



St. Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

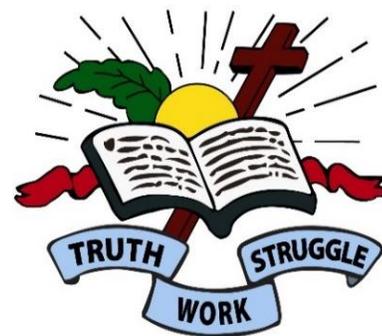
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September 13, 2020

The Solemnity of Brotherly love

September 11, 2001

Nineteen 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

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

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.

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 13th

Solemnity – Brotherly Love

Intentions for all those impacted by the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001.

8:00 AM – Low Mass

9:30 AM – High Mass

SUNDAY—September 20th

25th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Low Mass

9:30 AM – High Mass

CONSECRATION

Tomorrow I will be attending the consecration of Bishop-elect Jaroslaw Rafalko. This will take place at Saint Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, PA. Due to the Covid restrictions this, sadly, is not an open invitation affair as much as all concerned would like it to be. Soon to be Bishop Rafalko has been the administrative head of the Western Diocese since his election at the special Synod last October. He will now be able to assume his full and proper place as the head of the Western Diocese. We thank God for His gift of such a good and holy man to guide the faithful of His holy church. Please keep Bishop Rafalko and his ministry in your thoughts and prayers.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

We will continue to distribute the Holy Eucharist after Mass in a safety enhanced format to those who wish to receive. Please remain seated until called forward. 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 Edward and Anna Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Father Senior Joseph Soltysiak, Father Senior Augustyn Sicard, Father Thomas Sheha, Father Paul Zomerfeld, John Aldershoff, Jane Aldershoff, Joseph Ross, Ruth Mechowski, Julie Urban, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Joe Brinsko, Bernice Biroscak, Isabella Mularczyk, and Walter Schilling, Jr.. For the repose of the soul of Stanley Kozlowski.

Our Father...

If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 20th – Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee at 11:00 AM in the Social Hall and via WebEx as needed. I hope all committee members will be able to participate.

All events are subject to review and the appropriate health and safety restrictions. Please check the website or Facebook page for updated information. Take care, stay safe and stay well.

WORK/STUDY FROM HOME ALTERNATIVE

With many of you facing the prospect of working or studying from home due to restrictions imposed by employers or educational institutions, we would like to offer an alternative opportunity. Since the church buildings now have Wi-Fi throughout, any parishioner or their children are welcome to make use of the public spaces in the church to work or study instead of staying at home. All users will be expected to adhere to any and all health and safety precautions prescribed by the relevant authorities such as wearing of masks in the close proximity of other, the use of hand sanitizer, social distancing, etc. The exact hours that this will be made available will depend upon the needs and requests of those utilizing the spaces. With all of the individual rooms available, as well as the ability to spread out in the main Social Hall, we think that it will be possible to accommodate quite a few people. Users will be responsible for leaving the spaces in the same condition that they found them, meaning cleaning up after yourselves. Please contact Fr. Sr. Don via phone or email (listed in the header of this bulletin) for more information or to request arrangements. Should space become limited, first come, first serve will apply. We sincerely hope that you will find this helpful in these trying and difficult times.