

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 3, 2017 – **22th Ordinary Sunday**

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

+ Stella & Benjamin Napierkowski – requested by Estelle McKee

Monday, September 4, 2017 – **Weekday – Labor Day**

Tuesday, September 5, 2017 – **Solemnity – Beheading of Saint John the Baptist**

Wednesday, September 6, 2017 – **Weekday**

Thursday, September 7, 2017 – **Weekday**

Friday, September 8, 2017 – **Solemnity – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Saturday, September 9, 2017 – **Weekday**

Sunday, September 10, 2017 – **Solemnity – Brotherly Love**

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

+ Albina Filipczak – requested by Patricia Peterof

FAITH SHARING

"Get behind me, Satan!" After Peter had confessed his Faith that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God, Jesus, in today's Gospel, explained to the apostles what Messiahship and discipleship really meant. Jesus realized that, although he had predicted his suffering and death three times, his disciples were still thinking in terms of a conquering Messiah, a warrior king, who would sweep the Romans from Palestine and lead Israel to power. That is why Peter could not bear the idea of a suffering Messiah. It was then that Jesus rebuked him so sternly, *"Get behind me, Satan,"* in an attempt to nullify this temptation to Him to shrink from the work for which He had come. It was the same kind of rebuke as those He had delivered to Satan in the wilderness. Some theology teachers suggest that Jesus was saying to Peter: "Peter, your place is behind me, not in front of me. It's your job to follow me in the way I choose, not to try to lead me in the way YOU would like me to go." Satan is banished from the presence of Christ, and Peter is recalled to be Christ's follower. Like Peter, the Church is often tempted to judge the success or failure of her ministry by the world's standards. But Jesus teaches that worldly success is not always the Christian way.

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.



CONFIRMATION

Michael Plawecki and Michael Hull – congratulations! These two young men are both our altar servers. Thanking God for their Sacrament of Confirmation they donated to the Parish very precious gift – the set of cruets for wine and water used for Holy Mass. The cruets are handmade in Poland from crystal glass.

Thank you, boys! May Holy Spirit always inspire you filling you with the Seven Gifts.



From the left: Rev. Andrew Bilinski, Michael Plawecki, Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki, Bishop of Central Diocese, Michael Hull, Rev. Mariusz Mularczyk.

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.

NEWLY RENOWATED VESSELS FOR HOLY COMMUNION



Thanks to generosity of our parishioner Leon Boyk we could make our vessels for distributing the Holy Communion shiny again. As you can remember, these two pieces, paten and cup, which are called Intinctorium, were in very bad condition. The artists in Poland took care of them. They got a new gold plated surface outside and inside. Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki, Bishop of our Diocese, re-consecrated them for us last Sunday. Leon offered his donation in loving memory of his Parents. Thank you, Leon. May God bless you!

They are few other things in our church waiting for renovation. If you are interested of making a donation for it please contact parish office.

HURRICANE HARVEY – SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY

In his recent letter to the priests and faithful of our Church, Prime Bishop Anthony had included this important exhortation:

“We have all watched the devastation that has occurred in Houston, Texas and the surrounding areas as a result of Hurricane Harvey. I encourage all the clergy and members of the Polish National Catholic Church to continue in their powerful prayers for all who are affected: those who have lost everything especially loved ones, those who are providing help and rescue, as well as all those who have died. The Primate goes on to offer the *Church World Service* of the National Council of Churches, a body with which our denomination is affiliated, and the *Red Cross* as worthy agencies through which to channel our financial support of the disaster relief efforts.

Please make your donation through the offering basket or at the parish office in an envelope marked (1) **HURRICANE**, (2) with **your name**, (3) the **number** of your offering envelope, and (4) the name of **one of the agencies** listed above to which you want your donation to go. These will be sent to the Diocesan Treasurer for a diocesan accounting and then forwarded.

God bless you all in this effort of gathering special collections in the coming weeks and months for those suffering in the South.



ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

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"If anyone would
come after **Me,**
HE MUST
deny himself
& take up his
CROSS
daily
and
follow Me."

Luke 9: 23

22th Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 Niedziela Zwykła

September 3, 2017

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY

Please pray for:

- people who have lost their worldly possessions and feel the weight of uncertainty and loss.
- clarity, wisdom and much patience as innumerable details and logistical decisions crowd exhausted minds. Pray that survivors will be able to find all the help they need in these initial days of confusion and pain.
- first responders as they bravely leave their own loved ones to help others.
- their families back home and for their safety as they continue to face peril.
- disaster relief volunteers and relief agencies from all over the country as they prepare and deploy. Pray specifically for all the complicated logistical details.
- volunteers already on sight. Ask the Lord to keep them safe as they work.
- FEMA Administrator William "Brock" Long, Texas Governor Greg Abbott, local mayors and county leaders, as they make important decisions left and right.
- local pastors in the areas affected as they make decisions for their own congregations and share Christ's love with their neighbors.
- these leaders as they are working with very little rest and are, no doubt, physically, mentally and emotionally exhausted during these long, difficult days. Pray for their comfort, strength, clarity and wisdom.

Gracious God,
we pray for the victims of this hurricane disaster.
Comfort the lives of those who were spared, O Lord; and care for those who perished. Bless those involved in the rescue effort; bring success to their work of repairing and stabilizing their communities and States.

Grant patience to our fellow countrymen in their present ordeal, and reunion to the family members across that area. Bless our Parish with the spirit of generosity in this dark time, that we may be witnesses to your compassion and care for all who suffer. We ask all this through Jesus Christ you Son and worker of miracles, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.



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August 30, 2017

To the Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Faithful of the Polish National Catholic Church:

We have all watched the devastation that has occurred in Houston, Texas and the surrounding areas as a result of Hurricane Harvey. I encourage that all the clergy and members of the Polish National Catholic Church continue in their powerful prayers for all who are affected: those who have lost everything especially loved ones, those who are providing help and rescue, as well as all those who have died.

It is also now time to put our Christian faith into action to help those who are in need. I therefore request that all parishes of the Polish National Catholic Church take up a collection in support of the rescue efforts as well as the recovery, which may take, days, weeks and even months or years.

These collections should be sent to the Church via your diocesan treasurer or may be sent directly to the Office of the Prime Bishop.

As the P.N.C.C. is a member of the National Council of Churches we will support "Church World Service" as well as the American Red Cross.

If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Prime Bishop at 570-346-9131.

Praying that the Lord Jesus Christ will show love and mercy to all, I remain,
Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

Prime Bishop Anthony

Here are two organizations of support:

Church World Service
The American Red Cross