

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 23, 2017 – **16th Ordinary Sunday**

- **9:30 AM - Holy Mass**
+ Albina Filipczak (Memorial Mass) – requested by Regina Filipczak and Family

Monday, July 24, 2017 – **Weekday**

Tuesday, July 25, 2017 – **Feast of St. James the Grater, Apostle**

Wednesday, July 26, 2017 – **Weekday**

Thursday, July 27, 2017 – **Weekday**

Friday, July 28, 2017 – **Weekday**

Saturday, July 29, 2017 – **Weekday**

Sunday, July 30, 2017 – **17th Ordinary Sunday**

- **9:30 AM - Holy Mass**
+ Albina Filipczak – requested by Mr. & Mrs. Curt & Andrea Filipczak

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FAITH SHARING

In the Gospel *parable of the wheat and the weeds*, Jesus presents a wise and patient God who allows the good and the evil to coexist in the world and blesses the evil ones for the little good they may have done, so that the evil ones may



come to conversion before their time ends. *"Let the wheat and the weeds grow together till the harvest time."* In other words, God awaits repentant sinners, giving them the strength to acknowledge their weakness. He calmly recognizes that there is evil in the world, but He sees that evil as no excuse for the good people not to do good with the power of God at their disposal. Through the parable of the wheat and

the weeds in today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to be patient with those who fail to meet the high ethical standard expected of a Christian.

WHO CREATED THE WEEDS? (JOKE)

In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth and populated the Earth with broccoli, cauliflower and spinach, green and yellow and red vegetables of all kinds, so Man and Woman would live long and healthy lives. Then using God's great gifts, Satan created Ice Cream and Krispy Creme Donuts. Satan said, "You want chocolate with that?" And Man said, "Yes!" and Woman said, "And as long

as you're at it, add some sprinkles." And they gained 10 pounds. And Satan smiled. And God created the healthful yogurt that Woman might keep the figure that Man found so fair. And Satan brought forth white flour from the wheat and sugar from the cane and combined them. And Woman went from size 6 to size 14. So God said, "Try my fresh green salad." And Satan presented Thousand-Island Dressing, buttery croutons and garlic toast on the side. And Man and Woman unfastened their belts following the repast.



God then said, "I have sent you heart-healthy vegetables and olive oil in which to cook them." And Satan brought forth deep fried chicken, fish and chicken-fried steak so big it needed its own platter. And Man gained more weight and his cholesterol went through the roof.

God then created a light, fluffy white cake, named it "Angel Food Cake," and said, "It is good." Satan then created

chocolate cake and named it, "Devil's Food." God then brought forth running shoes so that His children might lose those extra pounds. And Satan gave them cable TV with a remote control so Man would not have to toil changing the channels. And Man and Woman laughed and cried before the flickering blue light and gained pounds.

Then God brought forth the potato, naturally low in fat and brimming with nutrition. And Satan peeled off the healthful skin and sliced the starchy center into chips and deep-fried them. And Man gained pounds. God then gave lean beef so that Man might consume fewer calories and still satisfy his appetite. And Satan created McDonald's cheap double cheeseburger. Then he asked, "You want fries with that?" And Man replied, "Yes! And super-size them!" And Satan said, "It is good." And Man went into cardiac arrest. God sighed and created quadruple bypass surgery. Then Satan created HMOs.

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.

Unfortunately, the total cost of the entire renovation, from initial planning through final completion exceeded our expectations. We are unable to finish this project without your financial help. Therefore this way, on behalf of our Parish Committee, I am asking you for your support and donation. May God bless you for your generosity.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please mark your calendar to celebrate with us at St. Valentine's the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, August 27, 2017, 9:30 AM.

Bishop of the Central Diocese, Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki will be the main celebrant and preacher. Two of our young parishioners, confirmed in their faith, will receive the Seven Gifts of The Holy Spirit.

Please keep them in your prayers.

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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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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