



July 18, 2021

# Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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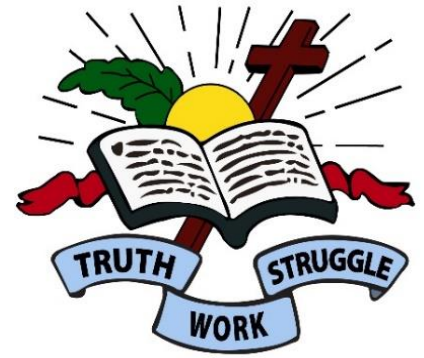
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## Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Sabbath Thought

Our God does not deceive us. Everything he has promised, he gives us in Jesus Christ.

But God goes beyond his word to prove, through abundant gifts, the infinite extent of his divine mercy.

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### JEREMIAH 23:1-6

Through the prophet, the Lord condemns leaders who divide the people. Therefore, God himself will shepherd his own.

#### Responsorial Psalm: 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6

**R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

#### EPHESIANS 2:13-18

What was once separate and selfish, burnt and blasted has been restored and united in Christ Jesus.

#### MARK 6:30-34

In Jesus, the people sense the answer to their needs. He does not disappoint them. In his teaching, he begins to reveal the face of God.

### ENTRANCE RITE: Proverbs 30:7-8

*V. Two things I ask of You, deny them not to me before I die:*

**R. Put falsehood and lying far from me, give me neither poverty nor riches; provide me only with the food I need.**

*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: Psalm 78:29, NIV

*V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

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

*V. They ate till they had more than enough, for He had given them what they craved.*

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

### THE GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**

# Worship Services

**TODAY – July 18<sup>th</sup>**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

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**SUNDAY – July 25<sup>th</sup>**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

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## NOVEMBER FOOD SALE

We will be holding a pierogi only food sale sometime in November. We will need to begin to make them soon. Please consider volunteering to help. A signup sheet will be posted in the hall and in the vestibule in the very near future.

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## THOSE WHO KEEP US SAFE

As summer rolls on, let us take just a moment to remember all of the brave men and women who give so much of themselves each and every day to keep the rest of us safe and secure. These include all first responders, the courageous members of the armed forces of the United States, those in the intelligence community and all others who work tirelessly so that we can enjoy our summer in peace, tranquility and safety. The fact that when we go to sleep at night, we do not need to worry about what life will be like when we awaken is due entirely to these dedicated professionals. Please, pray for their health and welfare.

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## Celebrate Your Faith Night

We are considering getting a group together to attend a Reading Fightin' Phils baseball game. If you are interested in joining us, please sign the sheet in the vestibule or downstairs in the hall. This will be on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 PM against the Akron Rubberducks. Ticket pricing will depend on the estimated number of attendees. Let's get together and root for the home team!

## 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 Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, David Wunderlich, Bernice Biroscak, Jean Loose, Geri Piotrowski and Riley Rejniak. **Our Father....**

**If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**; The Mission Commission will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 PM. All Parishioners are encouraged to attend. Your input will be very helpful.

**Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**; The Fund Raising Committee will meet at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend. Your input and ideas are very much in need

**If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!**

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## MARY'S SHELTER

Our Parish is going to begin to support Mary's Shelter, an organization that provides housing, pregnancy services and counseling to women and teens. We will be sponsoring a "Christmas in July" to benefit them. All of the donations made to the "Little White Church" during June and July will be donated to Mary's Shelter. In addition, there a tree similar to our Christmas Season Angel Tree from which you can take a card or two or three, the requested gifts are small, that will specify a gift needed by those staying at the shelter. If you chose to participate in this, please bring your gifts to Church and leave them in the Library. **Do not wrap the gifts.** Thank you in advance for your generous support.

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## PNU SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The PNU Education and Youth Commission has again this year decided not to sponsor the traditional raffle to raise monies for the Youth Scholarship fund this year due to the various issues that have challenged us all. They are asking that each of us make a prayerful donation instead to support this most important cause. Please be as generous as you are able to be. The address to send your donations is:

**PNU Education and Youth Commission  
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*Thank you and God bless.*

