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Polish National Catholic Church**

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**Solemnity – Brotherly Love**  
Uroczystość Braterskiej Miłości

**September 10, 2017**

*O Lord I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and this parish will grow in number of really holy and dedicated people to God and to the Church.*

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, September 10<sup>th</sup>** - Solemnity – Brotherly Love - XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

In 1904 the 1st General Synod of the PNCC was held in Scranton, PA and in 1906 this Synod was reconvened the complete it. At these gatherings Father Hodur proposed that we establish the Solemnity of Brotherly Love.

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **John Etcho**.

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Colossians 1:24-2;3; Luke 6:1-11; **Tue.**, Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19; **Wed.**, Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26; **Thu.**, Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17; **Fri.**, Hebrews 5:7-9; John 19:25-27;

**Sat.**, 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49

**MONDAY, September 11<sup>th</sup>** – *Weekday* - 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11/01

**7:00PM – Holy Mass.**

**TUESDAY, September 12<sup>th</sup>** – *Weekday*

10:00AM – Requiem Holy Mass for Sp. **Marlene Insalaco**, of. by Mrs. Sandra and Ms. Angela Elsavage.

**THURSDAY, September 14<sup>th</sup>** – Solemnity – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

**FRIDAY, September 15<sup>th</sup>** – Holy Mother of Sorrows

6:00PM – Holy Mass

**NEXT SUNDAY, September 17<sup>th</sup>** – XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. James Dean, of. by wife Marjorie.

#### 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: Proverbs 3:21-25 or 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.

**May you know the merciful love of the Lord in your life, and show it in the way you tread others.**

#### **COMING EVENTS**

**FRACKVILLE** – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 6:00PM).

Sep. 24 - „Chinese” Auction.

Oct. 7 – Animals blessing (2:00PM at the parking).

Oct. 14 – Polish Dinner. **Holy Mass in Polish** at 3:30PM; Dinner will be served from 4:30 – 7:30PM.

Nov. 4 – Free Community luncheon in the hall.

Dec. 10 – Covered Dish Christmas Party.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Special **Thanks** go out to:

- to **Mrs. Janina Plichta** for preparing the altars, and the church for services;
- to **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff** and to the Parishioners for help to sing;
- to **Mr. James Abicunas** for being a lector;
- to **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

**CONFESSION FOR CHILDREN** – is held every first Saturday of each month at 11:00AM.

**50/50 Drawing Winner** – September 4 – **Mr. Mark Fried - \$348.50.**

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Joseph Cyman**, his family and parishioners of Holy Cross Parish in Woodland Park, NJ [web: holycrosssite.org; FB: Holy-Cross-Parish-PNCC].

**FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS** – Boscov's Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 25% off Shopping pass. Cost of pass is only \$5.00 and all money collected stays in the church. Please, see **Mrs. Marjorie Dean** to get your passes. Thank you!



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: September 12 – John Keim.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Father Janusz Lucarz - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Flossy Bulcavage – Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Frank Savitsky – Jean Keim – Victoria Plichta. At **Nursing Homes:** NY – Cecelia Pyzowski. ***H & R Center Tremont:*** Dolores Halaburda. ***Seton Manor, Orwigsburg, PA:*** Christina Pukas (102).



**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.

**Our Chinese Auction** will be held on **September 24, 2017** 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.

**LOCAL INFO** – on Thursday afternoons from 2 to 5:00PM beginning June 8<sup>th</sup>, the Frackville Farmer's Market starts again at location: Frack Street and Lehigh Avenue.

**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! If you are new to our parish, please submit your name, address and telephone number to **Father Robert**. Father will contact you regarding parish membership and answer the questions you may have regarding our church. WELCOME! You are always welcome to join us in worship. **Come as a Guest – Leave as a Friend.**

**PNCC Future Direction Message** - If you know of parishioners or friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please have them email us at [FutureDirection@pncc.org](mailto:FutureDirection@pncc.org) to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

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**2017 EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMISSION RAFFLE** – As fall is quickly approaching and we are all getting ready for the start of a new school year, the Education & Youth Commission of the Polish National Union of America is hosting a raffle to benefit our College Stipend Program, which is awarded to those college students based on the rules and regulations of this commission.

**The raffle will be held on December 14, 2017 @ the PNU Home Office, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa. Donations for these tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10.00.**

**First Prize – \$400 cash**

**Second Prize – Beats Pill + Bluetooth Speaker**

**Third Prize- Apple TV.**

*(raffle tickets can be obtained in your parish hall or the PNU Home Office)*

We greatly appreciate your support and generosity as we try to encourage our youth to become the future leaders within our parish community and the Polish National Union of America. Monetary donations are also graciously accepted towards the funding for this stipend program, and can be mailed directly to the following address: **Education and Youth Commission, c/o PNU of America, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa 18505 (checks made payable to Education and Youth Commission).** *Thank you, if you have any questions in regards to this program or raffle, please contact Mary Ann Stankowski @ 570-341-0986, or Carol Mikovsky @ 570-344-0916, ,or email EYC@pnu.org.*

**SPOJNIA SUNDAY – September 24, 2017** shall commemorate the historic association of the PNU and the Polish National Catholic Church and serve as reaffirmation of the commitment of the PNU in the many fields of Christian endeavor. *Article XXVI, Section 2 of the Constitution and By Laws of the Polish National Union.*

On Sunday, September 24th, 2017 – as the PNCC celebrates Spojnia Sunday – let us always remember to support the efforts of our sister organization as the PNU continues to support the members, clergy and parishes of the PNCC. For more information on the Polish National Union please contact your PNU Branch Secretary or call the PNU Home Office at 1-800-724-6352 for more information.



**HOW THE PNU HAS HELPED YOU Contest** - In conjunction with the 2017 celebration of Spojnia Sunday, the PNU is sponsoring a contest and we would love to hear “how the PNU has helped you!” Think of the many benefits the PNU has offered through the years and come up with a creative way to show others “How the PNU Has Helped You.” Create a short video, photo collage, musical performance, poster, or some unique way for you to demonstrate the benefit you’ve received as a member of the PNU. Participate as an individual, a family, a group, a branch of the PNU, or a parish of the PNCC. **Be creative!** The winner will receive \$500 and the runner-up will receive \$250. Deadline for submission is October 16th, 2017. Send your entry to Spojnia Sub-committee, c/o Kathy Nemkovich, via email at [kathynemkovich@gmail.com](mailto:kathynemkovich@gmail.com), or mailed to 37 Winthrop St.,