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SUNDAY – September 11, 2016 – 17th Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 a.m.— Divine Liturgy – For +Stanley Grobelny requested by Lori Grobelny

The SANCTUARY LAMP burns this week for Stanley Grobelny requested by Lori Grobelny

PATRIOT DAY: In the United States, Patriot Day, observed as the National Day of Service and Remembrance, occurs on September 11 of each year in memory of the 2,977 people killed in the 2001 September 11 attacks. It is not to be confused with Patriots Day which commemorates events that occurred in the Revolutionary War. Firefighters, Law Enforcement Officers, EMTs, Paramedics, and others who joined in the response rescued over 20,000 people. It was the largest and most successful rescue in history. Please remember those who lost their lives, their families, and the veterans who survived the day. There are other times when we honor American heroes, but this day is set aside for those who ran into buildings when others were running out.

RENOVATIONS: Rebuilding is taking longer than expected in both parishes. We are constantly in a state of renovation, both in the structures of our parishes and the structure of our parishes. It may seem as if we are in the sundown years of the Byzantine Catholic Church in America and religion overall, but if we work hard, bring others to the Faith, and trust in God, renewal is guaranteed. People will grow tired of Facebook, iPhones, and Pokémon, just as they did of the Roman Circus, chariots, and gladiators. Eventually, the world will seek Christ again. Remember, nothing is impossible with God

CELEBRATIONS: God Bless all of those parishioners celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries. *Mnohaya Lita!*

PRAY FOR OUR HIERARCHS: Remember Our Holy Father Pope Francis, Metropolitan William, and Bishop Kurt. They need our prayers daily.

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11:00 a.m.— Divine Liturgy – For **the +men and +women who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.**

SAVE THE DATE: Catholic Charities Solidarity Team “Harvest of Mercy” Dinner will be held in the Saints Peter and Paul Parish Hall (Theophany Center) on Thursday, October 20, 2016 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$40 a ticket, but **the parishes will be paying for all active parishioners who wish to attend.** This year’s featured speaker is the MOST REV. GREGORY J. MANSOUR, Bishop of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn, another Eastern Rite Catholic jurisdiction. Also, Bishop Kurt Burnette of our Eparchy of Passaic and Bishop James Checchio of the Diocese of Metuchen are scheduled to attend. **Please tell Father Rella or Lori Grobelny if you would like attending.**

PARISH RENEWAL: Ministry is not a “money maker,” it’s a “money taker.” Some things in life are not supposed to earn money. God has blessed with an abundance. When we cast our bread upon the waters today, it is always found in the future. Always be ready to do a good turn even if you don't expect a reward.

MUSEUM OR PARISH: Pope Saint John XXIII said about the Catholic Church “We are not on earth to guard a museum, but to tend a blooming garden full of life.” I ask that you help me renew our parishes. The only way to do that is pick up the phone to friends and family, especially those that we saw last year at the 100th Anniversary dinner, those we saw at the Parish Christmas Parties, those that we have not seen since, and ask them to join us at least once a month to keep our parishes alive. If they could make the trip for dinner celebrations, they can make the effort for the greatest dinner celebration---the Holy Eucharist. If not, we will become a Museum and not a Garden. As stated previously, we do not need anyone’s money, but we need everyone’s attendance to worship the Father.

PLEASE PRAY for the sick, **Josephine Abate** at Monmouth County Care Center, **Anne Kucharski** at Regency, and **Susan Lakat** at the Independence Manor in Flemington, and **Carol Timko** at Bridgeway Care Center. Also pray for our Trustee **Mary Kucek**, and **parishioners Veronica Szegesky, Concetta Rella, mother of Father Rella**, and **Hope Kondrk, wife of Cantor Bob Kondrk**. Also the never ending victims of domestic and foreign terrorism. Please keep in your prayers those who are in need of employment.

REMEMBER OUR ARMED FORCES: Most especially the Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese for the Military Services, the Most Reverend Timothy Broglio and his Priests and Deacons. Also those parishioners currently serving in the military--- Airman First Class **Rose Rella**, Senior Airman **Maria Rella**, Petty Officer Second Class **Erin Wimmer**, 1st Lieutenant **Tammy Rella**, and our parish priest, Chaplain (Captain) **Francis Rella**. Also, remember the Veterans of our parishes who served in every armed conflict since World War I, especially **George Sabornick, James Burkhart**, and **Steven Labos**.

PARISH STAFF	
<i>Fr. Francis Rella, Administrator</i>	<i>Mr. Robert Kondrk, Cantor</i>
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