

# 1st Sunday of Lent

## Sunday– February 14, 2016 Valentine’s Day / 1st Lent

9:30 – High Mass for Elizabeth Boyk 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of passing and for all our families and loved ones on Valentine’s Day.

-Following Mass: Valentine Day Brunch everyone invited!

## Saturday February 20,2016 Cemetery Cleaning

Clean-up at the Cemetery and Polaski Park. Bonfire with grilled Kielbasa/Polish sausage for lunch. In case of bad weather, we will meet at the hall and clean.

## Sunday– February 21, 2016 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

9:30 – High Mass for

-Following Mass: Catechism for Children and Fellowship Hour at the Parish Hall with refreshments provided

\*\*\*\*\*

## Bible Readings for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time – Year C

### 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Book of Deuteronomy 26:4-10

### Responsorial Psalm 91

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the LORD, “My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust.”

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> reading from the Letter to Romans 10: 8-13

Brothers and sisters: What does Scripture say? *The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart* —that is, the word of faith that we preach— for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the Scripture says, *No one who believes in him will be put to shame.* For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

### Verse before Gospel of St Matthew 4:4B

One does not live on bread alone,

but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

### Holy Gospel according to St Luke 4: 1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate

nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, *One does not live on bread alone.*” Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, “I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me.” Jesus said to him in reply, “It is written: *You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.*” Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*” Jesus said to him in reply, “It also says, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*” When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

\*\*\*\*\*

### Adult Bible Study for this week:

Please read and reflect on the Ash Wednesday readings:

1<sup>st</sup> reading from the Book of Prophet Joel 2:12-18

Responsorial Psalm 51

2<sup>nd</sup> reading from the 2<sup>nd</sup> letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 5:20-6:2

Holy Gospel according to St Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

\*\*\*\*\*

Catechism Study for this week: Lenten Season: According to Biblical tradition, Moses stayed on Mount Sinai forty days to receive the Law of the Covenant. Our Lord fasted forty days in the desert before he started his mission. Christians prepare themselves to celebrate the Paschal mystery of our Lord’s death and resurrection by a penitential season of forty days. Penance is part of the Christian philosophy of life. The way it is done may change. The concept itself cannot be taken out of the Christian life. Penance has to do with sin and conversion. It is the inner aversion from evil in and around us and generous conversion in love to God which are important.

\*\*\*\*\*

CEMETERY CLEANING We are inviting everyone join us for Cemetery and Pulaski Park cleaning next Saturday, we will have Bonfire with grilled Kielbasa /Polish Sausage for Lunch. In case of bad weather we will work and clean at the Parish Hall.

**ATTEND HOLY MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS PARTICIPATE IN LIFE OF YOUR CHURCH AND WORSHIP DAILY**

*Liturgy is "the participation of the People of God in 'the work of God'"; it is the "exercise of the priestly office of Jesus" in which God is worshiped and adored and people are made holy. God begins the work of sanctifying people in time and space and brings that work to completion. Those who respond to God in worship and in service are given the privilege of becoming co-workers in the divine plan. Please come and join us as Community of faith for Sunday Holy Mass weekly! Feel always welcomed and at home in our Church!*

*Our Church is a home for all believers, from all ethnic and national backgrounds. We are one family of Jesus Christ, come and join us!*

For those with gluten allergy Gluten free Communion is available

**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.

**CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN** Catechism Classes for children are scheduled after Holy Mass on Sunday please bring your children and notify Fr Andrew.

**DONATIONS**

Collections Feb. 7, 2016 \$286.85

Ash Wed. Feb 10, 2016 \$ 46.00

Church interior renovation in-process. Heater has been repaired.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- Feb 14- Sunday –Valentine’s Day Brunch after Mass
- March 13 –Sunday – St. Patrick’s Day Brunch after Mass
- March 20 – Palm Sunday and Palm Sunday Breakfast after Mass
- March 27 – Easter Sunday / Wielkanoc

**VALENTINE’S DAY BRUNCH** We are inviting everyone to share together our Parish Family Valentine’s Day brunch on Sunday Feb 14 after Holy Mass in our Parish Hall. Please come and join us!

**Saint Paul’s Benediction:**

*May God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give to all Christians peace and love with faith. May God’s grace be with all those who love Our Lord Jesus Christ with undying love.*

*Ephesians 6. 23-24*

# ST. VALENTINE’S PARISH

Polish National Catholic Church

2330 Margaret Street

Philadelphia, PA 19137

(215)535-4978



**First Sunday of Lent**  
**February 14, 2016**