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TODAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

PNCC SOLEMNITY - BROTHERLY LOVE

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



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Please Note: Following today's Holy Mass, Halina and I would like to invite all of you to continue with the celebration of our Sacramental union as husband and wife, with a simple continental breakfast and a most gracious "thank you to all."



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.

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.

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

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you

V. 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 (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."

V. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to be to God.

GRADUAL

(Luke 17:3-4)

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.

A READING FROM THE 1st LETTER OF JOHN

(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.

V. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

(John 15:17)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. This I command you: love one another.

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE

(Luke 14:1, 7-14)

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

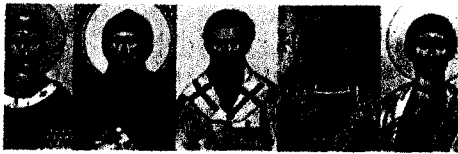
V. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

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."

V. 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.
 Inflame 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

V. The Lord be with you.
 R. And also with you.
 V. 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
 brothers 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]



MINISTRY OF LAY READERS

In the month of September, the following men and women of our Parish have volunteered their time to proclaim the "word of God."

Sunday, September 14th Shirley Mietlicki-Floyd
 Sunday, September 21st John Harrington
 Sunday, September 28th Josh Tudryn

PARISH CALENDAR & NEWS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Please note: I will be away from the Parish this week as Halina and I will be traveling to Gloucester, MA for a couple of days. In my absence, I ask that in the case of an unforeseen emergency, please call Fr. Sr. Joseph Soltysiak at (413) 562-4403. Thank you.



NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

25th SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY

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



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

“And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.” - Luke 2:9

May we pray for the health and healing for all those, who we remember in our prayers, especially for: George and Janet Sadowski, Wayne Shaw, Richard Foster, Carolyn Rapalye, Karen Herzig and Pat Shaw, Cindy Benjamin, Bill Durkee, Jerry Pawlikowski, Paula Winn, Stefanik Gadecki, Marge Sanderson, Brandon Poe, Fernanda Harrington, baby James, Liam & Evelyn Spatcher, Jennie Harrington, Eric Rose, Lori Lukomski, C.J. Panell, Mick Szumski, Tosia & Toka Bara, Laurie Lis, Bp. Paul Sobiechowski, Fr. Sr. Joseph Soltysiak, Todd Odell, David Moskin, Laurie Lis, Renata Wos, Jan Clark, and Joey De Fayette, Zoe Kinnunen, Bożena Piaskowy, as well as all our own personal intentions:

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 are ailing. Deliver them, according to Your will, from all their present sicknesses and illnessness, 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, and are One God. Amen.



OUR PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAMS

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

Our Food Ministry: “To Feed the Hungry”

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

Our next grocery “give-a-way” date will be Saturday, September 20th from 10:00 am. We also wish to thank all those who have donated to our food ministry. Donations of items needed as well monetary gifts will be greatly appreciated.

We are still in need of the following:

- Cereals and instant oatmeal.
- Fruit juices, - V8, Apple and Cranberry juices.
- Powder milk / condensed milk.
- Hot chocolate and tea bags.
- Pasta and spaghetti sauce.
- Boxes of Mac-n-cheese.
- Canned tuna in water.
- Canned meats- chicken, salmon, etc.
- Ramen noodles.
- Soups- all varieties.
- Canned veggies and fruits.
- Children's snack packs

Please note: Also, through our Parish ministries, we are continuing to collect “full sized” containers of **personal care items and cleaning items** to aid others in need. All items collected, will be donated to the various survival centers in our area. Items needed:

- Bar soaps and body wash, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, hand sanitizers, toilet paper, and personal products for incontinence (pads & panty liners, baby powder, baby wipes and diapers.
- Liquid dish soap, laundry detergent, paper towels, bathroom and kitchen cleansers, dish sponges/scrubbers, trash bags.



ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION **WEDNESDAYS AT NOON – CALL TO PRAYER**

In the month of September, our Eastern Diocese has called upon all its members and others to offer prayer at 12:00 noon each Wednesday:

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, You taught us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Enlighten the hearts of our enemies that they may seek the peace that only You can give. Grant us grace to forgive and to be forgiven. Enable us all to work toward justice and embrace Your love that reconciles us with one another. In Your blessed Name we pray. Amen.



Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.



REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

"But he, wanting to justify himself said unto Jesus, who is my neighbor?"

My dear brothers and sister in Christ Jesus:

In August of 1906, at a Special Synod, our First Bishop, Franciszek (Francis) Hodur established the Feast of Brotherly Love of which we celebrate today.

We read in today's Gospel, about a well-educated man, a lawyer, who came to Jesus seeking an answer to one of the oldest and most important questions: "What shall I do to inherit eternal Life?"

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 and dependent upon loving God first and then loving one another as we love ourselves, and Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer took His 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 he questioned 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, in teaching the Parable of the "Good Samaritan" causes us to pause and consider our understanding of the value of loving others.

In contrast, we have seen so much anger, hatred and division, of people setting themselves higher and above the common decency of loving and helping others. Most of us have seen the images of the aftermath of tragedies; both natural and man-made.

Whether it be hurricanes, tornadoes or flooding or man-made events such as terrorist attacks and shootings, there have always been those, who like the Good Samaritan, have reach out to help total strangers. Whenever a disaster strikes, it brings out the worst and yet the best a worst of individuals. But in love, a ray of sunshine comes forth with the message: "We care". In reality, we are taught that we are all created in the image and likeness of a loving God.

I believe that on this Solemnity of Brotherly Love can be summed up in the words of Jesus as found in the Gospel according to Saint John 13:34 where He teaches: "This is a new commandment that I give unto you: Love one another, as I have loved you."

St. Paul would teach in his letter to the people of Phillipi, "Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others." The central message for today is one of love and that we are all called upon to reach out whenever and wherever we can to express love, kindness and compassion to all.

Abraham Lincoln was to summed up this kindness and love when he spoke at his first inaugural address, prior to the American Civil War, delivered on Monday, March 4, 1861, as he took the oath of office as the sixteenth president of the United States:

"We are not enemies, but friends. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory will swell when again touched, as surely, they will be, by the better angels of our nature."

May we all take the story of the Good Samaritan to heart, on this Solemnity of Brotherly love, when it comes to helping one another in the same love that Christ shown to others as well as us in His teachings.

May we realize that it is only in loving God and loving our neighbor as ourselves that we truly will understand what it means to inherit "eternal life." Amen.