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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - "B"

Solemnity of the Brotherly Love

September 9, 2012

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 8:45AM – Traditional liturgy in English.

Today, September 9th – XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time – Solemnity – Brotherly Love

The Solemnity of Brotherly Love is observed by the PNCC today. On this day members of the PNCC and the PNU of America strive to increase their faith and spirituality, and their love for all God's people, they express a desire to live daily the Two Commandments of Love.

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Mary Ann Etcho**, of. by Mr. John Etcho.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 1 Corinthians 5:1-9; Luke 6:1-11; **Tue.**, 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19; **Wed.**, 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26; **Thu.**, 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7.11-13; Luke 6:27-38; **Fri.**, Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; **John 3:13-17**; **Sat.**, 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49

TUESDAY, September 11th - 11th Anniversary of 9/11/01

7:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for victims of Sep.11, 2001.

THURSDAY, September 13th - *Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

FRIDAY, September 14th - Solemnity – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Public veneration of the Holy Cross dates back to the fourth century. Today the Church commemorates the rescue of the true Cross of Christ by Emperor Heraclius in a victory over the Persians. Our Mother, the Church sings of the triumph of the Holy Cross, the instrument of our salvation. In order to follow Christ, Christians must take up their own crosses in imitation of him who was obedient unto death. Thus emulating the Savior, we hope in some small way to share in his work of redemption.

8:30AM – Holy Mass

3:30PM – Bishops Consecration in St. Stanislaus Cathedral Scranton, PA

NEXT SUNDAY, September 16th – XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. John Snokus, of. by the Members of the Blessed Sacrament Society.

Today's liturgy

ASPERGES – **Pokropisz mnie** Panie hyzopem, a będę oczyszczony, obmyjesz mnie, a nad śnieg będę wybielony. Zmiłuj się nade mną Boże, według wielkiego miłosierdzia Twego. Chwała Ojcu i Synowi i Duchowi Świętemu, jak była na początku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (1 John 4:7,9)

V. Beloved, let us love one another, because love is 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.

ENTRANCE HYMN – God Bless America

God bless America Land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her, thru the night with the light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam! God bless America My home sweet home, God bless America My home sweet home!

I Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

GRADUAL (Luke 17:3b-4)

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.

II Reading: 1 John 4:17-21

ALLELUIA (John 15:17)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

V. This I command you: love one another.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come Thou Creator Spirit blest. And in our souls take up Thy rest. Come with Thy grace and wondrous aid. Fill now the hearts which Thou hast made. Come with Thy grace and wondrous aid. Fill now the hearts which Thou hast made. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN – Let Us All Draw Close – PNCC Hymnal, p. 241

1. Let us all draw close like children and cling to the heart of Mary. Even though annoyance, hardships and thorns of our sins afflict us. With a sure stride let us meet her; With a wistful eye and heart we greet her. For the heart that knows a child's voice deflects ev'ry painful choice.
2. Oh, her heart is the most sensitive of all those of Adam's daughters. It is always open to us; it looks for us, calls us sweetly. Come, o children of the nations; And withstand the flood of weeping. Those who find me find abundant life through Jesus, Who grants salvation.

COMMUNION HYMN – Hallowed Be Forever – PNCC Hymnal, p. 155

1. Hallowed be forever, Living Host Divine, In which Christ our Savior hidden is sublime. **Refrain:** Hail Thou Jesus, Son of Mary, Thou art God eternal, Won'drous mystery.
2. Hallowed be forever, Thou Angelic Bread, Sacrament Most Holy, by which we are fed. **Refrain:**
3. Hallowed be forever, Shepherd Crucified, For us Thou didst suffer, for us Thou hast died. **Refrain:**
4. Hallowed be forever, ris'n in victory, In this Bread Most Holy we would worship Thee. **Refrain:**

RECESSIONAL HYMN – Tyle Lat – PNCC Hymnal, p. 2

Tyle lat my Ci, o Panie, Służbę wierną wypełniali, Szli ku słońcu, w świt zaranie, Łańcuch niewoli targali, Łańcuch niewoli targali.

O bodajem wierni byli, O bodaj ten sztandar święty, Aż do zgonu naszej chwili, W duszy, w sercu był rozpięty, W duszy, w sercu był rozpięty.

May you find guidance and inspiration for the way you treat others in the word of God you have heard at this Mass.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

Sep. 14th Bishops consecration (Scranton, PA at 3:30PM)

CENTRAL DIOCESE

Oct. 11-13th Diocesan Synod in Scranton, PA

FRACKVILLE

Sep. 21st "Bleenie" Sale (11:00AM - ?)

Oct. 6th Animals blessing (2:00PM)

Nov. 21st Frackville Ministerium Thanksgiving Service (St. Ann's RCC – 7:00PM)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thanks go out to:

- **Members** of the Parish for preparing the altars, and the church for services;
- to **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff** for musical preparations, and to the Choir members;
- to **Mr. James Abicunas** for being a lector,
- to the **Sunday greeters**, the people working on fundraisers.

THANK YOU for your continued support of the “Bleenie” project. Thank you very much to all of you for your hard work last Friday! Special “thanks” to all of you who came for frying bleenies! Thank you for all donations also. Everyone’s help is needed with these sales – even if you can only give a half-hour of your time. It takes all of us working together to make these sales a success.

PARISH CELEBRATION – On Sunday, **September 9**, 2012 (Solemnity of Brotherly Love), Father Robert will celebrate the Holy Mass at 8:45AM, and after Mass the Pastor will impart the **Sacrament of Holy Anointing** to everyone who would like to receive this Sacrament. Please, invite our Parishioners, Friends and every person who want to take a part of this Liturgy.

THE PARISH COMMITTEE NEXT MEETING – will be held on Monday, October 1, 2012.

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY - ..if you or a relative are admitted to a hospital and nursing home;. if your phone number or address change;. if you have a prayer concern.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Bishop Paul Sobiechowski**, his family, parishioners of the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Manchester, NH.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: September 9 – Judith Touchinsky; September 11 – Edmund Hessert, Sophia Stetts; September 12 – John Keim.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – James Chistakoff – Dorothy Halaburda – Sophia Stetts – Sarah Powanda – Joseph Makauskas - Edward Halaburda – Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Sue Pascavage – Carolyn Boychak. At **Nursing Homes:** Helen Chistakoff – Dolores Halaburda - **Frackville Nursing Home** – Louise Gursky (307) - Ann Lech (108) – Stanley Bulcavage (313); NY – Cecelia Pyzowski.



HOSPITAL VISIT. If you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized or enter a long-term nursing facility, please personally or through a closest family member contact Fr. Robert. I will visit a sick member upon his or his family notification.

FARMER'S MARKET – On Thursday afternoons from **2:00PM to 6:00PM** Frackville Farmer's Market will take place. Throughout the season participants will be selling fresh produce and baked goods. Location is Frack Street and Lehigh Avenue beside the Wells Fargo bank.

UPCOMING SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS: **Sep. 16:** sp. John Snokus; **Sep. 23:** PNU; **Sep. 30:** sp. John Snokus; **Oct. 7:** sp. Deceased members of Chiao family; **Oct. 14:** sp. Deceased members of Chiao family; **Oct. 21:** sp. Bertha Zimmerman; **Oct. 28:** sp. Bertha Zimmerman; **Nov. 4:** sp. Bertha Zimmerman; **Nov. 11:** sp. Bertha Zimmerman; **Nov. 18:** sp. Mary Ann Etcho; **Nov. 25:** sp. Bernard Halaburda Jr.; **Dec. 2:** sp. Bertha Zimmerman; **Dec. 9:** sp. Mary Ann Etcho; **Dec. 16:** sp. Melissa Chiao; **4 Sundays** in Jan. 2013 – sp. Edward Bulcavage. *Please, do not order the mass intentions ahead of 1 year. Thank you.*



CONFESSIONS FOR THE YOUTH – Our younger members as well as their parents are reminded that Confession is an essential part of a child’s religious upbringing. Remember this important part of their religious life. Confession is held on the **first Sunday** of every month at **8:30AM** (before Mass). Children before Confirmation age should come to **private** Confession. If children (until Confirmation) would like to receive the

Holy Communion in a worthy manner they must come for private confession at least once a month. If other times are necessary please contact Fr. Robert.



WELCOME OUR VISITORS – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please write your names in the guest book located in the vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us in worship.

RECEIVING THE HOLY EUCHARIST – those who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament. It is the practice of the PNCC to distribute the Holy Eucharist through the method of intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, not in the hand.

PARISH INFORMATION. Daily Masses as announced. Examples of the Mass intention are: for the Sick, in remembrance of the faithful departed (especially parents, grandparents, relatives...), to ask God's Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries (...) To make arrangements, please contact Father Robert.

Holy Day Masses are held as announced in the bulletin.

Sacrament of Baptism – Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior the ceremony. Only **practicing Christians** should be chosen as **godparents**.

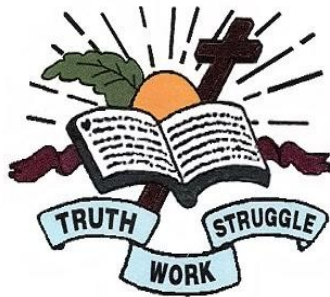
Sacrament of Matrimony – Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Emergencies, Sickness and deaths – please contact to the rectory immediately.

The parish bulletin - is made on **THURSDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.

Polish Proverbs

Dobra żona, męża korona. A good wife is a man's crown.



A PRAYER FOR THOSE GROWING OLDER

Lord, You know I am growing older. Keep me from becoming talkative and possessed with the idea that I must express myself on every subject. Release me from the craving to straighten out everyone's affairs. Keep me from the recital of endless detail. Give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips when I am inclined to tell of my aches and pains. They are increasing with the years and my love to speak of them grows sweeter as time goes by. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong. Make me thoughtful but not nosy, helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom and experience, it does seem a pity not to use it all. But You, Lord, know that I want a few friends in the end. Amen.

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