



Saint Stephen the Martyr PNCC PARISH NEWSLETTER



20 Saint Stephen's Church Lane, Reading PA 19607 - July 2025

Picnic Update

With Five Weeks Remaining Until the Picnic Final Organizational Details Are Set in Motion

One last pierogi-making session for sauerkraut is scheduled Friday and Saturday, July 11 and 12. To date, 350 dozen potato and 200 dozen cheese have been made.

We will have 500 Golumpki (cabbage rolls) for serving at the picnic and approximately 100 already made up in plastic take-out containers for to go orders. This will make the entire process much easier. The take-out orders will be containers of three or four. In addition, a Golumpki soup will be made right before the picnic which should provide us with an additional 500 servings.

Chairperson, Jay Rowe, reported that there will be a meeting for those involved in the food prep and serving areas to finalize details for the food tent. Picnic flyers are also available. Copies can be found on the table in the vestibule of the church. Sign-up sheets for pierogi-making can be found there, as well. Please take some and post at local shops such

as markets, hair stylists and other events with proper permission.

PLEASE NOTE: It is also very important for parish members to return their RAFFLE TICKET stubs and unsold tickets as soon as possible. This is the most important fund-raiser of the year for our parish. If you, any members of your family, friends or neighbors wish to volunteer to work at the picnic, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support!

July Pierogi Dates:

July 11
S/Kraut
Prep
9 am
'til ?

July 12
S/Kraut
Making
9 am
'til ?



Please add
your name to
the sign-up
sheet
to volunteer
(bring a
friend!)

Thanks to those who donated to the table drive, volunteered for all the food preparation sessions, made financial contributions towards the picnic, and helped out in any way. Your generosity is appreciated.

Message from Fr. Sr. Donald E. Wunderlich Vacation: Important in Our Spiritual Journey



Yes! Summer has finally arrived, and many of us use this opportunity to take a much-needed vacation. It may be a trip to the beach or the mountains, an exciting excursion to experience new places, or a chance to visit family around the country or the globe, for that matter. And...why not?

We must remember, however, that our spiritual journey never ends. While we made it through the busy seasons of Christmas, Lent, and Easter, this portion of our Liturgical Calendar is perfect for catching up on the little things in our lives that get pushed aside, but are no less important.

Whether we are relaxing on the beach or passing time waiting to board a plane, we can utilize this "down time" to reflect on where we are going and what we need to do to improve our spiritual well-being.

Take some that down time to catch up on "reflection and prayer," as well. Ask yourself, "Am I doing all I can to live a better life? Have I done my share to help others on their journey? How can I do better?"

Only you can answer these questions, and don't forget... travel safely!

God Bless!

Fr. Sr. Don

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Annual Polish Picnic To be featured on The Polish- American Connection BCTV

Tom Gajewski, long-time host of the BCTV program, The Polish American Connection, has invited representatives of our parish on his monthly program for the July showing on the local cable TV channel. The program will inform viewers and primarily promote our Annual Polish Picnic set for Saturday, August 9 at Willow Glen Park in Sinking Spring.

Representing our parish on the show will be Fr. Sr. Donald E. Wunderlich, Jay Rowe, picnic committee chairperson, and Tom Schalata, president of the parish committee. The

trio will present highlights of the event and announce any new features over the previous year. The show will air Tuesday, July 1 @ 7 pm, and will be re-broadcast over the course of the month. Check listings for info.

Tune in each month to THE POLISH AMERICAN CONNECTION with Tom Gajewski

on BCTV on First Tuesday of Month -
7:30 pm

First Wed. after First Tues. - 7:30 pm

First Fri. after First Tues. - 1:30 pm

First Mon. after First Tues. - 10:30 am

Second Tues. - 3:30 pm

Comcast Reading Channel 15, Comcast
Southern Berks CH. 965, Service Elec-
tric CH. 19 & Streaming on youtube.

July Calendar & Parish Committee Report - See Page 2



Parish Committee Report -June Meeting

Latest News Regarding Picnic, Finances, Building Projects & More!

Following the committee's reading of the May Meeting Minutes and Financial Report, the following topics were discussed at the June Parish Committee Meeting:

PEST CONTROL/WOODPECKER UPDATE: Kevin Grossman reported that patching of holes will continue, and decoy owls will be installed in the future.

CEMETERY NEWS:

Joe Dowd noted that the broken gate from the cemetery entrance has been repaired and we will look into straightening the post.

MISSION COMMISSION FUTURE MAILING: Tom Schalata reported that the Mission Commission is planning a future post card mailing to promote membership and the picnic will go out in July if the funds are approved by the Central Diocese. Mail Shark will distribute 50,000 postcards in the Berks County area at a cost of \$20,500. This will be paid in full by the Enlivenment Program, and will not effect parish finances.

ALAR REPAIRS: - still being studied.

MEMBER ENVELOPES: A letter those was sent to members

who have not picked up their offering envelopes, yet. Fr. Sr. Donald reported that a handful of responses were received.

Special Reminder Regarding Parish Offerings:

Members of St. Stephen the Martyr have been extremely generous and supportive of our parish for almost 100 years, and that support is greatly appreciated. For those who are financially able, please review your weekly or monthly contributions. Consider the elimination of annual dues, rising expenses and inflation when budgeting your support for our parish. We are proud, not only of our service to God, and our spiritual journey for nearly a century. Thank you!



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July 2025 - Calendar of Events & Special Dates

Sunday Donuts Downstairs after Each Mass!		1 St. Stephen's on BCTV The Polish American Connection @ 7 pm	2	3	4 Happy July 4th	5
			<i>* NOTE: All Events & Date Subject to Change...</i>			
Sunday 6 Masses 8 & 9:30 AM	7	8	9	10	11 S/Kraut Pierogi Prep/Making Day 9 am	12 S/Kraut Pierogi Prep/Making Day 9 am
Sunday 13 Masses 8 & 9:30 AM Picnic Committee Meeting@ 11 AM in Fellowship Hall	14	15	16	17	18	19
		<i>Have a safe & Happy Summer!</i>				
20 Sunday Mass 8:00 & 9:30 AM Parish Committee Meeting@ 11 AM in Fellowship Hall	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Sunday Masses 8 & 9:30 AM	28	29	30 SAVE THIS CALENDAR Put it on Your Fridge !!!	31	*PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY SUNDAY BULLETIN OR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR ANY CHANGES OR ADDITIONAL DATES FOR EVENTS!	