



Saint Stephen the Martyr PNCC PARISH NEWSLETTER



20 St. Stephen's Church Lane, Reading PA 19607 - September 2024



Message From Fr. Sr. Donald E. Wunderlich

Now more Than Ever A Time for Prayer!

There is much going on today, not just here in our country but around the world. All you have to do is check out the news.

Here at home, we have a number of social issues garnering our attention. No matter what the issue, we seem to be divided on almost every topic. We are free to have our own opinions and make our own choices, but a little prayer may go a long way towards a more peaceful world. We don't always need to agree, but we do need to see, hear and respect others and their viewpoints.

Around the globe, take your pick: Ukraine vs. Russia, Israel vs. Hamas, and the unsettling actions in the Middle East, the Far East, and on our borders. There seems to be no shortage of controversies, disputes, and complaints.

September 8th has been designated the "Solemnity of Brotherly Love" in the P.N.C.C., and there is no better time than now to look into our own hearts.

Let us dedicate the entire month of September to sharing the love, praying for peace, and asking the Holy Spirit to fill us with divine wisdom and inspiration to make the right decisions for our country and our brothers and sisters around the world!

God Bless! Fr. Don

NEW LOCATION, NEW SYSTEM... NETS SAME GREAT RESULTS & OVERALL SUCCESS!

Picnic Workers Battle Learning Curve, but Earn High Marks!

SINKING SPRING- The 48th Annual St. Stephen's Parish Picnic had to overcome some serious challenges at the new location at Willow Glen Park, but the dedicated volunteers who worked the event did their part to insure its success!

Despite some logistics issues working around the location's weekly flea market, preliminary indications are that attendance and revenue figures are on par with last year's picnic.

It should be noted that Pat Konopelski, and his staff, also contributed greatly towards making the

transition to the new picnic grounds as smooth as possible. That was very reassuring considering there several areas of concern that the picnic committee tried to anticipate. The staff adjusted very well!

It may take a few weeks to determine the final figures, but initial reports point to another success!

The post-picnic meeting is set for Sunday, September 8 following the 9:30 Mass. Members of the picnic committee will also schedule a meeting with Pat Konopelski to review the 2024 event, and discuss any challenges moving forward with 2025 plans.



News You Can Use!
Helpful Info
Great Advice
Need to Know

UKRAINIAN RELIEF

New deadline for donations to the Ukrainian Relief Organization is **SUN., Sept. 8** on the designated table in Fellowship Hall. Items needed: Wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, unexpired med-

ical supplies (9 mos. from exp.), adult & children diapers, personal hygiene products sanitary wipes and pads, canned foods, protein snacks blankets, towels and linens, new undergarments & socks, flashlights & batteries.

BOSCOV'S ANS PROMO

The Ladies Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is selling Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Coupons. For a

\$5 donation to the ANS you will receive a coupon good for 25% off your entire purchase at any Boscov's store or online on Tuesday, Oct. 22, from 8 am until 11 pm.(exclusions apply). Please see the table in the vestibule or contact Sally Traczuk or any ANS member to purchase your pass.



Upcoming EVENTS

Meetings

✓ **Y.M.S. OF R.** (Men's Group)

To be announced if needed

✓ **ANS : LADIES ADORATION SOC.**

Sun, Sept. 15 @10:30 Library

PICNIC COMMITTEE

Sunday, Sept. 8 @ 10:45 am

✓ **PARISH COMMITTEE.**

Sun., Sept. 15, 11am in the Hall

✓ **MISSION COMMISSION**

None Scheduled

BOOK CLUB

✓ To Be Announced. "Jesus Behaving Badly," by Mark Strauss

✓ **UKRAINIAN RELIEF**

Ukrainian Relief Donations
Deadline, Sunday, Sept. 8

✓ SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday: Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
@ 8 & 9:30 am



Prayer List
Please remember all those on our prayer list. Check the Weekly bulletin or the St. Stephen's website for an updated list. Please let Fr. Sr. Donald know if any additions or deletions are needed for the list. Your devotion to prayer is a valuable tool for those in need! Thank you!



POST PICNIC PARTY

This year's Post-Picnic Appreciation Party will be held on a Sunday in October tbd @ Noon in the Fellowship Hall.

● The menu will feature **FREE** grilled hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken (*& corn-on-the cob if still available) and drinks!

● For a \$10 donation you can order a dozen steamed clams or shrimp to your **Freebies!**

● Side dishes or desserts are welcome if you wish to bring!

● Members of the parish or anyone who worked on the food prep or at the picnic is welcome!

● RSVP by Sun., Sept. 22

NAME _____

of Guests _____

DISH _____

Please Add:

Orders of Clams

Orders of Shrimp

*Please return to Tom Schalata. Total: _____

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Mass Schedule: 8 AM & 9:30 AM *Unless noted

Sept. 2024 - Calendar of Events & Special Dates

Sunday Donuts Downstairs Back in Fall!	1	Labor Day Holiday	2	3	4	5	6	7
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 on Comcast Reading Channel 15, Comcast Southern Berks CH. 965, Service Electric CH. 19 & Streaming on youtube channel!								
Sunday Masses 8 & 9:30 AM Picnic Committee Meeting @ 10:45 AM	8	Ukrainian War Relief Effort for donations for the United Ukrainian American Relief Committee Donations Deadline is Sunday, September 8. Please Make a Note!	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sunday Masses 8 & 9:30 AM Parish Committee Meeting @ 11 AM in Fellowship Hall	15	ANS MEETING Sunday, Sept. 15 10:45 am Library	16	17	18	19	20	21
*PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY SUNDAY BULLETIN OR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR ANY CHANGES OR ADDITIONAL DATES FOR EVENTS!								
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	*Please remember that despite the elimination of dues our parish still must meet our budget requirements. Your contributions to date are enclosed to keep you informed of status. Thank you for your support!	
Sunday Masses 8:00 & 9:30 AM	29	SAVE THIS CALENDAR Put it on Your Fridge !!!	30	SPECIAL THANKS to everyone who helped prepare the food for the annual picnic, volunteered their time and made financial contributions. Your continued support is most appreciated!				