



# Saint Stephen the Martyr PNCC PARISH NEWSLETTER



20 ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH LANE, READING PA 19607 - APRIL 2025

## Holy Season Highlights April Services, Events

### Pierogi-Making Schedule

set for April & May. The dates are as follows: April 11 (potato prep) 9 am; April 12 (potato-making) 9 am; April 25 (cheese prep) 9 am; April 26, (cheese-making) 9 am, May 9 (cheese prep), 9 am; May 10 (cheese-making) 9 am; May 30 (cheese prep) 9 am; May 31 (cheese-making) 9 am.

Picnic Committee Meeting will be announce in the Weekly Sunday Bulletin. Sauerkraut pierogi and golumpki plans are still not finalized. A sign-up sheet can be found in the vestibule for volunteer workers for food prep.

**Picnic Table Drive** by the YMS of R for new plastic tables for the annual picnic is going well. Please give your donations to the drive to any member of the men's group. An update will be made shortly on the progress of the fundraiser. Thank you for your support. It is very appreciated!

### Stations of the Cross

#### Lenten Meal Schedule:

Services will be held Wednesdays @ 7 pm. A free Lenten Meal will precede the Stations @ 6 pm. The scheduled meals are as follows: April 2, Manhattan Clam Chowder and Potato Soup; April 9, Spaghetti with salad, garlic bread; April 16, Tuna sandwiches or tuna salad platter. Thank you for your participation.

**Egg Sandwich Sale (YMS of R)** will be held after each Mass on Sunday, April 6.

**St. Stephen's Book Club** will resume meeting in the library beginning Thursday, April 24 @ 7 pm. Please join them!

**24th National Mission & Evangelism Workshop** will be Fri., May 30- Sun., June 1 @ St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Denver, CO. Info available.

#### Lenten Penitential

**Service** will be held Saturday, April 5 @ 7 pm.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

✦ Palm Sunday, April 13 – One Mass 9 AM Holy Mass Blessing and Distribution of Palms

✦ Holy Wednesday, April 16, 7 PM Stations of the Cross

✦ Holy (Maundy) Thursday, April 17, 7 PM -Holy Mass Feast of the Institution of the Most Holy Eucharist, Mandatum – Washing of Feet, Procession to the Repository

✦ Good Friday, April 18, 3 PM Mass of the Pre-Sanctified, Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord - 7 PM -Tenebre

✦ Holy Saturday, April 19, Noon - Blessing of Easter Food- 6:45 PM Blessing of Easter Food- 7 PM Blessing of the New Fire, Paschal Candle and Holy Water

✦ Easter Sunday, April 20 –One Mass 9 AM Holy Mass Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord - Procession

MESSAGE  
FROM FR. SR.  
DONALD E.  
WUNDERLICH



*My Brothers and Sisters in Christ, This Holy Season of Lent and Easter are the most important times during our Liturgical Calendar.*

*Lent helps us to prepare for Easter by recalling the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and death, and by focusing on repentance, conversion, and a deeper relationship with God.*

*Easter is the cornerstone of our Christian faith because it celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, His triumph of good over evil and His promise to us of eternal life.*

*God Bless! Have A Joyous Easter  
— Fr. Sr. Donald*



with new commercial-duty units. Chimney repair: We will get more estimates in the Spring when the weather improves.

- ✓ **NEW BUSINESS:** Successful Pierogi-Making for Picnic was held.
- ✓ Committee approved contract for seasonal mowing contract. Will get a price on mulching, and decide whether it is needed.
- ✓ Kitchen refrigerator has been repaired. Water seems to be improved from its cloudiness.
- ✓ Next Parish Committee Meeting will be held Sunday, April 27.



### PARISH INFO & RESOURCES

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**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
8 AM & 9:30 AM \*Unless noted

# April 2025 - Calendar of Events & Special Dates

<p><b>SAVE THIS CALENDAR</b> Put it on Your Fridge !!!</p> <p>Sunday Donuts Downstairs ARE Back After Each Mass ! Please join us for Coffee, Donuts and Fellowship!</p>	1	2	3	4	5 Lenten Penitential Devotions 7 pm
<p><b>Sunday Masses</b> 8 &amp; 9:30 AM YMS of R EGG SANDWICH SALE following both Masses</p>	7	8	9 Stations of The Cross @ 7 pm Lenten Meal Spaghetti & Salad 6 pm	10	11 Potato Pierogi Prep 9 am 'til
<p><b>13</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>One MASS</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Blessing &amp; Distribution of Palms</p>	14	15	16 Stations of The Cross @ 7 pm Lenten Meal Tuna Sandwich /Salad 6 pm	17 Holy Thursday Mass@ 7 pm Mandatum Washing of Feet & Procession to the Repository	18 Good Friday Mass of Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 3 pm Tenebre 7 pm
<p><b>20</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>Mass</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> One Mass Easter Procession</p>	21	22	23	24 Book Club @ 7pm Library	25 Potato Pierogi Prep 9 am 'til
<p><b>27</b> <b>Sunday Masses</b> 8 &amp; 9:30 AM Parish Committee Meeting@ 11AM in Fellowship Hall</p>	28	29	30		<p><b>26</b> Potato Pierogi Making 9 am 'til</p> <p>Tune in each month to <b>THE POLISH AMERICAN CONNECTION</b> 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, &amp; Second Tues. - 3:30 pm on Comcast Reading Channel 15, Comcast Southern Berks CH. 965, Service Electric CH. 19 &amp; Streaming on youtube channel!</p>

## Looking Ahead & Other Reminders:

\* May Pierogi-Making  
Dates Are: Friday, May 9 &  
Saturday, May 10 @ 9 am;  
Friday, May 30 &  
Saturday, May 31 @ 9 am;

\* Mother's Day & Memorial  
Day Observances to be  
announced in the future.  
\* If you have not pick-up  
your Parish Contribution  
Envelopes, yet, please do  
ASAP. (If you wish them to be  
mailed or dropped off please let

us know, as well.) Thank you!  
\* The St. Stephen's Mission  
Commission will meet after  
Easter. Please consider  
joining us, we need your  
ideas and input. The future  
of our parish could benefit  
from your participation!