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TODAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

SOLEMNITY - BROTHERLY LOVE

9:00 am – Holy Mass to be celebrated in the  
Traditional Rite of the PNCC.

**Mass Intention:** Remembering all those who lost  
their lives in the 9/11/01 attacks 23 years ago.

OPENING HYMN

**“To Thee, We Come, O Lord, Our God**

To Thee we come, O Lord, our God,  
Before Thine altar, Father

Thou knowest best our yearning hearts.

This supplication answer.

Lift up from want Thy people, Lord,  
Bless us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

Under Thy cross we stand prepared,

To serve Thee with devotion,

Be it with sweat of blood or tears,

Or humble resignation.

For we Thy people are, O Lord,

Save us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

ENTRANCE HYMN

(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.

C. 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.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the Highest,  
And peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God, and Father

We worship You; we give You thanks

We praise you for Your glory

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father

Lord God, Lamb of God

You take away the sins of the world

Have mercy on us

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,

Receive our prayer

For you alone are the Holy One

You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ

With the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. Let us pray. Almighty Father, through Jesus  
Christ, You revealed that the greatest law is love  
of You and our neighbors. In flame our hearts  
with the fire of Your holy love and so strengthen  
our love for one another. We ask this through  
our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives  
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH  
THE PROPHET (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

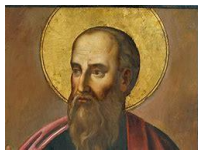
Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I  
will make a new covenant with the house of Israel

and the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. And no longer shall each man teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

C. The Word of the Lord.  
R. Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL**  
(Luke 17:3-4)

C: 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



**A READING FROM THE 1<sup>ST</sup> LETTER OF  
JOHN, THE BELOVED APOSTLE**  
(1 John 4:17-21)

Brothers and Sisters: In this, love is perfected in us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as He is so, are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he, who fears is not perfected in love. We love because He first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this is a commandment that we have from him, that he who loves God should love his brother also.

C. The Word of the Lord.  
R. Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA VERSE**

(John 15:17)

C. Alleluia, alleluia.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia.  
C. This I command you: love one another.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia.



**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE**  
(Luke 10:25-37)

C. The Lord be with you.  
R. And also with you.  
C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.  
R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance, a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The doctor of the

law said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

C. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



### THE NICENE CREED

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth  
Of all that is seen and unseen.  
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
The only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
True God from true God,  
begotten not made  
Of one being with the Father.  
Through Him all things were made  
For us and for our salvation.  
He came down from heaven:  
By the power of the Holy Spirit  
He was born of the Virgin Mary  
AND BECAME MAN.  
For our sake, He was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day He rose again  
In fulfillment of the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and  
Is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
To judge the living and the dead  
And His kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The Lord and Giver of Life  
Who proceeds from the Father,  
With the Father and the Son  
He is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in One, Holy, Catholic  
and Apostolic Church  
I acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
I look for the resurrection of the dead  
And the + life of the world to come. Amen.



### OFFERTORY VERSE

(1 John 4:10-11)

V. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another.

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

All-loving Father, Your Son taught us to love You and our brothers and sisters. May this offering serve to bring us closer to You and to one another. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**Let us Pray:** Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

### COMMUNION VERSE

(John 13:35)

V. This is how all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. Let us pray. Almighty and Merciful Father, may this Eucharist which is a pledge and sign of Your love for us, help us to draw closer to You and to one another. Help us to forgive the faults of our brother and sisters as You have promised to forgive us. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.



## **THE SOLEMNITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE**

### **On the Love of One's Neighbor by Bishop Francis Hodur**

This sermon was delivered by Prime Bishop  
Francis Hodur, on September 9, 1921

**“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”  
-Matthew 22:39**

It would seem that there is no easier commandment than the Commandment to love God and one's neighbor, but in reality, a person commits the most sins against these two requirements of God. What is the cause of this?

One of the causes is that a human being is still a little-spiritualized being. He is willful, materialistic. He cares about material things and goals; and a materialistic person does not sense His presence.

And why do people not love a person with brotherly love? There are several causes. Sometimes we meet unpleasant people who are disgusting because of their of their superficiality and habits, who are carousers, thieves, drunkards, cynics, troublemakers, gossips or scolds. Human nature recoils from such neighbors. A person feels a disgust which he cannot overcome.

Others, again, we cannot love because they are better than we. We feel reluctant because they are honest, just, pious and sober.

About the year 490 before Christ, in Athens there was a very wise and noble person named Aristides. He had political enemies who decided to throw him out of his office and from the city. Aristides met a citizen who did not know how to write and who asked him to write on a table his name. Because he was honest and just, he went into exile.

And so today it often happens that we conduct ourselves in our love, not from noble, uplifting or pious motives but often from caprice and selfishness. We love people because they are pleasant, kind, live well with us, or who look at our faults through their fingers.

Children love the kind of parents who do not punish severely errors and misdeeds, and who tolerate outbursts.

But it should be otherwise, the opposite. We should love people because that is God's Commandment. God loves all people. That He sometimes punished a person with trials, illness or death does not mean that he does not love him but He smites him to gain him. He is like one's father or mother.

What is the surest medicine for this human misery, for errors, sins, disagreement, hellish hatred, for offenses, and the weeping of unhappy humanity?

It is necessary to fulfill these two great commandments of God. The first Christians should be a model for us. We must always have in our mind and heart these words of Christ the Lord: “As you did it unto... even these least, you did it unto Me.” [Matthew 25:40]



### **REMEMBERING 9/11 23 years later**

On Wednesday, our nation will mark the 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy. It has been said that people remember where they were for certain key events in history; the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963 and as we remember on this day, the 9/11 tragedies which took place in 2001.

On this day, we remember, in prayer, the 2996 who died from 77 different countries. They were the “innocents,” those who lost their lives between the attacks at the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, in NYC, the Pentagon, in Washington, DC as well as those who died in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Did you know that the average age of those who died was only 40 years of age. The youngest victim on that day was a two-and-a-half-year-old child on Flight 175 and the oldest was an 85-year-old passenger on Flight 11. Not only do we pray for the repose of these souls, but we also remember today



the other 25,000 people plus, who were injured because of these terrorist attacks, as well as for their families. May we also remember today all those workers who have died, excavating and removing not only the what was left of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, but also removed the fragments, of all those who died on this day.

Following the attacks, President George W. Bush sent troops over to Afghanistan to track down Osama bin Laden, the main “architect” who remained at large until May 2, 2011, where he was killed by special forces of the United States.

After the death of Bin Laden, our former President, Barack Obama, announced that he would begin withdrawing troops from the country, which was finally completed by President Joseph Biden in August 2021, making it the longest American war in American history, lasting over 20 years. According to the data from Linda Bilmes of Harvard University’s Kennedy School and the Brown University Cost of War project, as reported by the Associated Press, it is estimated that 2,448 American service members were killed in Afghanistan. The last casualties of this protracted war were 13 members of the U.S. armed forces who lost their lives in a suicide bombing at the Kabul Airport on August 26, 2011, while they were offering humanitarian assistance to those wishing to leave Afghanistan before the takeover of the Taliban.

While only three planes that crashed into the Twin Towers and the Pentagon, there was a fourth plane that was hijacked by the terrorists. United Airlines Flight 93 was a domestic flight scheduled to fly from New Jersey to San Francisco and was hijacked shortly after take-off. Following the actions of the 40 civilians on board Flight 93, they were able to storm the cockpit, with the rally cry of “let’s go,” prior to two terrorists, who being secure in the cockpit, caused the tragic crash of flight 93 into a field the in Shanksville PA at over 500 mph. To this day, experts believe that this plane was to target the U.S. Capitol building or even the White House.

May we remember all those who lost their lives on this tragic day and never forget this day.



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MOTHER MARY**

**The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is a Christian Feast Day, which is celebrated in both the Eastern & Western rites of the Christian faith and celebrated in many Protestant denominations, such as the Anglican and Lutheran churches, This Solemnity or Feast Day marks the birth of Mary, mother of Jesus. which is also known as **Marymas**. The traditional date of the feast is September 8, which falls exactly nine months after the celebration of the Solemnity or Feast of the **Immaculate Conception of Mary**.

It is known that Saint Romanos the Melodist, a Byzantine Christian, composed many of the hymns used in the Eastern Catholic and Eastern Orthodox liturgies, and composed a hymn for the Solemnity of the birth of Mary. This Solemnity or Feast Day of the **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** would spread to Rome in the 7<sup>th</sup> century and would eventually take a couple of more centuries before this Solemnity would be celebrated throughout the West.

The Church has celebrated Mary’s birth since the 6<sup>th</sup> century. Holy Scripture does not give the events of her birth. However, in the apocryphal book, the **Protoevangelium of James**, written c. 150 AD, gives an account of the events of her birth. According to this writing, Anna and Joachim, the parents of Mary, were unable to have a child. They were to receive, through an angel, a promise that Anna would conceive a child which would advance God’s Divine plan of salvation for mankind.

It was the great theologian, Saint Augustine of Hippo, (354 - 430 AD) who taught that through his birth, he was to connect the birth of Mary with the birth of Jesus’ and His eventual saving and redeeming work. He writes that “the earth should rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth.” “She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed,

the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed.”

**Source:** "The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary." Learn Religions, Feb. 8, 2021, [learnreligions.com/nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-542466](https://www.learnreligions.com/nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-542466).

The **Entrance Hymn**, which is celebrated as a Solemnity and found in the Liturgy of the PNCC, is taken from the **Book of Psalms** (Psalm 71:6,45:2a), in which we read:

V. On you I depend since birth; from my mother's womb you are my strength; my hope in you never wavers.

R. My heart is stirred by a noble theme, as I sing my ode to the king.

I further share the **Opening Prayer** of this most special day:

Let us pray. Almighty God, the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary heralded the Salvation of humankind through the birth of Your Son. As we celebrate her nativity, give us the gift of Your heavenly grace. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

**Note:** May all, if able, celebrate this special day through prayer, reflection and meditation, on the importance of the birth of Mary, who provided a pathway to Salvation through her son, Jesus.’



## SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> - SOLEMNITY OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Early in 4<sup>th</sup> century AD, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor, Constantine the Great, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. We read that she razed the second-century **Temple of Aphrodite**, which tradition holds, was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son Constantine, in turn, built the **Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher** on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the

one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people passed through one by one; all of them bowing down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the 7<sup>th</sup> century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614 A.D., 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.



### OUR PARISH CALENDAR

8:45 am	Liturgy of the Hours
9:00 am	Holy Mass of the Eucharist.

Mon. 9/9	Solemnity – Nativity of the BVM Gorgonius, Martyr Issac the Armenian, Bishop Ciaran the Younger, Abbot
Tue. 9/10	Mass for Health and Healing Pulcheria, Virgin Memodora, Metrodora & Nymphodora Virgins & Martyrs Nicholas of Tolentin, Priest
Wed. 9/11	Mass on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 Protus & Hyacinth, Martyrs Paphnutius, Bishop Patiens, Bishop

- Thurs. 9/12**    **Mass to the Holy Saints of God**  
 Gertrude of Altenberg, Abbess & V.  
 Eanswida, Virgin  
 Guy of Anderlecht, Confessor
- Fri. 9/13**    **Mass to the Most Holy Name of Jesus**  
 Eugenia, Virgin & Martyr  
 Eulogius of Alexandria, Bishop  
 Amatus, Abbot
- Sat. 9/14**    **Solemnity – Exaltation of the Holy Cross of Jesus**  
 Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
 Notburga, Virgin  
 Mirin, Bishop

**NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> 2024**  
**24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY**

9:00 am - Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated in the Traditional rite.



**PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING**

In our prayers, please remember all our brothers and sisters, who seek the blessings of God, and pray for God’s blessings of health and healing to rest upon each of them.

Each week, depending on the Liturgical Calendar of the Solemnities and Feast Days as found in the PNCC, a Holy Mass of **Health and Healing** is celebrated each week in our church.

**Let us pray.** O Lord, God of mercies, in Your kindness stretch out Your hand and heal all our brothers and sisters who are in any way ailing. Make them worthy of health, deliver them from their present sicknesses and illness and grant them recovery in Jesus’ holy name. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Note:** In the vestibule of our Church, prayer requests forms may be found. All requests will be added to our prayer list for health and healing which is listed in our weekly bulletin.

**Sp. Joseph Kisloski**

It is with much sadness that a dear friend and lifelong parishioner, Sp. Joseph Kisloski, 83, passed away last Sunday. At the request of the family, a gravesite internment service will be held for Joseph on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 11:00 am at the Holy Name of Jesus PNCC cemetery. Drozdal Funeral Home has been entrusted with his requests.



**OUR PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAMS.**

**“Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.” - Philippians 2:4**

**“What you have been freely given, freely give.” - Matthew 10:8b**



**Our Food Ministry: “To Feed the Hungry”**

**“I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat.” - Matthew . 25: 35.**

**“Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.” - Matthew 10:18b.**

The next date for giving out free groceries to those who in need, and seek others who are in need will be on **Saturday, September 21st from 10:00 am till noon, while supplies last.**

We thank all who continue to give donations towards this, one of our most special ministries, through the gifts of non-perishable food items as well as monetary donations.



**SOCKS FOR VETERANS**

Through conversations that I have had with a mutual friend, John Czyz, it was decided that our Parish would once again collect socks for our local veterans.

As many of you know, John has been and is involved with the local veterans in many projects.

We have set up bins in our vestibule as well as in our Parish Hall to help collect socks for veterans. John Czyz and I, before the Covid onset in 2020, gave socks and gifts to our local veterans at the Veterans Hospital in Leeds, MA. A suggestion has been made that all socks and other gifts be collected this fall season and given to veterans this Christmas holiday. May God bless all our endeavors as we strive and continue to help others in need.



### **The Angel Garden Club of the Holy Name of Jesus**

The next workday for projects dedicated to the Holy Angel of our garden. will be Saturday, **September 14, 2024 from 8:30 am till 10:00 am**, (weather permitting.) An invitation is extended to all to come. Refreshments will be provided.

I want to thank again, Eric Dibrindisi, John Harrington and Jimmy Winn for their continued efforts, work and help around our Church proper.

As we continue to work on projects to help beautify our parish, it will only be through our mutual efforts that we will accomplish our goals. We began with the removal of a pool and bushes surrounding the pool area. We also began will be to convert the pool shed, into a garden shed, which we will be able to store all our garden tools. Our final goal will be to power wash and re-paint this shed.

There is also work being done to the Parish garage with the addition of new window frames and windows. I want to thank Eric for helping with this. Our next project will be to power wash and re-paint the parish garage as the weather permits.

We are also finalizing bids for the cleaning of our Parish kitchen as well as the professional cleaning of our carpets in the sanctuary and the painting of our main altar. Finally, one of our major projects will be to address the proper drainage of water around the perimeter of our Parish Hall and the eventual installation of an sealed exterior sump pump.



### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

**Saturday, October 19, 2024 – Fall Bazaar** at Holy Name of Jesus. In preparation for this event, we have set the following dates:

**Pierogi Making** – September 14 & 28, October 5<sup>th</sup>.  
**Gołabki, Pies and Bazaar Prep** – October 14-18.

### **Sunday, November 17, 2024**

**Thanksgiving sit down meal** to be held at the South Deerfield Polish-American Citizen's Club starting at 12:00 pm.



### **ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION CALL TO PRAYER EACH WEDNESDAY**

During the month of September 2024, the **Eastern Diocesan Mission and Evangelism Commission** of the PNCC, has called upon its members and others to offer the following two following prayers every **Wednesday** at noon:

#### **PRAYER TO THE HOLY SAINTS OF GOD**

**Heavenly Father**, You have called us to faith and surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, Your saints. May their intercession ever be a focus and a source of hope, love, joy and peace. Encouraged by their example to lay aside every sin, may we imitate them in our lives so that we may one day join them in Your eternal kingdom. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*(PNCC Book of Devotions and Prayers)*

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father** who art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us of our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and led us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.





**DISCIPLESHIP 2024:  
KNOW YOUR FAITH, GROW IN CHRIST**

The Eastern Diocese will focus on **Being Christians Today: Christian Identity, Sources of Strength, and Challenges**. Please join us for the **ninth** in a series of virtual “**Know and Grow**” presentations on

**Thursday September 12, 2024, at 7:00 pm (EDT)**

Rev. Robert Koerber will help us to explore the topic, **Christian Tradition (Fathers of the Church, Saints and Martyrs.)**

“Holy Scripture and Sacred Tradition guide the practice of our Catholic faith. “By Tradition we mean the teachings and practices of the Apostolic Church, which complement the New Testament writings” (PNCC Catechism). God has been revealing Himself since the beginning of time from one generation of believers to the next, and we are the recipients of this treasure trove of wisdom.”

To join via Zoom, please contact  
[revpauls@yahoo.com](mailto:revpauls@yahoo.com) or  
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**CHICKEN BBQ SPONSORS**

On behalf of Holy Name of Jesus PNCC and as Pastor, I wish to thank all who were so generous in their sponsorships at our recent Chicken BBQ which was held at the Young Men’s Club in Hadley, MA on Sunday, August 18, 2024.

**BUSINESSES**

**Platinum Sponsors - \$500.00**

Czesluniak Funeral Home

Pekarski Sausage

**Silver Sponsors - \$100.00**

Arnold’s Meats

John Kocot @ HC Kocot & Sons

Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory  
(in memory of George & Sharon Miller)

Polish American Citizens Club

Wrisley Funeral Home

**Bronze Sponsors - \$50.00**

Holiday Pizza

LaSalle Florists

We would also to thank the following businesses for donating food to our Chicken BBQ:

Galenski Farms – Corn

Golonka Farms – Carrots, Cucumbers, Tomatoes

Szawlowski Potato Farms, Inc. – Potatoes

**PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS**

**Platinum Sponsors - \$500.00**

Rev. Fr. Robert M. Koerber

**Silver Sponsors - \$100.00**

Joe & Janice Dagilus

Eric & Sue Dibrindisi  
(In memory of our parents)

Barbara Goodhind

Greg & Marilyn Kochan  
(In memory of Jennie & Edwin Demara)

Buddy & Kathy Lafleur

Wayne & Pat Shaw  
(In memory of our parents)

**Bronze Sponsors - \$50.00**

Carl & Eva Adamski

Richard & Maryanna Foster  
(In memory of the Kahle & Ostrowski families)

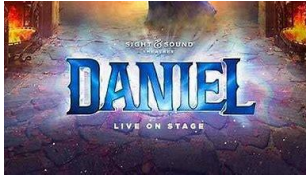
The Mascia family  
(In memory of the Maslanka & Pomproicz families)

Debbie Misiaszek & John Misiaszek  
(In memory of Caroline & John Misiaszek)

Walter & Linda Puchalski  
(In memory of John, Mary, Walter (Sam) Puchalski, Sr; Charles & Lumina Howe, Carolyn & Wendall Hay, John & Caroline Misiaszek)

Carolyn Rapelye

Barbara Santos, Eddy, Audra, Alyssa and  
Dakota Santos (In memory of Edelmiro Santos)



I recently saw the Sight and Sound production of **“Daniel”** which was shown as a “live performance” at the Hampshire Mall theatre in Hadley, MA.

It is hard to explain the vastness of such a production, unless you have been lucky enough to travel to the Sight and Sound theaters, located in either Lancaster, PA or Branson, MO and see one of their live “performances.”

The story of Daniel is found in the OT Book of Daniel. But who was Daniel?

Daniel was one of the four major prophets of the Old Testament, alongside Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel, Daniel is also known as both an Eastern sage and writer, who was taken into captivity by Nebuchadnezzar II of Babylon in 605 BC following the fall and destruction of the Jewish temple at Jerusalem in 586 BC. It is also interesting that Daniel was a contemporary of the great prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel, which served as each other’s inspiration.

Known as “an interpreter of dreams” for over 70 years, Daniel was raised to power by Nebuchadnezzar II of Babylon and served two other kingdoms – Media and Persia. Daniel is also known for first announcing the “kingdom of God on earth,” through witnessing the future Christ, in the both the furnace and in his trial in the “Lion’s Den.”

Under Nebuchadnezzar II, Daniel served the king and his successors with loyalty, all the while remaining faithful to the God of Israel.

The book of Daniel is considered in Holy Scripture of the OT as both historical and apocryphal. Some have also compared his visions to the visions of St. John as found in the Book of Revelation and others.

**TWO STORIES OF HOPE AND FAITH  
FOUND IN THE BOOK OF DANIEL**

I share with you two of the best-known stories found in the Book of Daniel:



**THE FURNACE  
Daniel 3:8-30**

The first story is of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, friends and companions of Daniel, who were casted into a furnace, heated seven times hotter, for failing to worship a golden statue of King Nebuchadnezzar. We read in Daniel 3:22-25: “The king’s command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace. Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, “Weren’t there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?” They replied, “Certainly, Your Majesty.” He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.” We further read in 3:26b-27: “So, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.”



**DANIEL IN THE LION’S DEN  
Daniel 6:1-28**

Daniel had found favor with King Darius I, but an edict had been set that anyone worshipping another God would be cast into a lion’s den. With no other choice, Darius threw Daniel into a den of lions and sealed its opening. We read in Daniel 6:19-22: “At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?” Daniel answered, “May the king live forever! My God sent His angel, and He shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me

## **REFLECTIONS**

**“But he, wanting to justify himself said unto Jesus, who is my neighbor?” - Luke 10:29**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

My dear brothers and sister in Christ Jesus:

At the Special Synod of the PNC Church, held in August of 1906. our First Bishop, Franciszek (Francis) Hodur established the Feast of Brotherly Love, which we celebrate today.

We read in today’s Gospel, that a well-educated man, a lawyer, came to Jesus seeking an answer to one of the oldest and most important questions: “What shall I do to inherit eternal Life?” Do you know that the question of “eternal life” has existed ever since the “fall of man” and favor from God in the Garden of Eden as we read in the Book of Genesis and do you that throughout the history of the Jewish people, man has struggled to make things right with God and return to his original “Edenic” state with God.

When asked about “eternal life,” Jesus then asks the lawyer as he asks each of us today: How do you understand the law? The lawyer answered rightly by stating that “eternal life” is based upon the love of God first and loving one another as we love ourselves. But the lawyer took this answer one step farther. He wanted to “justify himself”. He didn’t have a problem with the first commandment of loving God first but the second commandment when he asked Jesus: “And who is my neighbor?”

The word “neighbor” is defined as a “person who lives near or next door.” But in today’s world, are we not all neighbors? I think Jesus teaching the Parable of the “Good Samaritan” is so appropriate today, for it causes all of us to pause and consider our understanding of what the Lord taught.

Do you know that the Samaritans were hated by the orthodox Jews? They were considered “unholy and unclean.” Travelers would purposely go out of their way to avoid traveling through Samaria. And yet Jesus uses these “unholy and unclean” Samaritans to clear up the question of: Who are our neighbors?

I recently saw a disabled athlete, as I watched the Para-Olympics in Paris, France, who helped another disabled athlete prepare for an event, in which they were both to compete against, it reinforced my hope in humanity. Through times of severe weather occurrences, of neighbors helping neighbors and strangers helping strangers, in times of need, there is a commonality of love.

Unfortunately, we also also see the result of anger, hatred and division, where mankind has tried to justify themselves in committing acts of terrorism and crimes against their fellow man.

The images of suffering and starving people, the old and the young, women and children, innocent victims are but images of people where governments try to justify themselves in their crimes against humanity. But we do not even need to look at other countries or read the history of man, to be reminded of the various crimes against one another. I believe that we all have at one time or another, tried to justify through our words and our actions our dislike and hatred of our neighbors, whether it be in our political views or in religion. How difficult it is to live by the words of Jesus as found in the Gospel of John 13:34, where He teaches: “This is a new commandment that I give unto you: Love one another, as I have loved you.” It seems that we look for differences before we look at our commonality.

And so, my brothers and sisters: on this the Solemnity of Brotherly Love, may it cause all of us to be a little kinder, a little more understanding, a little more patient, and a little more loving of each other. May we also all be a little less critical, a little less judgmental and a little less fault-finding. How can anyone of us be justified before God without first considering the commonality that God exists in all of us and what John wrote in his first Epistle: “See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

May we all take the story of the Good Samaritan to heart, when it comes to and helping one another in the love that Christ shown to us. May we also realize that it is in our faith in Christ Jesus and his teachings, that we are justified to inherit “eternal life.” through His Resurrection. Amen.