

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 1, 2017 – 26th Ordinary Sunday

- 9:30 AM - Holy Mass

For God’s blessing for Livia Cuchran & her Parents

Monday, October 2, 2017 – Feast – Guardian Angel

Tuesday, October 3, 2017 – Weekday

Wednesday, October 4, 2017 – St. Francis of Assisi

- 7:00 PM – Blessing of the Animals

Thursday, October 5, 2017 – Weekday

Friday, October 6, 2017 – Weekday

Saturday, October 7, 2017 – Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary

Sunday, October 8, 2017 – Solemnity – Christian Family

- 9:30 AM - Holy Mass

FAITH SHARING

In the parable in today’s Gospel, a man with two sons tells both to go out to work in the vineyard. The first son says he won’t go, but later regrets it and works. The second son says he will go but does not. In each case, it is the final decision that is more important. Jesus teaches through this short parable that repentant tax-collectors and prostitutes, represented by the first son who initially refused to



go, will make their way into the Kingdom of God before the chief priests and the elders, represented by the second son in the parable. By their pride and their refusal to obey God’s call to repentance, the scribes and the Pharisees are excluding themselves, while the tax-collectors and sinners whom they despised are repenting of their sins and will be accepted into God’s Kingdom.

We need to do God’s will every day: Each one of us is responsible to God for every one of our actions, and the just God will punish or reward each individual according to our actions. Since we are not sure about the moment of our death, our only guarantee of dying in God’s friendship is to live in that friendship always, saying “Yes,” to God by doing His will.

“TOMORROW, I WILL FLY SOUTH.”

The great Danish philosopher, Soren Kierkegaard, once told a story of a flock of geese that was starting to head south to escape the blast of wintry winds. The first night they landed in a farmer’s yard and filled themselves with corn. Next morning they flew on. All, that is, except one. “The corn is good,” this big goose said, “so I will stay and enjoy it another day.” The next morning he decided to wait still another day, and another after that, enjoying the delicious food. Pretty soon he

had developed a habit. “Tomorrow I will fly south,” he said. Then came the inevitable day when the winds of winter were so severe that waiting longer would mean death in the frozen wastes. So he stretched his wings and waddled across the barnyard, picking up speed as he went. But alas! He was too fat to fly. He had waited too long. The lazy goose represents the second son in Jesus’ parable.

[Dr. Robert H. Schuller, *Reach Out for New Life* (Garden Grover, CA: The Cathedral Press, 1977 and 1991), pp. 25-26.]



OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY

On Saturday, October 7 there is a Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary. We want to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary very special way this month. After each Mass during the month of October we will pray one decade of Rosary offering it for ourselves and our families.

PHILADELPHIA SENIORATE COUNCIL MEETING

Yesterday, on September 30, 2017 in Our Lord’s Ascension PNCC Parish in Bethlehem, PA took place Philadelphia Seniorate Council meeting with present priests and representatives from St. Stephen’s Parish (Reading, PA), Our Lord’s Ascension Parish (Bethlehem, PA), Holy Cross Parish (Baltimore, MD), Our Saviour Parish (Lawrenceville, NJ) and St Valentine’s Parish (Philadelphia, PA). We discussed about spiritual and financial situation of each parish, Christian life, events and activities, parish property condition etc. Each priest was obliged to give a full report about his parish to our Father Senior Very Rev. Edward Ratajack. Fr. Mariusz was the only one representing our parish. The PNCC Constitution requires each parish to elect 3 Representatives to attend these semi-annual Seniorate Council Meetings, along with as many alternates that we wish. They serve a 4 year term, from one Diocesan Synod to the next. The present Representatives are serving from October 2016 until the next Diocesan Synod in October 2020. Please call Parish Office if you are interested to become our Parish Representative.

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PULASKI PARADE

Today, on **Sunday, October 1, 2017**, we have the **84th Annual Pulaski Day Parade**.

Are you Polish? Do you have Polish roots? You supposed to be there with us today!

This year the Pulaski Day Parade will highlight “The Year of Kosciuszko”, an International Celebration Marking the Life and Accomplishments of a Hero of Both Poland and America. The parade will also celebrate the history, culture and pride cherished by the Polish American community. During the **2017**

Pulaski Day Parade, we will also mark the 409th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers in America. A complete schedule of events will be listed in the next edition of the Polish American News, announced during the daily Polish American Radio Program and listed on PulaskiDayParade.com.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 4th is a Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. Francis' devotion to God was expressed through his love for all of God's creation. St. Francis cared for the poor and sick, he preached sermons to animals, and praised all creatures as brothers and sisters under God. St. Francis of Assisi is a patron saint of the animals. We love animals too. We love our pets. In our church there will be a Blessing of the Animals **on Wednesday, October 4th at 7:00PM.** Please bring your pet (or a photo of your pet) to our church.




Some people asked me to do this blessing in some more convenient time, so an additional blessing will take place **on Saturday, October 7th, at 11:00AM.**

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 _____	
Address _____	
Phone Number _____ - _____ - _____ Amount \$ _____	
<i>Please mail this form and Mass stipend to: St. Valentine's PNCC, 2330 Margaret St, Philadelphia, PA 19137 or call parish office at (215) 535-4978.</i>	

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 Niedziela Zwyczajła

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