

# ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

Polish National Catholic Church

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**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**July 13, 2014**

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## Sunday – July 13, 2014

**11:30–High Mass** for s.p. Leon Boyk Sr on Anniversary of passing  
-Following Mass: Fellowship Hour at the Parish Hall with refreshments provided

## Sunday – July 20, 2014 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time 11:30–High Mass

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## Bible Readings for 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

### 1<sup>st</sup> reading from Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the LORD: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

### Responsorial Psalm 65

R/ **The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it. God's watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain.

R/ **The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods, Softening it with showers, blessing its yield.

R/ **The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest; The untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills.

R/ **The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

### 2nd reading the Letter to Romans 8:9-18-23

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

### Holy Gospel according to St Matthew 13:1-9

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

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### Adult Bible Study for this week:

**About Prayer:** Descriptions of prayer are abundant throughout Christian history. "True prayer," wrote St. Augustine, "is nothing but love." Prayer should arise from the heart. "Prayer," said St. John Vianney, "is the inner bath of love into which the soul plunges itself." "Every one of us needs half an hour of prayer each day," remarked St. Francis de Sales, "except when we are busy—then we need an hour." Definitions of prayer are important, but insufficient. There is a huge difference between knowing about prayer and praying. On this issue, the Rule of St. Benedict is clear, "If a man wants to pray, let him go and pray." St. John Damascene gave a classic definition of prayer: "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God".

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### **PRAYER CIRCLE AND HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

Let us remember in our personal prayers about our sick and older parishioners and friends. If you would like to have special intentions mentioned during Mass or you would like Holy Mass celebrated for your intention, please let Father know.

**MASS SCHEDULE AND SICK VISITS** Trust the Lord and please pray for each other and especially our sick parishioners and friends:

### **PARISH CALENDAR**

- **Parish Picnic / Dożynki** – 21 September 2014

- **Pulaski Day Parade** – October 2014

**PARISH PICNIC** We are planning our picnic on **Sunday 21 of September**, we are looking for volunteers to help us prepare it. Please join us for this yearly family celebration!

### **CHURCH MUSIC**

We are looking for an organist or volunteers who would play live music during Mass

### **PARISH DONATIONS**

We would like to share heartfelt Thanks to all who donate and help at the Parish. May God bless your for your much needed help!

### **Prayer for all people**

***Lord, bless and strengthen your people.***

***May they remain faithful to you and always rejoice in your mercy.***

***We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen***