

ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH
Polish National Catholic Church
2330 Margaret Street, Philadelphia, PA 19137

MASS SCHEDULE

SUN. APRIL 28, 2013 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - HOLY MASS - 10:45AM

SUN. MAY 5, 2013 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - HOLY MASS - 10:45AM
***** FIRST HOLY COMMUNION OF MICHAEL HULL *****

ENTRANCE RITES

HYMN of FAITH - pg. 13 in the Mass Booklets

LOW MASS IN THE CONTEMPORARY RITE - pg. 15 in the Mass Booklets

TODAY'S READINGS

A READING FOR THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

READER - THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD! PEOPLE - THANKS BE TO GOD!

PSALM RESPONSE - I WILL PRAISE YOUR NAME FOREVEVER, MY KING AND MY GOD!

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race, He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away." The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

READER - THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD! PEOPLE- THANKS BE TO GOD!

+ A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN +
When Judas had left them, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**PRIEST - THIS IS THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD!
PEOPLE - PRAISE BE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MONTH OF MAY is devoted to Mary the Mother of God. In conjunction with this the **LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** will be sung following Holy Mass on the Sunday's of May. This devotion begins next Sunday, May 5th.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Following the Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord, the Church through Her liturgical readings traces the footsteps of the Apostles as they go to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. As you notice, the first reading of the Mass (usually taken from the Old Testament), is being taken from the New Testament books recounting the works and actions of establishing the Church of Christ in many locations by the Apostles. In a like manner the Gospel readings are preparing us for the celebration of Christ's Ascension into heaven 40 days after the Resurrection. Thus the Church remains in Her worship and prayer, focused upon the mysteries of the Resurrection of Our Lord during this liturgical season termed “EASTERTIDE.” This is why you will notice that the symbols of the Easter Season are still visible in the church. For example the Paschal Candle symbolizing the Resurrected Christ is lit for every Mass of this season, while the statue of the Christ Resurrected graces the altar. The Season of Easter end officially with the Feast of the Ascension which is celebrated 40 days after Easter Sunday.