

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 30, 2017 – **Third Sunday of Easter**

- **9:30 AM - Holy Mass**
+ Cynthia Slabinski-Downing – requested by Julie & Cliff Brown

Monday, May 1, 2017 – **Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman**

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – **Easter Weekday**

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 – **Polish Constitution Day**

Thursday, May 4, 2017 – **Easter Weekday**

Friday, May 5, 2017 – **Easter Weekday**

Saturday, May 6, 2017 – **Easter Weekday**

Sunday, May 7, 2017 – **Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday**

- **9:30 AM - Holy Mass**
+ Jack Toland – requested by his mother Joan Toland

LAST WEEK COLLECTION: \$ 242.00



FAITH SHARING

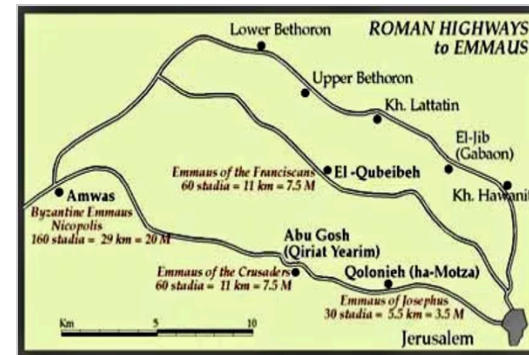
No matter what happens in our lives, the risen Jesus is always with us. God is always near to those who seek Him and who want to live in His presence, doing His will.

The Emmaus incident described in today's Gospel is the story of a God who will not leave us alone when we are hurt and disappointed. The message of today's Scripture readings is that the followers of Jesus are to maintain contact with their Risen Lord through the Eucharist and the Bible. The reading also remind us that our belief in Jesus' presence in the consecrated Bread and Wine should help us to understand better his presence in the Bible and in the believing and worshipping community.

WHERE IS EMMAUS?

Unfortunately for pilgrims drawn by the account in Luke's Gospel, the identity of Emmaus became lost early in the Christian era. Today scholars are reaching a consensus favoring a location near Moza (or Motza), on the western edge of Jerusalem.

Out of several locations for Emmaus proposed over the centuries, expert opinion is focusing on Colonia (or Kulonieh), near the modern Jewish neighborhood of Moza. Excavations in 2004 confirmed the existence of an upper-class, 1st-century Jewish village which was called Emmaus.



MAY DEVOTION (NABOŻEŃSTWO MAJOWE)

May is a beautiful month in which we honor Blessed Virgin Mary by praying **The Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.



Catholics all over the world use this prayer since 1587. It is also known as the Litany of Loreto, for its first-known place of origin, the Shrine of Our Lady of Loreto (Italy), where its usage was recorded as early as 1558.

The litany contains many of the titles used formally and informally for the Virgin Mary, and would often be recited as a call and response chant in a group setting.

In our Parish we are going to recite the litany **in English after each Sunday Mass** during month of May and to sing it **in Polish on each Wednesday of May at 7:00 PM**.

HOLY MASS FOR MOTHERS ON MOTHER'S DAY

If you received already the Mother's Day letter and you wish your Mom to be mentioned during Holy Mass on May 14, 2017, 9:30 AM which will be offered for all Mothers, living and deceased, please fill up attached form and return your Mass request before that day. Thank you.



EASTER FLOWERS ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME

All Easter flowers, lilies, hyacinths and tulips used for decorating of our church on Easter are almost withered. They are located in the back of the church. Please give them a second chance, feel free to take them home to plant them in your garden. They can be good and nice looking again next year around your house.

WE GOT A NEW ALTAR SERVER



Last Sunday, April 23, 2017, our parishioner Michael Hull, was officially installed as an Altar Server to St. Valentine's Parish.

May God bless our brother who has responded to the needs of our Parish and wish to commit himself to God's service.

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 \$ _____

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.

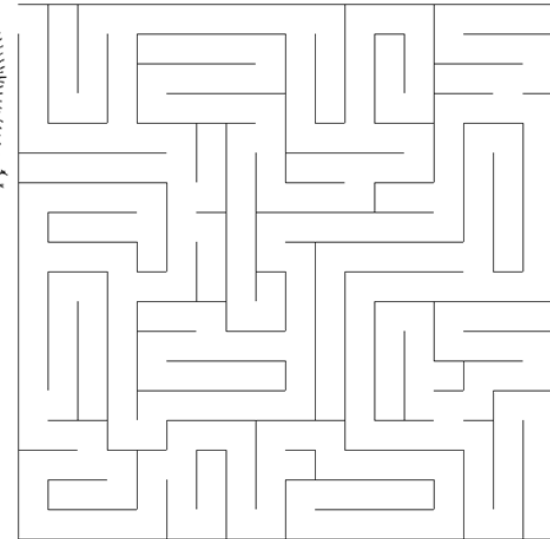
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Please DO NOT do it during homily!



Emmaus

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

Tego samego dnia dwaj z nich byli w drodze do wsi, zwanej Emaus, oddalonej sześćdziesiąt stadiów od Jerozolimy. Rozmawiali oni z sobą o tym wszystkim, co się wydarzyło. Gdy tak rozmawiali i rozprawiali z sobą, sam Jezus przybliżył się i szedł z nimi. Lecz oczy ich były niejako na uwięzi, tak że Go nie poznali.

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