

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 30, 2017 – 17th Ordinary Sunday

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

Monday, July 31, 2017 – Weekday

Tuesday, August 1, 2017 – **Feast of St. James the Grater, Apostle**

Wednesday, August 2, 2017 – Weekday

Thursday, August 3, 2017 – Weekday

Friday, August 4, 2017 – Weekday

Saturday, August 5, 2017 – Weekday

Sunday, August 6, 2017 – **Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord**

- **9:30 AM - Holy Mass**
For St. Valentine’s Parishioners

FAITH SHARING

In the Gospel, using three mini parables and one concluding parable, Jesus teaches that God’s Kingdom (the rule of God in us, accepting Jesus as our God and Savior, putting our Faith in him and doing His will), is something of extraordinary value, like a hidden treasure or a costly pearl, and that possessing it calls for a total commitment to preserving it. The Kingdom of God is God’s reign in our hearts, in our lives, in our homes, in our society, and in our world. Only those who develop a searching mind and are willing to give up everything for the great treasure of God’s Kingdom will be rewarded.

Through the first and second parables of the treasure and pearl, Jesus teaches us that identifying God’s will and living according to the Gospel (both with His grace), are the most precious and worthwhile things in life.

Through Jesus and his Gospel, we come to know and understand the real meaning of life, the will of God for us each day, and the most important things we must do to secure our eternal salvation.

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.

THE PARABLE OF THE TREASURE HUNTER

In the parable of the treasure in the field we see the image of one who recognizes the value of the kingdom of God and gives everything to possess it. Having a personal relationship with Christ, that is, making Christ’s view of life one’s own, is the most beautiful, the most precious thing in the world. But most of the time, we are chasing false treasures like money, social status and pleasure. Jesus our true treasure may come to our lives unexpectedly through some daily experience.



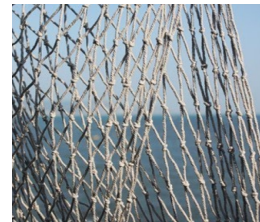
THE PARABLE OF THE PEARL HUNTER

The “pearls” of lasting value are the things of God. They are the love of family and friends, the support of community, and the sense of fulfillment that rises from serving and giving for the sake of others. In order to attain such treasure, we must “sell off” our own interests, ambitions and agendas and thus free ourselves to embrace the lasting values of the compassion, love and mercy of God Who reconciles us to Himself. This parable teaches us that, although we are baptized Christians, we still need to pursue the true and full meaning of the Gospel, which can escape us for many years. We always need to understand more, to love more, and to serve more.



THE PARABLE OF THE FISHING NET

In Palestine, there were two main ways of fishing. The first was with the casting-net, which required a keen eye and great skill in throwing the net at the correct moment. The second was with a dragnet or seine, as it is sometimes called. Galilean seine-nets were tied to two boats and drawn through the water. The catch was sorted only afterwards, with edible or kosher fish going to market and the unacceptable fish being thrown away. Just as a dragnet collects good and bad



fish indiscriminately, so the Church is a mixture of all kinds of people, good and bad, useful and useless, saints and sinners. Like the *wheat and weeds* parable, this parable is a warning against premature judgment, but also a warning which tells us judgment will take place. The parable teaches that a time of separation will come when the good and the bad will be sent to their respective destinies.

THIS IS NOT A FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD

Recently during last two weeks somebody at night put a pile of trash in front of our church entrance. This happened twice already.

Last Friday somebody has stolen the license plate from the car of one of our workers who do the rectory remodeling. Car was parked in front of the rectory. These incidents has been reported to the Police and city authorities.

Devil does not like that this place (our church and our rectory) is going back to life and previous shape.

POWSTANIE WARSZAWSKIE (THE WARSAW UPRISING) ANNIVERSARY

The Warsaw Uprising (*Powstanie Warszawskie*) was a major World War II operation by the Polish resistance Home Army (*Armia Krajowa*) to liberate Warsaw from German occupation. The uprising was timed to coincide



with the Soviet Union's Red Army approaching the eastern suburbs of the city and the retreat of German forces. However, the Soviet advance stopped short, enabling the Germans to regroup and demolish the city while defeating the Polish resistance, which fought for 63 days with little outside support. The Uprising was the largest single military effort taken by any European resistance movement during World War II. The Uprising began on **August 1, 1944** and ended on October 2, 1944.

During the urban combat approximately 25% of Warsaw's buildings were destroyed. Following the surrender of Polish forces, German troops systematically levelled another 35% of the city block by block. Together with earlier damage suffered in the 1939 invasion of Poland and the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in 1943, over 85% of the city was destroyed by January 1945, when the course of the events in the Eastern Front forced the Germans to abandon the city.

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.

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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