

June 1, 2025

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### Seventh Sunday of Easter

# ENTRANCE RITE: Ephesians 4:1b-3

- V. Live in a manner worthy of the call you have received. Alleluia.
- R. With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace. Alleluia.

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- 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: Colossians 1:17**

- V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- V. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.
- R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

#### **GOSPEL: JOHN 17:20-26**

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying:

"Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

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

#### A Sabbath Thought

"Go forth," was the command of the risen Lord to his disciples as he returned to the glory of the Father. But we must also go *within*. In order to preach the good news of Easter, we must first live within ourselves through the kind of prayer that Jesus practiced.

# About Today's Bible Readings

#### **ACTS 7:55-60**

Having witnessed in his life the power of the risen Jesus, the deacon Stephen gives witness in turn through the testimony of his death.

# Responsorial Psalm: 97:1-2, 6-7, 9

R. The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

## **REVELATION** 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

The Christian prophet, John, bears witness to the risen Lord who is the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

#### JOHN 17:20-26

In a stirring prayer, Jesus bears witness to his Father's love for him and for those who believe in his Name.

# Worship Services TODAY - June 1st

Seventh Sunday of Easter 8:00 AM – HOLY MASS 9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

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### SUNDAY – June 8<sup>th</sup> Solemnity Pentecost

8:00 AM - HOLY MASS 9:30 AM - HOLY MASS

### SUNDAY – June 15<sup>th</sup> Solemnity Holy Trinity "Father's Day"

8:00 AM - HOLY *MASS* 9:30 AM - HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – June 22<sup>nd</sup>
Solemnity – The Body
and Blood of Christ
"Corpus Christi"

#### 9:00 AM - HOLY MASS ONE MASS ONLY!

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Festival Procession to the four Altars with readings.

#### INVITE A FRIEND

Many people say that they would attend church if invited by a close friend. Please reach out to your friends, especially those that do not regularly attend church services. Tell them about how wonderful our Parish is. Tell them about how welcoming and inclusive we can be. Always speak highly of our Parish when talking to outsiders and try to get them to be insiders.

VIEW THE WEEKLY BULLETIN ONLINE!

https://www.ststephenpncc. org/bulletins-andnewsletters/

#### **INTENTIONS:**

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, 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, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Michael Lucas, Damon Grossman, Gwen Grossman, Lukas Grossman, Aaron Grossman, Tom Beck, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, Todd Shaffer, Father Carmen Bolock, Frederick Smith, Judy Mawson, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Cheryl Weinhold, Dwayne Schwarz, Joe Bezek, Bud Hoffman, John Halecky III, Leina Jean Meier, Brenda Hoffa, Teri Hettinger, Dan Chuiko, John DeHart, Bob Price, Joseph Dowd, Judi Mawson and David Fuast. Our Father....

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

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**; Picnic Planning Meeting after the 9:30 AM Mass. All are encouraged to attend to help plan for the Annual Picnic.

**Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>;** Regular Monthly Meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

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

#### PIEROGI MAKING

The Picnic Committee has established tentative dates for pierogi-making. They continue as follows: June 20-21 (Potato) – Sauerkraut- to be determined. Sign Up Sheet for Pierogi Making is on the table in the vestibule. Please take a moment and see if you are available to help. Thank you and God bless. And thanks to all who have helped.

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#### POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE ASSOC. GOLF TOURNAMNET

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. will be holding their 16th annual Polish Open Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at the Manor Golf Club, 153 Bran Rd., Sinking Spring. For questions, call Marilyn at 610-779-5523. Deadline for reservations is June 11, 2025. Please see the flyers on the table in the vestibule for more information.

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