

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 13, 2017 – 19th Ordinary Sunday

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

Monday, August 14, 2017 – Weekday

Tuesday, August 15, 2017 – Solemnity – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, August 16, 2017 – Weekday

Thursday, August 17, 2017 – Weekday

Friday, August 18, 2017 – Weekday

Saturday, August 19, 2017 – Weekday

Sunday, August 20, 2017 – 19th Ordinary Sunday

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FAITH SHARING

We are expected to pray to God every day with trusting faith for strengthening our personal relationship with Him and for acknowledging our dependence on Him. But when we have no time or mental energy for formal prayers, let us use the short prayers in the gospels like Peter's prayer: "*Lord, save me,*" or the prayer of the mother of the possessed girl: "*Lord, help me,*" or the blind man's prayer: "*Son of David, have mercy on me,*" or the sinner's prayer: "*Lord, have mercy on me a sinner.*" We get plenty of time during our travels to say the short prayers like the "Our Father", "Hail Mary" and "Glory be to." We may begin every day offering all our day's activities to God and asking for His grace to do His will and conclude every day before we go to sleep, by asking God's pardon and forgiveness for our sins. Keeping a Bible on our table will encourage us to read at least a few words of the Bible and thus listen to what God is saying to us.



WHAT WAS ELIJAH DOING IN THAT CAVE?

First reading today gives us an image of Elijah in the cave. After Solomon's death (922 BC), the northern tribes broke away from Judah, from its priests and from the Temple in Jerusalem. They formed an independent country they called Israel, centered in the city of Samaria. As years rolled by, many of these Jews lost their faith in Yahweh. Their seventh king Ahab (869-850 BC) married Jezebel, the daughter of the pagan king of Tyre. He allowed her to build a temple for her god Baal, then encouraged, and himself took part in, idol-worship and immorality. The prophet Elijah was sent by Yahweh to Israel to bring His people back to true worship. Elijah's trusting faith in the power and presence of Yahweh enabled him to defeat and execute the 450 pagan priests of Baal on Mount Carmel (1 Kgs. 18: 16-40). Consequently, Queen Jezebel sent murderous henchmen after the prophet. Elijah, sustained by food provided by God through an angel, fled for forty days and nights. He finally reached Horeb, the mountain where God had earlier established His covenant with Israel under Moses. Elijah might have expected a spectacular miracle from God to protect and vindicate him, or an appearance of God with great power in thunder and lightning to bolster his faith, like the one Moses had been granted on that very spot. However, the presence of God was not in the spectacles of thunder, earthquake or fire but in "*a tiny whispering sound.*" Elijah acknowledged God's presence by covering his face and coming out of the cave where he had taken shelter. He was content with God's quiet sign of His presence, and was consoled, trusting that his God was helping and protecting him.

THE ASSUMPTION

The Feast of the Assumption is one of the most important feasts of our Lady. Catholics believe in the Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven. We believe that when her earthly life was finished, Mary was taken up, body and soul, into Heavenly glory, where the Lord exalted her as Queen of Heaven. The feast was celebrated under various names (Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption) from at least the fifth or sixth century. In the Orthodox Church, the *koimesis*, or *dormitio* ("falling asleep"), of the Virgin began to be commemorated on August 15 in the 6th century. The observance gradually spread to the West, where it became known as the feast of the Assumption.



On this feast day, let us thank the Lord for the gift of the Mother, and let us pray to Mary to help us find the right path every day"

PASTOR AWAY

Father Mariusz will be away for two weekends, August 13 and August 20. The other priests offered help and replacement. The Holy Mass will be celebrated as usually at 9:30 AM. Please keep Fr. Mariusz in your prayers.

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.



PARISH PICNIC

St. Valentine's annual parish picnic this year will be on Sunday, September 17. As usually we'll begin with Holy Mass at 12:00 Noon at the cemetery. Then at 1:00 PM we start the picnic at our Pulaski Park, 875 Mill Rd, Bensalem, PA 19020.

We are asking all our Parishioners to sell raffle tickets to friends and family members. Please make all raffle returns payable to St Valentine's PNCC and mail to the rectory.

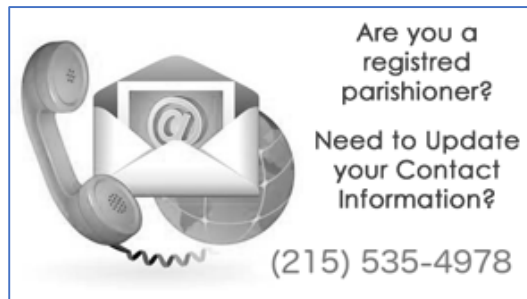
MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE



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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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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