



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Solemnity of Brotherly Love

Święto Braterskiej Miłości

September 10, 2023

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 92.

First reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: Ps 85:9-14

Lord, let us see Your kindness, and grant us Your salvation.

Epistle: 1 John 4:17-21

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Intention: 10am and Noon, for an increase in the witness of love among all people.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- Mattins. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour Reception
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

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.

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Today's Music

- Entrance: R1, For The Beauty Of The Earth (v. 1 & 3)
- Gloria: E1, Glory Be
- Sacrament of the Word: B145, Come Holy Spirit
- Offertory: Take Up Your Cross (handout)
- Communion: Be Not Afraid (instrumental)
- Communion Reflection: R107, Amazing Grace
- Recessional: R377, Joyful, Joyful

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **WELCOME:** We welcome all those visiting for the first time. May your day and week ahead be blessed!
- **Thank You:** To all who came out for Holy Mass on Labor Day at Good Shepherd Cemetery.
- **Ś+P Adeline Bush:** We learned that our sister, Adeline Bush, reposed in the Lord on August 10th. She was 98 years old. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord. On Thursday we held a funeral and committal service for Ś+P Robert J. Gretkirewicz. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord!
- **Doing Good:** We continue our CarePortal work and anticipate our next food bank day. If you know people who need food, we have plenty available, just have them stop by on a Sunday.
- **Significant Work:** We have undertaken significant work to fix the ongoing roof leak in the choir loft of the church. Hopefully it has been addressed after several attempts to track down the issue. We also installed soffit vents in the rectory and in the process discovered the entire wood fascia under the aluminum had rotted. It was replaced. Fr. Jim also undertook a clean-up project addressing overgrown weeds around the rectory. Other issues have also been uncovered which need to be addressed including electrical and overall weed control. Thank you to Paul for leading the repair efforts and to Mr. Moses for his hard work late into Saturday night. Any ideas, suggestions, or help – including financial – would be great.

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, by placing the elements on the tongue, never in the hand.

--- *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."* ---

'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

Thank you for joining today as we continue our journey focused on listening to, obeying, and witnessing to Jesus.

Our Holy Church drives this listening, obeying, and witnessing home in very particular ways through special Solemnities celebrated throughout the year.

Today listening, obeying, and witnessing is stressed through our call to love. This Solemnity of Brotherly Love was instituted a long time ago, in 1923, when members of our Church were persecuted for their faith.

Yes, our people faced a hatred that resulted in beatings, firings from jobs, homes being foreclosed on, and even murder.

They, the Church, decided they would not respond in-kind, they

would not fight back with fists and clubs, but would focus themselves on Jesus' teaching on love toward all.

Was that the past? It seems many have not listened to Jesus: 'Go and do likewise.'

Love is harder to find, hate is far easier to see. Sometimes alleged Christians are right up front in fermenting something quite different from Brotherly Love. Let's use a real-life example. Perhaps you have seen Deuteronomy 28:43-44 quoted in social media: *Aliens residing among you shall ascend above you higher and higher, while you shall descend lower and lower. They shall lend to you but you shall not lend to them; they shall be the head and you shall be the tail.*

Of course, we should fear immigrants.

This scripture was from the listing of curses against Israel if they were unfaithful to God's

law. Everything they would do would fail. They would lose their crops, children, and nation.

All this was set forth in a ceremony to be performed by the entire nation, so that they would understand the gravity of their choice whether to actually walk in the ways of God.

In the blessings and curses God warns in several places related to foreigners (see Exodus 22:21, and 23:9) and most particularly in Leviticus 19:33-34 "When an alien lives with you in your land, do not mistreat him. The stranger who lives as a foreigner with you shall be to you as the native-born among you, and you shall love him as yourself."

Brotherly love is a choice, an eternal choice. We must choose to stop for the stranger, to love all people totally, or face God's consequences. *What must I do?* Love!

Memory Verse

"Do not mistreat an alien or oppress him, for you were aliens in Egypt."

Exodus 22:21

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Exodus 23:9

MONDAY: Leviticus 25:23

TUESDAY: Deuteronomy 10:19

WEDNESDAY: Ezekiel 22:29

THURSDAY: Deut. 24:17-22

FRIDAY: Deuteronomy 27:19

SATURDAY: Zechariah 7:10

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, Grant that my eyes may not be blinded by political agendas nor by prejudice but that I be attentive to Your commandment of love for all. Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Szczepkowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Nicholas Emanuele, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Karen Weyant, Charles Hobbib, Helen Spencer, Steve and Claudia Miller, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Dave Taylor, Lyle, Ralph Zell, Phil Wielewinski, Kelly Light, Joan Charnews. and all in need of God's healing.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Andrew Tenus.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, Police Officers, and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- All who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we remember and pray for the clergy and faithful of the Union of Scranton.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Upcoming

- **September 10: Solemnity of Brotherly Love. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- **September 11: Holy Mass at Noon for the intention of the victims and first responders on 9-11-01.**
- **September 12: Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the infant of Prague (in Polish) follows.**
- **September 13: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **September 14: Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Holy Mass at 4pm.**
- **September 15: Solemnity – Holy Mother of Sorrows. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **September 17: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- **September 18: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **September 19: Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the infant of Prague (in Polish) follows.**