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**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"  
Solemnity – Brotherly Love**

**September 14, 2014**

Lord, I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and Your Church will grow.

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

**Holy Mass – 10:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English.**

**Today, September 14<sup>th</sup>** – XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time – Solemnity – Brotherly Love

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.

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: God's Blessing and Good Health for Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren of The Chiao Family.

^ Pierogies are available.

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Numbers 21:4b-9; **Philippians** 2:6-11; **John** 3:13-17; **Tue.**, 1 Corinthians 12:12-14.27-31a; **Luke** 7:11-17;

**Wed.**, 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; **Luke** 7:31-35; **Thu.**, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; **Luke** 7:36-50; **Fri.**, 1  
Corinthians 15:12-20; **Luke** 8:1-3; **Sat.**, 1 Corinthians 15:35-37.42-49; **Luke** 8:4-15

**MONDAY, September 15<sup>th</sup>** - 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.*

**6:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for all Parishioners.

**TUESDAY, September 16<sup>th</sup>** - *Weekday*

**6:00PM – Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. **Anna Koterba**.

**WEDNESDAY, September 17<sup>th</sup>** - *Weekday*

**6:00PM – Holy Mass** for the Remission of sins.

**THURSDAY, September 18<sup>th</sup>** - *Weekday*

**8:30AM – Holy Mass** for Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

**FRIDAY, September 19<sup>th</sup>** - *Weekday*

**11:00AM - ? - „Bleenie” Sale**. The preparations begins in the morning.

**SATURDAY, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00-10:50AM** – Confirmation Class.

**11:00-12:00** – First Holy Communion Catechism Class.

**NEXT SUNDAY, September 21<sup>st</sup>** – **XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. James Dean.

#### 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.**

#### **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.

As you leave this celebration, may the cross lift you up and fill you with hope and joy.

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **GENERAL CHURCH**

Sep. 29<sup>th</sup>–Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> General Synod of the PNCC (Erie, PA)

### **CENTRAL DIOCESE**

Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Council meeting (Scranton, PA 11:00AM)

**FRACKVILLE** – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 7:00PM)

Sep. 19<sup>th</sup> “Bleenie” Sale.

Sep. 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> First Holy Communion & Confirmation Classes

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Animals Blessing (1:00PM)

Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> Mass for Healing with the Sacrament of Holy Anointing

Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> “Chinese” Auction

## **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 **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;
- to **Joe Karvois** and **Veronica Plichta** for their help at the altar last Sunday.
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

**CHURCH PROPERTY WORK** was completed this week: bricks at the front and back porch of the rectory were fixed and sidewalk. Blessed Sacrament Society purchased the new floor for the rectory's office, which was installed last Wednesday. Thank you especially to Mrs. Sharon Chiao and Mrs. Sandra Elsavage for organizing work. Mrs. Janina Plichta painted the rectory's office. Thank you everyone!

**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.

**ANIMALS BLESSING** – will be held on Saturday, **October 4** at **1:00PM** on our parking.

**HOLY MASS for HEALING** – will be celebrated on Sunday, **October 12**. During the Mass participants will have an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Holy Anointing. Please, invite as many people as possible. Refreshments will be available after the Mass.

**VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION** will take place in our church on Sunday, **November 9**.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Andrzej Bako**, his family and parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Madison, IL [stlpncc.org].

**BIBLE STUDY CLASSES** will begin in October, 2014. Classes will take place in our church hall on Wednesdays at **6:30PM**. Everyone are welcome. Please, bring your own Bible.



**CHINESE AUCTION** will be held on **November 9, 2014** in the parish hall. We are asking all parishioners to help with the fundraiser by donating new items for this event. We are also appealing to you for your help. Everyone's help is needed especially on the day of the auction.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: September 18 – James Abicunas;

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – Father Senior Wiesław Pietruszka - Chistakoff – Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Carolyn Boychak – Anna Folta – John Kruk – Charles Chiao Jr. - Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill – Patricia Abicunas. At **Nursing Homes**: Helen Chistakoff – **Frackville Nursing Home**: Louise Gursky (307) - Ann Lech (108); **NY** – Cecelia Pyzowski. **H & R Center Tremont**: Dolores Halaburda. **Fritzingertown Drums, PA** - Violet Cegielski. **Ridgeview (Shen. Hts.)** - Margaret Kruszynski (311) - Edward Ryszka Jr. (221) – Theodore Butcavage (214).

**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.

**UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: Sep. 21:** Sp. James Dean; **Sep. 28:** PNU Members; **Oct. 5:** Deceased Members of Chiao Family; **Oct. 12:** for Healing; **Oct. 19:** Sp. Vincent Opanel; **Oct. 26:** 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday of Zoey Rutkowski; **Nov. 2:** Sp. William and Josephine Zamonas; **Nov. 9:** Sp. Vincent Opanel; **Nov. 16:** Sp. Lucille Greenman; **Nov. 23:** Sp. Bernard Halaburda Jr. & Dorothy Halaburda; **Nov. 30:** Sp. Mary Ann Etcho; **Dec. 21:** Sp. James Dean. **March 1, 2015:** for those who were touched with cancer. *Please, do not order the Mass intentions 3 months in advance.*



**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 **9:45AM** (before Mass). Children before Confirmation age must come to private Confession. **If children (until Confirmation) would like to receive the Holy Communion in a worthy manner they must come and be well prepared for private confession at least once a month.** If other times are necessary please contact Fr. Robert.

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS** – in case of your inability to come to church on any particular Sunday, please mail or submit your Sunday offerings and donations to our parish. Your church needs your financial support in order to pay utilities and expenses.

**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. **Come as a Guest – Leave as a Friend!**

**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.

“A good thing to remember is somebody's got it a lot worse than we do.” (Joel Osteen)