



# Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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## Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

### VETERAN'S DAY LEST WE FORGET!

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#### A Sabbath Thought

Selective vision is the occupational hazard of being human. We tend to overlook people, thus fulfilling the proverb, "Out of sight, out of mind." Also, out of heart - because we cannot love those we cannot see.

#### About Today's Bible Readings

##### 1 KINGS 17:10-16

A widow's generosity does not go unrewarded. She gives out of her poverty and receives unexpected returns.

##### Responsorial Psalm: 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

#### R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

##### HEBREWS 9:24-28

This selection establishes the mood for us as we approach the end of the church year. Jesus, our great high priest, has redeemed us and we now look to his coming the second time.

##### MARK 12:38-44

A poor widow, victim of the rapacious, demonstrates the true meaning of generosity.

#### ENTRANCE RITE: Sirach 29:11-12; Tobit 12:8c-9a

*V. Dispose of your treasure as the Most High commands, for that will profit you more than the gold. Store up almsgiving in your treasure house, and it will save you from every evil.*

**R. It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin.**

*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: Sirach 3:29

*V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

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

*V. Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms atone for sins.*

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

#### THE GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

#### This is the Gospel of the Lord

# Worship Services

**Today – 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 “Ann” Sadowski**

**9:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**ONE MASS ONLY!**

*Please join us in welcoming*

*Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky*

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**Sunday – Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Solemnity**

**Christ the King**

**Cycle “B” ends.**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

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**Sunday – Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Cycle “C” begins.**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

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**Sunday – Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

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**Sunday – Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

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## **SAUERKRAUT PIEROGIS**

There are several dozen frozen Sauerkraut Pierogis left from the Picnic. They can be purchased for the special price of \$5.00 per dozen. Please see Tom Schalata or Gary Waszk. 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., Kevin Grossman, 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, 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, November 10<sup>th</sup>;** The ANS will meet in the Library after the 9:30 Mass.

**Today, 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 “Ann” 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.**

**Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>;** Regular Monthly Meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>;** *Wigilia* sponsored by the Polish American Heritage Society of Berk’s County. Please see the Flyer on the table in the vestibule for more information.

**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**

Today, at 10:45 AM, we 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. November 11<sup>th</sup> is set aside each year to remember and to honor all those who serve or who have served in the armed forces of the United States of America, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for us and for our freedom. Please, do not forget or diminish their service in any way. Go out of your way to thank a veteran or active duty member this week and pray for their safety always.

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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.**