

## September 8, 2024

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# The Solemnity of Brotherly Love

# September 11, 2001 Twenty three years later, we will never forget. God Bless America! And God Bless Our First Responders!

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## 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. 8<sup>th</sup>
Solemnity
Brotherly Love

8:00 AM - Holy Mass

9:30 AM - Holy Mass

# Sunday - Sept. 15th

24th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Holy Mass

9:30 AM - Holy Mass

# Sunday - Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>

25th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Holy Mass

9:30 AM - Holy Mass

# Sunday – Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>

26th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Holy Mass

9:30 AM - Holy Mass

First Holy Communion of Edgardo (Edgar) M. Avilés

Please join us for this joyous celebration during the 9:30 Mass.

# Sunday - October 6th

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27th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Holy Mass

9:30 AM - Holy Mass

## Sunday - October 13th

Solemnity
The Christian Family

8:00 AM - Holy Mass

9:30 AM - Holy Mass

# Sunday - October 20th

29th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Holy Mass

9:30 AM - Holy Mass

#### **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, 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, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Alexus, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Eric Meck, Darryl Weinhold, Scott Kallish, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Corby Beck, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, Alicia Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, Chi Koch, Vicki Shoemaker, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Cristin Burke, Kelly Wylezik Shawn Siedel, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, James Horning, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Natalie Frankfort, Cheryl Weinhold, Carol Urban, Kenneth Borah and Joe Bezek. Our Father....

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

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Today, September 8**th; Picnic Debriefing Meeting, In the Fellowship Hall, after the 9:30 Mass. If you helped the day of the Picnic or just attended, please join us as we discuss what went right and what could be improved for next year. All input and ideas are welcome. Everything considered, things went well but we can do better next year with your help.

**Today, September 8**th; Deadline for contributions to our Ukrainian Relief Effort. Please leave your donations on the designated table in the Hall. See the Newsletter for details.

**Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>;** The regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 Am.

**Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>;** The ANS will meet in the Library after the 9:30 Mass. All women of the Parish are invited to attend and to join the Ladies Society for the Admiration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

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

## **BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS**

The Ladies Society for the Admiration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is selling Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Coupons. For a \$5.00 Donation to the ANS you will receive a coupon good for 25% off for your entire purchase at any Boscov's store or online on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:00 AM until 11:00 PM. (Exclusions Apply) Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule for more information and contact Sally Traczuk or any ANS member to purchase your Shopping Pass now!

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