



St. Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

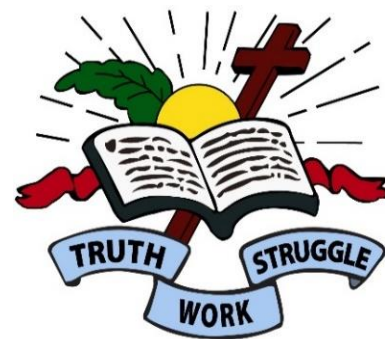
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September 8, 2019

The Solemnity of Brotherly love

September 11, 2001

Eighteen years later, we will never forget.

God Bless America!

A Festival Thought

Jesus gives us the way to eternal life. He assures us that if we only follow the greatest of all the commandments that we will live.

About Today's Bible Readings

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

The Lord shows all of His children who and what He is, and who and what He is, is Love.

JOHN 4:17-21

John makes it clear, if we cannot love the brother we have seen, we cannot love the Lord we have not seen.

LUKE 10:25-37

The parable of the Good Samaritan is one we have all heard. Hearing it is one thing, living it is quite another. Let us all heed the Word of the Lord and love our neighbor as our self.

ENTRANCE RITE - 1 John 4:7, 9

V. Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

R. In this way the love of God was revealed to us; God sent His only Son into the world so that we might have life through Him.

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.

GRADUAL - Luke 17:3b-4 (Traditional Rite)

V. If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.

R. And if he wrongs you seven times in one day and returns to you seven times saying, "I am sorry," you should forgive him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - 15:2-3,3-4,4-5 (Contemporary Rite)

R: One who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

ALLELUIA - John 15:17

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. This I command you: love one another.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

THE GOSPEL – LUKE 10:25-37

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test him and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY September 8th

Solemnity – Brotherly Love
Second Collection for Spojnia, Inc.

8:00 AM – LOW MASS
Contemporary Rite

9:30 AM – HIGH MASS
Traditional Rite

SUNDAY September 15th
24th Sunday Ordinary Time.

8:00 AM – LOW MASS
Traditional Rite

9:30 AM – HIGH MASS
Contemporary Rite

SUNDAY September 22nd
25th Sunday Ordinary Time.
Spojnia Sunday

8:00 AM – LOW MASS
Contemporary Rite

9:30 AM – HIGH MASS
Contemporary Rite

Spojnia Sunday

On Sunday, September 22nd as the PNCC celebrates Sponjia Sunday – let us always remember to support the efforts of our sister organization as the PNU continues to support the members, clergy and parishes of the PNCC. For more information on the Polish National Union please contact your PNU Branch Secretary, visit the web site www.pnu.org, or call the PNU Home Office at 800-724-6352.

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 Father...

THE PARISH RECTORY

The Transition Committee has completed its work on the Parish Rectory. They have done an absolutely incredible job of renovating the property, adding to its beauty and value. They are to be complimented and congratulated for all of the hours of hard work that they have put into this labor of love. If anyone would like to see just how wonderful the renovation turned out, please feel free to join us on a walk-through of the rectory following the 9:30 AM Mass next Sunday, September 15th.

POT PIE DINNER

The Ladies of the ANS will be offering a Pot Pie Dinner today, September 8th at 12:00 Noon, in the Church Hall. The suggested donations are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under the age of ten. Ticket holders will be served first but there will most likely be plenty for those who did not purchase in advance, so please, join us.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

PIEROGI AND GOLUMPKIE MAKING

The Ladies of the Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (ANS for short) will be gathering to make pierogi and golumpkie which will be sold at future functions of our Parish.

The signup sheet is in the Vestibule and downstairs in the hall or you can speak to Cheryl Weinhold. You do not need to be a member of the ANS (but if you aren't you should consider becoming one) or even a lady to help even, children can learn this fun and valuable skill. All are welcome and any help is appreciated. The Specific times and dates are on the signup sheet. Please help if you are able.

CENTRAL DIOCESAN ANS RETREAT

At Any Age, At Any Stage **Celebrating the Christian Life**

The Central Diocesan ANS will be holding a one day retreat on Saturday, October 5th, at the Saint Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, PA. The retreat begins at 9:30AM and concludes at 2:30PM. Cost is a modest \$20.00 per person and the event is open to women of all ages.

Please take a flyer from the table in the Vestibule for more information. You do not need to be an ANS member or even a member of the PNCC to attend this life enriching event.

Registration for this event is said to be exceeding expectations and filling up fast, so please contact Cheryl Weinhold if you are interested in attending.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On Sunday, October 27th, there will be only one Mass at 9:00AM.

This will be the case because we will be once again have the honor of hosting a visit by the Rt. Rv. Bernard Nowicki, the Bishop Ordinary of the Central Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church. Bishop Nowicki will be here to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on two of the youth of our Parish, Kaitlyn Kotula and Brianna Zelek.

Please pray for these two young people that they may feel welcomed into full and complete communion with the Church and the Parish community.

Mark your calendars now – SAVE THE DATE.

Please plan to join together as the one body of Christ for this joyous event!