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The Solemnity of Brotherly Love

September 11, 2001

Twenty two 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. 10th
Solemnity of
Brotherly Love
Spojnja Sunday

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Intentions for the repose of the soul of Dolores Sabulsky offered by Joseph Sabulsky and the Sabulsky family.

SUNDAY – Sept. 17th

24th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – Sept. 24th

25th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – Oct. 1st

26th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

COFFEE AND DONUTS

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 and spend some quality time with your brothers and sisters in Christ, maybe make some new friends.

INSTRUCTION ABOUT CHURCH

A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping."

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 Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Ken and Judy Mawson, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Janis Hogg, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Pat Schiaroli, Diane Fisher, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Jerry Butto, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Bishop Bernard Nowicki, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Kaleb Gates, Larkspur Dente, Eric Meck, Darryl Weinhold, Scott Kallish, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr. and Skye Sadowski. For the repose of the soul of Dolores Sabulsky. **Our Father....**

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, September 10th; Picnic Committee Meeting (Post Picnic) will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 AM after the 9:30 Mass. All are invited to attend. The YMS of R will meet in the Fellowship Hall following the Picnic Committee meeting. If you are not already a member, please join us and see what we are all about.

Sunday, September 17th; Regular Monthly meeting of the Parrish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM. The ANS will meet in the Library following the 9:30 Mass.

Wednesday, September 20th; The Book Club will resume by meeting in the Library at 7:00 PM.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

School is back in session. 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. A list of needed items can be found in the literature rack above the weekly bulletins. Please leave your contributions on the table by the stage in the Fellowship Hall and we will get them to those in need. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

