

# LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 27, 2017 – 21<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday

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

Monday, August 28, 2017 – Weekday

Tuesday, August 29, 2017 – Solemnity – Beheading of Saint John the Baptist

Wednesday, August 30, 2017 – Weekday

Thursday, August 31, 2017 – Weekday

Friday, September 1, 2017 – Weekday

Saturday, September 2, 2017 – Weekday

Sunday, September 3, 2017 – 22<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday

- **9:30 AM - Holy Mass**  
+ Stella & Benjamin Napierkowski – requested by Estelle McKee

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## FAITH SHARING

Today two of our young parishioners, are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is a great opportunity to all of us to remind to ourselves the meaning of this wonderful sacrament.

Growth is vital to human life; the body and mind must grow to stay alive. Catholics believe that the soul also needs to grow to maturity in the life of grace, just as the human body must grow through childhood, adolescence, and adulthood. Catholics believe the Sacrament of Confirmation is the supernatural equivalent of the growth process on the natural level. It builds on what was begun



in Baptism and what was nourished in Holy Eucharist. It completes the process of initiation into the Christian community, and it matures the soul for the work ahead.

So what occurs during a Catholic Confirmation? The Holy Spirit is first introduced to a Catholic the day that she’s baptized, because the entire Holy Trinity — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — are invoked at the ceremony. During Confirmation, God the Holy Spirit comes upon the person, accompanied by God the Father and God the Son, just as he did at Pentecost.

This sacrament is called *Confirmation* because the faith given in Baptism is now confirmed and made strong. Sometimes, those who benefit from Confirmation are referred to as *soldiers of Christ*. This isn’t a military designation but a spiritual duty to fight the war between good and evil, light and darkness — a war between the human race and all the powers of hell.

The ceremony may take place at Mass or outside of Mass.

The following occurs during the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Each individual to be confirmed comes forward with his sponsor. At Baptism, Junior’s mom and dad picked his godfather and godmother; for Confirmation, he picks his own sponsor. The sponsor can be the godmother or godfather if they’re still practicing Catholics, or he may choose someone else (other than his parents) who’s over the age of 16, already confirmed, and in good standing with the Church. One sponsor is chosen for Confirmation.

Each Catholic selects his own Confirmation name. At Baptism, the name was chosen without the child’s consent because the child was too little to make the selection alone. Now, in Confirmation, another name — in addition to the first and middle names — can be added, or the original baptismal name may be used. It must be a Christian name, though, such as one of the canonized saints of the Church or a hero from the Bible. You wouldn’t want to pick a name like Cain, Judas, or Herod, for example, and no secular names would be appropriate.

The Catholic being confirmed stands or kneels before the bishop, and the sponsor lays one hand on the shoulder of the one being confirmed. The Confirmation name is spoken, and the bishop puts Chrism Oil on the person’s forehead, says his name aloud, and then says, “Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.” The person responds, “Amen.” The bishop then says, “Peace be with you.” And the person responds, “And also with you”.

## THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. These gifts are supernatural graces given to the soul.

## THE TWELVE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit are charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, long-suffering, mildness, faith, modesty, continency, and chastity. These are human qualities that can be activated by the Holy Spirit.

## 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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

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# Confirmation

21<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 Niedziela Zwyczajna

August 27, 2017



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