



Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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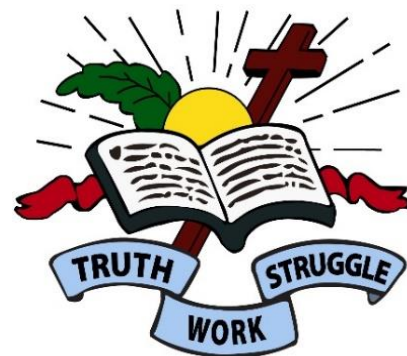
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September 12, 2021

The Solemnity of Brotherly love

September 11, 2001

Twenty 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

SUNDAY – September 12th Solemnity - Brotherly Love

Second Collection for the Bishop
Hodur Retreat Center.

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – September 19th 25th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Intentions for the departed members
of the Rostek, Moyer,
Dewald, Giovanelli, Daniels, Davis
and Lepage families. Offered by
Darilyn Moyer.

NOVEMBER FOOD SALE

We will be holding a pierogi only
food sale sometime in November.
We have begun to make them.
Thanks to everyone who
volunteered and showed up last
Friday and Saturday. Please
consider volunteering to help on the
upcoming days. Signup sheets are
in the vestibule. Please volunteer to
help make this sale a success. And
not only women can make pierogi,
men can too!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Hosted by *Lifeline of Berks*
on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th
from 6-10pm!

Join us at St. Benedict's Picnic
Grounds (4541 Morgantown Rd.
Mohnton, PA) for a night filled with
food, raffles, giveaways, games,
music and an outdoor movie the
whole family will enjoy!

FREE ADMISSION!! Visit our
website for additional info
at lifelineofberks.org. Please contact
Maureen Helms, Development
Director, at 610-374-8545 with any
additional questions.

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, Jean Loose, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban and Riley Rejniak. **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

Today, September 12th; The ANS will meet at 11:00AM in the Library. All members and all of the ladies of the Parish are encouraged to attend

Monday, September 13th; The fund raising committee will meet at 7:00PM. All are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, September 14th; The Y.M.S. of R. will meet at 7:00PM in the Church Hall. All of the men of the church are encouraged to attend.

Sunday, September 19th; The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Parish Committee will be held at 11:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. I hope that all committee members are planning to attend,

Friday, September 24th; Pierogi Prep. Please sign up to volunteer.

Saturday, September 25th; Pierogi Making. Please sign up to volunteer.

Monday, September 27th; The Mission Commission will meet at 7:00PM in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

Wednesday, September 29th; The Book club will meet at 7:00PM in the Library to review the Book "The Wedding Dress" by Rachel Hauck. All are welcome to attend.

Friday, October 15th; Pierogi Prep. Please sign up to volunteer.

Saturday, October 16th; Pierogi Making. Please sign up to volunteer.

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

THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

The Reading Area School District has informed us that the Knights Closet Project which provides items of basic necessity to students in need will resume even under the COVID restrictions. The parish has generously participated in this worthwhile cause in past years and I hope that we will find it in our hearts to continue to do so. Please take a token from the table in the vestibule and fill the need on it. Please leave your contributions on the table in the Library and we will get them to those in need. Also, all donations to the Little White Church made during August and September will be used to supplement this endeavor. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

2021 POLISH OPEN

On Saturday, October 9th, the Polish American Heritage Association of Berks County will be holding its annual Golf Tournament at the Manor Golf Course in Sinking Spring. Information is available on the flyers on the table in the vestibule. I hope that some of the golfers in our congregation will participate.