



# Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### A Sabbath Thought

The gospel cure of the blind man reveals that we find healing through our faith in Jesus Christ. We must take care, however, to pass on that faith intact to future generations.

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### JEREMIAH 31:7-9

The prophet is firm in his promise: The Lord will do great things for his people, filling them with joy.

#### Responsorial Psalm: 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

#### HEBREWS 5:1-6

Christ is our eternal high priest whose own sacrifice has taken away the sins of the world.

#### MARK 10:46-52

Jesus restores the sight of the blind man who believes. With this gift of vision, the man sets out to follow Jesus.

### ENTRANCE RITE: 2 Peter 1:3, 9

*V. God's divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for life and devotion, through the knowledge of Him Who called us by His own glory and power.*

**R. Anyone who lacks them is blind and shortsighted, forgetful of the cleansing of his past sins.**

*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 146:8a

*V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

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

*V. The Lord gives sight to the blind. The Lord raises up those that were bowed down.*

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

### THE GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**

# Worship Services

Today – Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

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Friday - Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>

All Saints Day

7:00 PM – Holy Mass

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Sunday – Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>

31<sup>st</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time

All Souls Day

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

First Holy Communion of  
Edgardo (Edgar) Avilés  
during the 9:30 Mass.

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Sunday – Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>

Veteran's Day

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

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Sunday – Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time

Confirmation  
of Scarlett Sadowski

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

**ONE MASS ONLY!**

Please join us in welcoming  
Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky

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## ALL SOULS DAY

We will observe All Souls Day on Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are slips on the table in the Vestibule. If you would like to have your departed loved ones added to our prayers, please write them down, and give them to Father Senior Donald as soon as you can. The names will not be read individually but placed in a bowl in front of the altar and prayers offered for all those remembered. If you wish, you can also email them to me at [fatherdon@ststephenpncc.org](mailto:fatherdon@ststephenpncc.org). Thank you.

## 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, 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, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Corby Beck, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, Alicia Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, Chi Koch, Vicki Shoemaker, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Kelly Wylezik Shawn Siedel, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, David Mulutzie, James Horning, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Natalie Frankfort, Cheryl Weinhold, Carol Urban, Kenneth Borah, Joe Bezek and Bud Hoffman. **Our Father....**

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Today, October 27<sup>th</sup>**; Post-Picnic Party in the Fellowship Hall at noon. Everyone who helped with the Picnic in any way is invited. Halloween treats for the kids. See the October Newsletter for more details and please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the table in the vestibule to help us plan accordingly. Thank you!

**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**; First Holy Communion of Edgardo (Edgar) Avilés during the 9:30 Mass.

**Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**; The ANS will meet in the Library after the 9:30 Mass.

**Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**; Veteran's Day Celebration in the Fellowship Hall at 10:45 AM. See below for more info.

**Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**; Confirmation of Scarlett Sadowski. Please join us in welcoming Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky to Saint Stephen the Martyr for this joyous occasion. **There will be one Mass only at 9:00 AM this Sunday, please make a note.**

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

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## THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

The Reading School District has informed us that the Knights Closet Project which provides items of basic necessity to students in need will resume this year. The parish has generously participated in this worthwhile cause in past years and I hope that we will find it in our hearts to continue to do so. Please leave your contributions on the table in the Fellowship Hall and we will get them to those in need. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

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## VETERAN'S DAY

On Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10:45 AM, will host a Special Breakfast and Service in the Fellowship Hall recognizing our veterans. We will be honored by the presence of a guest speaker from the PA National Guard, Captain Brandon Sweeney. This breakfast and service will be free to all who attend. Please see the flyers on the table in the vestibule for more information. Take several and spread the word to your friends and neighbors.

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## COFFEE AND DONUTS

**We are pleased to gather for the Fellowship hour in the Church Hall following each Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served with the coffee being free and the suggested donation for each donut being \$1.00. I hope that many of you will join us.**