

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 20, 2017 – **20th Ordinary Sunday**

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

Monday, August 21, 2017 – **Weekday**

Tuesday, August 22, 2017 – **Weekday**

Wednesday, August 23, 2017 – **Weekday**

Thursday, August 24, 2017 – **Feast – Bartholomew, Apostle**

Friday, August 25, 2017 – **Weekday**

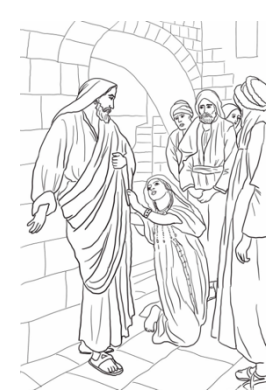
Saturday, August 26, 2017 – **Solemnity – Our Lady of Częstochowa**

Sunday, August 27, 2017 – **21th Ordinary Sunday**

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

The Gospels describe only two miraculous healings Jesus performed for Gentiles: the healing of the centurion's servant in Capernaum, and the healing of the daughter of the Canaanite woman which we hear today. The encounter with the Canaanite woman took place outside Jewish territory in Tyre and Sidon, two coastal cities, twenty-five and fifty miles north of Galilee in present-day Lebanon. The story of this miracle foreshadows the extension of the Gospel, the Good News, to the whole world.



The woman in the today's miracle belonged to the old Canaanite stock of the Syro-Phoenician race. The Canaanites were the ancestral enemies of the Jews and were regarded as pagans and idolaters and, hence, as ritually unclean. But this woman showed a gallant and an audacious love which grew until it worshipped at the feet of the Divine, an indomitable persistence springing from an unconquerable hope, a cheerfulness which would not be dismayed. By granting the persistent request of the pagan woman, Jesus demonstrates that his mission is to break down the barriers and to remove the long-standing walls of division and mutual prejudice between the Jews and the Gentiles. God does

not discriminate but welcomes all who believe in Him, who ask for His mercy and who try to do His will.

DELAYED GIFT, BUT DOUBLE GIFT

We notice that the woman was refused three times by Jesus before he granted her request and finally, the fourth time, her persistence was rewarded and her plea was answered. This Gospel episode is an account of a woman who got more from the Kingdom of God than she hoped for. The woman came to Jesus asking for on miracle and she got two. This is really a double miracle, for the daughter was exorcised of her demonic possession and received a new life, and the mother through her experience with Christ, found a new life as well.

Sometimes when we pray we expect That God should answer immediately. An we are very disappointed if He does not. In such moments in your life please remember the persistence of the woman from today's Gospel.

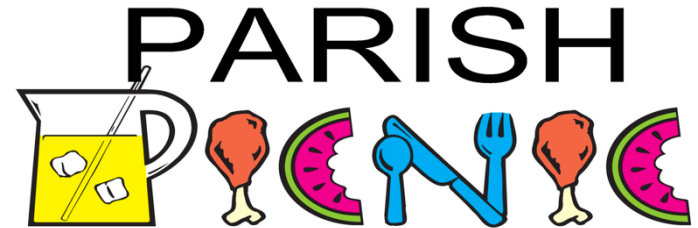
PASTOR AWAY

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.



MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

Mass for _____

Date Requested _____ Time _____

Requested by _____

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Phone Number _____ - _____ - _____ Amount \$ _____

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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