

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 10, 2017 – Solemnity – Brotherly Love

- **9:30 AM - Holy Mass**

+ Albina Filipczak – requested by Patricia Peterof

Monday, September 11, 2017 – Weekday

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 – Weekday

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 – Weekday

Thursday, September 14, 2017 – Solemnity – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Friday, September 15, 2017 – Solemnity – Holy Mother of Sorrows

Saturday, September 16, 2017 – Weekday

Sunday, September 17, 2017 – 24th Ordinary Sunday – Parish Picnic

- **12 Noon - Holy Mass (at the cemetery)**

+ Denise Flores – requested by Cliff, Julie & Jodie Brown

FAITH SHARING

We need to remember that the road from Jerusalem to Jericho passes right through our home, parish, school and work place. The Jericho Road is any place where people are being robbed of their dignity, their material goods or their value as human beings. It is any place where there is suffering and oppression. As a matter



of fact, the Jericho Road may be our own home, the place where we are taking care of a mother or father, husband or wife, or even our own children. We may find our spouse, children or parents lying “wounded” by bitter words, scathing criticism or other, more blatant forms of verbal, emotional or physical abuse.

Hence, Jesus invites us to have hearts of love. What God wants more than anything is for us to show our love to others, in our own home and school, in the work place, and in the neighborhood, as the Good Samaritan did. Jesus is inviting us to have hearts of mercy for those who are being hurt or mistreated in any of the “Jericho Roads” of life.

BROTHERLY LOVE SUNDAY

This Solemnity was set aside by the Synod of our Church in Chicago in 1914. The General Synod established this day for the faithful of the Polish National Catholic Church in order to remember the great commandment of God that is to love your neighbor as you love yourself.

Lots of people around us, members of our families, friends, and people who lost everything need our material and spiritual help. We have to remember them. We cannot leave them alone.

The Solemnity of Brotherly Love gives us hints and direction what we have to do and what is our Christian responsibility for each other.



PARISH PICNIC

Next Sunday, September 17, we have St. Valentine's annual parish picnic.

As usually we'll begin with Holy Mass at 12:00 Noon at the cemetery. Then at 1:00 PM we start the picnic at our Pulaski Park, 875 Mill Rd, Bensalem, PA 19020.

We are asking all our Parishioners to sell raffle tickets to friends and family members. Please make all raffle returns payable to St Valentine's PNCC and mail to the rectory.

PICNIC MENU

Polish Platter (3 pierogi, kielbasa, golabki, rye bread)

Hamburger

Hot Dog/ Kraut

Kielbasa Sandwich

Golabki

Pierogi

Potato Pancakes (placki ziemniaczane)

Soda / Water / Ice Tea

Coffee & Cake

PLEASE REMEMBER!

There will be no Mass in our church next Sunday at 9:30 AM.
We will celebrate the Holy Eucharist at 12:00 Noon at the cemetery instead.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 4th is a Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. Francis' devotion to God was expressed through his love for all of God's creation. St. Francis cared for the poor and sick,



he preached sermons to animals, and praised all creatures as brothers and sisters under God. St. Francis of Assisi is a patron saint of the animals. We love animals too. We love our pets. In our church there will be a Blessing of the Animals on October 4th at 7:00PM. Please bring your pet (or a photo of your pet) to our church.

PNU SPÓJNIA MONTH

The Polish National Union of America (PNU) traditionally promotes the month of September as "Spójnia Month". The highlight of this promotion is the observation of one special day designated by the Polish National Catholic Church as "Spójnia Sunday". As designated within the PNCC Constitution, Spójnia Sunday is celebrated on the fourth Sunday within the month of September. This year, that date is **September 24, 2017**.

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE



If you wish to order a Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in our parish please call parish office (215-535-4978) or mail your request to:

2330 Margaret St, Philadelphia, PA 19137,
or email it to stvalentinespncc@gmail.com

Holy Mass is not only reserved for repose of the soul but it can be offered for any person and any intention, for example your wedding anniversary, birthday, special blessing for your children or grandchildren, special blessing for your family etc.

HURRICANE HARVEY – SPECIAL COLLECTION

In his recent letter to the priests and faithful of our Church, Prime Bishop Anthony had included this important exhortation:

"We have all watched the devastation that has occurred in Houston, Texas and the surrounding areas as a result of Hurricane Harvey. I encourage all the clergy and members of the Polish National Catholic Church to continue in their powerful prayers for all who are affected: those who have lost everything especially loved ones, those who are providing help and rescue, as well as all those who have died. The Primate goes on to offer the *Church World Service* of the National Council of Churches, a body with which our denomination is affiliated, and the *Red Cross* as worthy agencies through which to channel our financial support of the disaster relief efforts.

Please make your donation through the offering basket or at the parish office in an envelope marked **(1) HURRICANE**, **(2) with your name**, **(3) the number** of your offering envelope, and **(4) the name of one of the agencies** listed above to which you want your donation to go. These will be sent to the Diocesan Treasurer for a diocesan accounting and then forwarded.

God bless you all in this effort of gathering special collections in the coming weeks and months for those suffering in the South.



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