

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 16, 2017 – 15th Ordinary Sunday

- **9:30 AM - Holy Mass**

+ Leon Boyk, Sr. (8th Anniversary of Death) – requested by Leon Boyk, Jr. and Family

Monday, July 17, 2017 – Weekday

Tuesday, July 18, 2017 – Weekday

Wednesday, July 19, 2017 – Weekday

Thursday, July 20, 2017 – Weekday

Friday, July 21, 2017 – Weekday

Saturday, July 22, 2017 – Weekday

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FAITH SHARING

The word “parable” comes from the Greek word *parabole*, which means putting two things side by side in order to confront or compare them. And that is exactly how Jesus uses parables: He places a simile from life or nature against the abstract idea of the reign of God. Jesus’ parable of the seed sown in various soil types was an attempt to boost the morale of his frustrated disciples. They were upset and discouraged because they realized that their master was facing opposition and hostility from the scribes, Pharisees and priests. The synagogues refused to admit him to preach. So Jesus had to go to beaches and hillsides. Some of the Pharisees were planning to trap him, and the common people were more interested in his ability to heal them than in his preaching. Using the parable of the sower in today’s Gospel, Jesus assured his confused disciples that the “Good News” he preached would produce the intended effect in spite of opposition and controversy. Matthew may have included this parable in his Gospel, because his own Judeo-Christian community had experienced similar adverse reactions from their fellow-Jews, just as people today are frustrated in their attempt to live the Gospel in our consumerist, hedonist and agnostic society.



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WHAT KIND OF SOIL ARE WE?

- How do we respond to the Word of God and to the various Acts of God in our lives?
- Do we allow the trials and tribulations of this world to overwhelm the tender seed growing within us?
- Do we pull back when people harass us because we are believers?
- Do we decide, because things are not working out the way we think they ought, that God doesn't care for us, or that He is powerless, weak and not to be heeded?
- Do we allow the cares of this world, our ambitions or our desires for success and happiness, to choke out the messages that God sends us through the various events of our daily lives and through the various people we encounter?
- How we respond to the Word of God is the key to how fruitful the Gospel is going to be in our lives.
- Unlike the situation in nature, we can, as it were, change the kind of soil that we are.

RECTORY REMODELING

At the beginning of this year we started remodeling of our rectory. I am pleased to say we have almost completed the renovation of the rectory kitchen and are very close to finish dining and living room.

The remodeling included: black mold treatment, serious plumbing work in the kitchen and basement, including heating system and gas pipes renovation, installation of chimney liner, enlarging the kitchen work area, relocating basement stairs, installing a new easy to clean tile floor in the kitchen, installing new cabinets and work surfaces. We replaced also all electric wires, outlets and light switches in the whole house.



Still few areas of our rectory need some improvements, for example: bathroom or Parish office which is going to serve for us as a conference/meeting room, etc.

Many parishioners are involved in this huge project. Many things we are trying to do by ourselves to lower the cost of the remodeling. In particular, we want to take this opportunity to thank Kris and Joyce, Julie and Cliff, Janusz, Leon and others.

Father Mariusz is working very hard and many of these things he has done by himself making a lot of savings in the entire project.

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PARISH DATABASE UPDATE

Together with Father's Day Letter you received the form with questions about your personal info. Please return this form to Parish Office ASAP. This will help us to update our parish database. We are unable to contact with many of our Parishioners. Please include your phone number and email address. These data are confidential and will not be shared with anybody. Only Pastor, Chairman and Accountant will have access to it.

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE



If you wish to order a Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in our parish please call parish office (215-535-4978) or mail your request to:

2330 Margaret St, Philadelphia, PA 19137,
or email it to stvalentinespncc@gmail.com

Holy Mass is not only reserved for repose of the soul but it can be offered for any person and any intention, for example your wedding anniversary, birthday, special blessing for your children or grandchildren, special blessing for your family etc.



MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

Mass for _____

Date Requested _____ Time _____

Requested by _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ - _____ - _____ Amount \$ _____

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 Niedziela Zwyczajła

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