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**Celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> Year**



**23rd Sunday Ordinary Time**  
**September 5, 2021**

Change of address or phone number, for parish registration, hospital visitations and sacramental needs, baptism and wedding arrangements (six months in advance), please contact the Parish Office by calling 412.276.5562 or 412.678. 0566. Office **Hours:** Fridays 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Evenings by appointment. **Bulletin announcements** should be received by Wednesday for Sunday publication either by phone or E-mail at [bsleczkowski@aol.com](mailto:bsleczkowski@aol.com)

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## THIS WEEK

**Sunday, September 5, 2021**

**23 Ordinary Time**

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

**+Leonard Roy Guy & +Raymond**

**A. Hahn** Int. Lenny & Kathy Guy **+Margaret Kostovny**

Int. Mildred Kotulsky

Confirmation & First Communion Registration 10:15 A.M.

Holy Mass

11:00 A.M.

**+Alexander, + Michael & +Lorrie Koczwanski** Int.

Sleczkowski Family



**Sunday, September 12, 2021 Solemnity Brotherly Love  
Mission Collection**

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

SAMBS Meeting

10:15 A.M.

SOCL Classes

10:15 A.M.

Holy Mass

11:00 A.M.

### **Craft/Vendor Sale September 25th**

Chinese Auction Baskets and/or Lottery Tickets are requested and should be given to Kristen Korenoski by Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> (Lottery tickets) and September 19<sup>th</sup> (Chinese Auction baskets) Polish food, drinks, and baked goods will be available to purchase the day of the show. If you would like to donate any baked goods, you can bring them to the hall on Friday, September 24, 2021 from 10:00 AM - 5:00PM, or on the morning of the show. Also, if you would like to donate drinks that would be greatly appreciated. We are looking to sell the following: Cans of Coke, Diet Coke, Root Beer, Cream Soda, Sprite, and Iced Tea. If you would like to donate bottled water, please make sure they are the 16.9-ounce size, so we are able to charge one price for everything. Please have all donated cans of pop and/or bottled water at the church by Sunday, September 19 so we can see what we still need to buy. Chinese Auction Tickets and 50/50 Raffle Tickets will be sold

between masses on Sunday, September 19. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kristen Korenoski -- 412-848-9215. Proceeds to benefit Holy Family Parish,



## **September 2021 Future Directions St. Stephen**

As summer turns into fall during the month of September we focus on St. Stephen - the first Christian Martyr.

### **Holy Scriptures Scripture:**

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Matthew 1:17-22

### **Reflection and Action Item:**

St. Stephen was the first Christian Martyr who died showing his complete faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Merciful Father, we celebrate the receiving of Saint Stephen into eternal glory. He died praying for those who stoned him. Help us to imitate his goodness and to love our enemies. How can we show our love for those who don't like us?

*As we honor St. Stephen do a kind deed for at least two people who do not like you this month to show the love of God within you.*

## **9/11 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

We remember, God of history and remembrance, we remember. We remember when the towers fell and the lives were lost; we remember the dust and the smoke, the despair, and the grief. We remember that sense of vulnerability and shock. We remember the numbness that overwhelmed us as we watched our screens for hours and hours, waiting for an explanation and understanding that never came. We remember.

We remember, God of hope and presence, we remember. We remember the heroes, those who rushed to help, who guided the wounded down innumerable flights of stairs, who rose to overwhelm those who held death in their hands. We remember the hours and the days of binding wounds and healing hurts, giving comfort, drying tears. We remember words of support and compassion from nations far and wide. We remember.

We remember in part because we see the ripples of that tragic day continue to impact our world twenty years later. We grieve with allies today as our allies grieved with us twenty years ago. And together we wonder if there will ever be an end . . . to violence, to war, to hatred, to death. We remember and we grieve our world's inability to learn the things that lead to peace.

We call to you now in our remembrance, God of justice and of peace. Give us a will to truly pray that your kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen and Amen.

At this time of solemn remembrance: May we honor the lives that were lost in this tragic act. May we give thanks for those who served and saved, rendered aid and assistance. May we give comfort to those who live with loss. May we seek justice and peace where it is within our ability, and rely on you when the ability escapes us. At this time of solemn remembrance: May we build what has been torn down. May we mend what has been broken. May we live your love when hate seems to reign. May we bear witness to the cause of peace. Amen