



Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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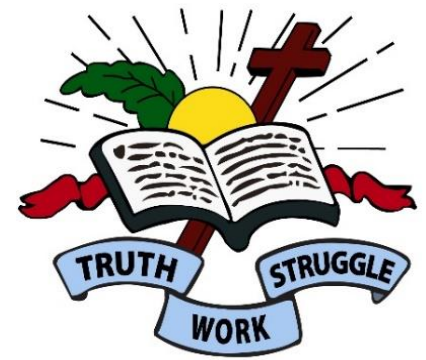
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September 11, 2022

The Solemnity of Brotherly Love

September 11, 2001

Twenty one years later,
we will never forget.

**God Bless America!
And God Bless Our First
Responders!**

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 – 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 – Sept. 11th

**Solemnity of Brotherly Love
Annual Blue Mass in honor of
our First Responders and in
remembrance of Sept. 11th**

ONE MASS ONLY!

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – Sept. 18th

25th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for the youth of the Parish will start on today, September 11th. Please sign up your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews for this important training and education. Snacks will be provided.

13TH ANNUAL POLISH OPEN

On Saturday, October 8, 2022 the Polish American Heritage Association of Berks County will hold its annual Golf Tournament. Information and signup sheets are in the vestibule. I hope that our parish will be represented again this year as it was last year.

T-SHIRTS

We are exploring having T-Shirts made with the parish name and PNCC logo for sale to parishioners, family and friends. These can be worn during church functions or anytime you want to promote our parish. Cost is to be determined later. Please add your name, number of shirts you are interested in and sizes to the signup sheet in the vestibule.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Beginning today, we are resuming 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.

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 Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, David Wunderlich, Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Courtney Pierce, Joseph Grossman Sr., Joseph Grossman Jr., Kevin Grossman, Kyle Grossman, Damon Grossman, Donald Deihm, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk,, Terry Leatherman, Jackie Weinhold, Andy Kosak, Riley Rejniak, Jane and John Aldershoff and Father Senior Ed Ratajack. **Our Father....**

If there are any other individuals who should or shouldn't be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them or remove them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, September 11th; Sunday School begins. Please see Janet Katinowsky for more information. Please sign up our young people for this important training and education.

Today, September 11th; The ANS will meet at 11:00 AM in the Library. All are welcome to attend. If you are not a member of the ANS, please consider joining.

Monday, September 12th; The Picnic/Fundraising Committee will meet in either the Library or the Fellowship Hall for an analysis of the Picnic and to consider plans for next year. All are invited to attend.

Tuesday, September 13th; The Book Club will meet at 7:00 PM in the Library.

Wednesday, September 14th; The Mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM.

Sunday, September 18th; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Tuesday, September 20th; The YMS of R (Young Men's Society of the Resurrection) will meet in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the Parish are invited to attend and to join the YMS of R if they are not already members.

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PNCC

On Saturday, October 22, 2022 a special celebration will be held commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the Polish National Catholic Church. Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule for more information. RSVP is required by October 8th. I am told that following the dinner, a special organ recital will be held in Saint Stanislaus Cathedral.

FALL MUM FUNDRAISER

Through a joint promotion with our next-door neighbors, The Shoppes at Nolde, We are holding a Fall Mum Fundraising Event. We are taking orders for nine inch, potted mums that can be picked up at the shop next door on October 1st and 2nd. Deadline to order is Saturday, September 17th. Please see the flyer in the vestibule or Tom Schalata for more information or to place your order.

THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

The parish has generously participated in this worthwhile cause in the past, helping those students of the Reading School District who are in need and I hope that we will find it in our hearts to continue to do so. Please leave your contributions on the table by the windows in the Fellowship Hall and we will get them to those in need. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.