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SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025 THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated in the Traditional Rite of the PNCC.

OPENING HYMN "TO THEE, WE COME, O LORD OUR GOD"

To Thee we come, O Lord, our God,
Before Thine altar, Father
Thou knowest best our yearning hearts
This supplication answer.
Lift up from want Thy people, Lord,
Bless us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

Under Thy cross we stand prepared,
To serve Thee with devotion.
Be it with sweat of blood or tears,
For we Thy people are, O Lord,
Save us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.



ENTRANCE HYMN (Ephesians 4:1-3)

- V. Live in a manner worthy of the call you have received. Alleluia.
- R. With all humility of gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity through the bond of peace. Alleluia.

- C. 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.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God, and Father we worship You; we give You thanks, we praise you for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father. Lord God, Lamb of God Have mercy on us You are seated at the right hand of the Father, Receive our prayer For you alone are the Holy One You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

- C. The Lord be with you.
- R. And also with you.
- C. Let us pray. Almighty Father, You are the source of unity and love. Your Son prayed that He would live in us and we in Him. Through His glory and our faith, may we all come together in unity and love. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS (Acts 7:55-60)

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and Stephen said,

"Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out in a loud voice, covered their ears, and rushed upon him together. They threw him out of the city and began to stone him. The witnesses laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul. As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them;" and when he said this, he fell asleep.

- C. The Word of the Lord
- R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

- V. Every day, they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. Alleluia.
- R. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. Alleluia.



A READING FROM THE REVELATION (Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20)

I, John, heard a voice saying to me: "Behold, I am coming soon. I bring with Me the recompense I will give to each according to his deeds.

I am the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." Blessed are they who wash their robes, so as to have the right to the Tree of Life and enter the city through its gates.

I, Jesus, sent My angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I Am the Root and Offspring of David, the Bright Morning Star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let the hearer say, "Come." Let the one who thirsts come forward, and the one who wants it receives the gift of life-giving water. The one who gives this testimony says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

C. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

(Colossians 1:17)

- C. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- V. He is above all things, and in Him all things hold together.
- R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN (John 17:20-26)

- C. The Lord be with you.
- R. And also with you.
- C. A reading from the Gospel according to John.
- R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

Lifting up His eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, so that they may all be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I in You. That they also may be in us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. I have given them the glory You gave Me, so that they may be one, as we are one,: I in them and You in Me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, That the world may know that You sent Me, and that You loved them even as You loved Me. Father, they are Your gift to Me. I wish that where I am, they also may be with Me, that they may see My glory, that You gave Me, because You loved Me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know You, but I know You, and they know that You sent Me. I made known to them Your name and I will make it known, that the love with which You loved may be in them and I in them."

C. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

<u>PROFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED</u>

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth
Of all that is seen and unseen.
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
The only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father.
God from God, Light from Light, True God

from true God, begotten not made
Of one being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made
For us and for our salvation.
He came down from heaven:
By the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary

AND BECAME MAN. For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again In fulfillment of the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and Is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory To judge the living and the dead And His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life Who proceeds from the Father, With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead And the + life of the world to come. Amen.



OFFERTORY VERSE

(Matthew 18:20)

V. Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them. Alleluia.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty God, gathering about this altar we offer You these gifts and our lives. May Your presence come alive within us, to do more through us, than we could ever accomplish ourselves. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Let us Pray: Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

COMMUNION VERSE

(John 17:11b)

V. Holy Father, protect them in Your name that You have given Me, that they may be one as We are one. Alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- C. The Lord be with you.
- R. And also with you.
- C. Let us pray. Most gracious God, our Father, You enliven us through Your Son and strengthen us through His Body and Blood. Bless us now so that, united in faith, we may manifest the wonders of Your love. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Today, also begins Sacred Vocations month as well as Clergy Appreciation Weekend.

STUDIES IN HOLY SCRIPTURE THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today, we celebrate the last Sunday of Easter, in the 2025 Liturgical year of the PNCC. During these past 40 days, from the **Resurrection of our Lord** to this past Thursday's **Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord**, Christians have heard and called to reflect upon the importance of the many appearances of our Lord to others and to and reflect upon what He said the night where he shared with His Apostles at the Last Supper.

We began with what took place that first Easter morning when the women went to anoint Jesus, only to find an open tomb. We met Mary Magdalene who first witnessed the risen Lord. We met Peter and John, possibly the oldest and the youngest of all the Apostles, who were the first to enter the empty tomb and were present later that night when the Lord appeared to them. We recall the two disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus that Easter morning, and we meet Thomas, who needed to see for himself that indeed the Lord had risen from the tomb. Now the Church returns on this last Sunday of Easter, to recall the words of Jesus as found in the Gospel of John which was spoken prior to His death.

I consider this Sunday's Gospel, one of the most sacred readings of Holy Scripture, for it is one of the few times that Jesus prays directly unto the Father.

The 17th chapter of the Gospel of John, known also as the "High Priestly Prayer" of Jesus, was written circa 90-120 AD, some 60 years plus, which followed the Last Supper of Jesus.

John writes that the words of Jesus, which he heard that night, was a prayer unto the Father by Jesus, that the Apostles may know of the "oneness" that He shared with the Father, "That they may all be one, as you, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me."

Today, as we hear the words of Jesus spoken, it was not meant for just the Apostles, but it is meant to all of us, who have chosen to follow Him as the Way, the Truth and the Life.

In His final words, spoken at the Last Supper, Jesus prayed that all of us, may come to know of that "oneness" with God, as He experienced.

But how did Jesus come to know of that "oneness" with God?, He taught that this realization comes through prayer and devotion of seeking God. Following His baptism, did not Jesus seek God in the wilderness.

Jesus goes on to say: "And I have given them the glory You gave Me, so that they may be one, as We are one, I in them and You in Me, that they may be brought to perfection as one." Isn't this what Jesus wanted for all of us: to" know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." – John 17:3



OUR PARISH CALENDAR

8:45 am Morning Devotionals9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

(June 1st- June 8th)

Mon. 6/2 Private Prayer and devotions

Marcellinus, Priest & Martyr

Peter, Martyr

Erasmus, Bishop & Martyr Pothinus & Companion, Martyrs

Tues. 6/3 Mass of Thanksgiving

Clotilda, Queen & Martyr

Kevin, Abbot Cecilius, Priest

Wed. 6/4 Mass for health & healing

Quirinius of Siscia, Bishop & Martyr Metrophanes of Byzantium, Bishop

Optatus of Mielvis, Bishop

Thurs. 6/5 Mass to the Holy Saints of God

Boniface the Enlightener, B. & M. Dorotheus of Tyre, Priest & Martyr

Sanctius, Abbot

Friday 6/6 Mass to the Holy Angels of God

Philip, Deacon, NT Claud, Bishop

Eustorgius of Milan, Bishop

Saturday 6/7 Mass to the Most Holy Name of Jesus

Paul I of Constantinople, Bishop & M.

Meriadoc of Vannes, Bishop

Willibald, Bishop



NEXT SUNDY, JUNE 8. 2025 THE SOLEMNITY OF THE PENTECOST

Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated in the Traditional rite of the PNCC.



MINISTRY OF LAY READERS

The following is the schedule of our brothers and sisters, who will proclaim the "word of God" in the next upcoming weeks:

| Sunday, | June 1st | Cheryl Major |
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| Sunday, | June 8th | Jonathan Boschen |

Sunday, June 15th Peg Kostiuk Sunday, June 22nd Eric Dibrindisi

Sunday, June 29th Jim Winn Sunday, July 6th Paula Winn

Sunday, July 13th Shirley Mietlicki- Floyd



POLISH PLATE DINNER - JUNE 21, 2025

On **Saturday, June 21, 2025**, our Parish will hold a Polish Plate Dinner which will comprise of Galabki, Lazy Pierogi, Kiebasa, and Rye Bread. The price of the meal will be **\$15.00** and will be **TAKE OUT ONLY.** The deadline for tickets will be **June 16th.** For tickets, please call **Peg Kostiuk** at (413) 774-3800, **Alice Maiewski** at (413) 665-4471 or **Sue Dibrindisi** at (413) 586.4315. Thank you.



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

In our prayers, may we remember, of all our dear brothers and sisters, in need of the "Presence and blessing of God." May we pray for the health and healing to rest upon all those whom we remember in prayer:

O Lord, God of mercies, in Your kindness, stretch out Your hand and heal all our brothers and sisters who are in any way ailing. Deliver them, according to Your will, from all their present sicknesses and illnessness, and grant them recovery in Jesus' holy name. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



OUR PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAMS

"Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others." - Philippians 2:4

Our Food Ministry: "To Feed the Hungry"

"I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat." - Matthew 25:35

Our next grocery "give-a-way" date will be **Saturday, June 21st**, from 10 o'clock till supplies last. I wish to thank all those who have donated to our food ministry. Donations of food as well as monetary donations to purchase food will be greatly appreciated.



We are still in need of the following:

- Cereals and packets of instant oatmeal.
- Fruit juices, V8, Apple and cranberry.
- powder milk / condensed milk.
- Hot chocolate and tea bags.
- Pasta and spaghetti sauce.
- Boxes of Mac-n-cheese.
- Canned tuna in water.
- Canned meats- chicken, salmon, etc.
- Ramen noodles.
- Soups- all varieties.
- Canned veggies and fruits.
- Children's snack packs.



Please note: Also, through our Parish ministries, we are continuing to collect "full sized" containers of personal care items and cleaning items to aid others. All items collected, will be donated to the various survival centers in our area. Items needed:

- Bar soaps and body wash, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, hand sanitizers, toilet paper, and personal products for incontinence (pads & panty liners, baby powder, baby wipes and diapers.
- Liquid dish soap, laundry detergent, paper towels, bathroom and kitchen cleansers, dish sponges/scrubbers, trash bags.



Collecting plastic tops

We continue to collect **white or clear plastic bottle tops** that will be donated to aid in the making of prosthetics for veterans in need.

A collection container has been set up in the vestibule of our church. Please help donate your plastic tops to this new ministry. May God bless all of our endeavors.



THE EASTERN DIOCESE OF THE PNCC

ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION WEDNESDAYS AT NOON – CALL TO PRAYER

On Wednesdays, at 12:00 Noon, during the month of June, all are called upon to offer these prayers:

Let us Pray: Lord Jesus, Great High Priest and Eternal Shepherd, for the building and expansion of Your Kingdom You have called forth men to apostolic orders to serve in Your Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, strengthen the Prime Bishop, bishops, priests, and deacons. Endue them with the gifts of wisdom, understanding and knowledge; guide them with Your counsel, give them strength to fulfill their ministry. Fill them with the spirit of piety and the fear of the Lord so they can be true witnesses of Your Gospel. When the time should come for them to cross the threshold of life, receive them into Your heavenly kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen



DISCIPLESHIP 2025: KNOW YOUR FAITH, GROW IN CHRIST

The Eastern Diocese will focus on The Person of Jesus Christ, His Identity and Mission.

"Know and Grow" presentations on Thursday June 12, 2025, at 7:00 PM (EDT).

Father Henryk Wos will help us to explore the topic, Miracles of Jesus.

Each unit will have biblical texts as a starting point, with lecture, meditation, discussion, and practical life applications.

To join via Zoom, please contact:

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Saint Stephen

In today's first reading, we read of St. Stephen.

The Feast of Saint Stephen is celebrated, in the Christian Church on December 26th to honor Saint Stephen, the first Proto-Martyr of the Christian faith, He was condemned by the Jewish authorities and stoned to death in Jerusalem circa 36 AD. His life is told in the Acts of the Apostles, written by St. Luke. We learn that Stephen was one of the first seven deacons chosen in Acts 6:5, ordained for community service. We read of Stephen's speech to the Jewish Council in Act 7:1-53 and of his stoning by the Jewish Council in Acts 7:54-60. In Acts 7:58, we are introduced to Saul, later known as St. Paul.