinthians**).

Death is no longer the end but the beginning of a life that never ends (**John**).

### Responsorial Psalm:

118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

**R: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

# Worship Services

**TODAY – March 31<sup>st</sup>  
Easter Sunday**

**Solemnity of The Resurrection  
of Our Lord – Procession**

**9:00 AM – Holy Mass**

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**SUNDAY – April 7<sup>th</sup>  
Second Sunday of Easter  
(Low Sunday)**

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**

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**SUNDAY – April 15<sup>th</sup>  
Third Sunday of Easter**

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**

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## **EASTER GREETINGS!**

In these trying times, I urge you to take comfort and draw joy from the eternal Easter message, He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Christ's glorious resurrection is what being a Christian is all about and today is when we sing aloud our happiness and joy. For it is through Jesus' eternal, perfect sacrifice on the cross that we are made whole, our sins forgiven and the promise of eternal life is bestowed upon us. All we need to do to reap this greatest of all gifts is to believe in Him, our Lord and Savior, and to follow His teachings as He leads us on the road to the Heavenly Kingdom. Please, be strong, take care and stay well as we once again join together as the one Body of Christ to sing praise, honor and glory to His most Holy Name.

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*From Fr. Sr. Donald, Danielle  
and your parish Committee:*

*Happy Easter!*

*He has risen, indeed!*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

## **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, Cristin Burke, Kelly Wylezik Shawn Siedel, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, Sarah Ludwig and Frederick Smith. **Our Father....**

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

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>;** The ANS will meet at 11:00 AM at Louie's Kitchen and Bar, in Flying Hills; 12 Village Center Drive; Reading, PA 19607.

**Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>;** The Book Club will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM.

**Friday and Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>;** Cheese pierogi making in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 AM. Please sign the sheet on the table in the vestibule to volunteer.

**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>;** The Parish Committee will meet at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall for its regular monthly meeting.

**Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>;** A clean up and re-organization of the Church Kitchen is being planned. Please consider volunteering to help.

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

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## **PIEROGI MAKING SIGNUP SHEET**

Pierogi Signup sheets are on the table in the vestibule. 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. And thanks to all those who have helped so far.

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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. The Parish will pay the \$50.00 registration fee for anyone wishing to attend. Hotel and travel expenses will be the responsibility of the attendee. See Fr. Sr. Donald for more information.

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