

**ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH
POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH
2330 Margaret Street, Philadelphia, PA 19137**

MASS SCHEDULE:

SUN. JUNE 23, 2013 - TWELFTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME - MASS - 11:30AM

***SUN. JUNE 30, 2013 - THIRTEENTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME
HOLY MASS - 11:30AM***

TODAY'S ENTRANCE RITES

HYMN of FAITH - pg. 13 in the Mass Booklets

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A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ZECHARIAH

Thus says the Lord: I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and petition; and they shall look on him whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only son, and they shall grieve over him as one cries over a firstborn. On that day the mourning in Jerusalem shall be as great as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo. On that day there shall be open to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, a fountain to purify from sin and uncleanness.

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

THE GRADUAL:

PRIEST - With Him are wisdom and might; His are counsel and understanding. If He breaks a thing down, there is no rebuilding; if He imprisons a man, there is no release. He holds back the waters and there is drought; He sends them forth and they overwhelm the land.

PEOPLE - O God, You are my God- for You I long! For You my body yearns; for You my soul thirsts, like a land parched, lifeless, and without water.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE GALATIANS

Brothers and sisters: Through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendant, heirs according to the promise.

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

+ A READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE +

Once when Jesus was praying in solitude, and the disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, 'One of the ancient prophets has arisen.'"

Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said in reply, "The Christ of God." He rebuked them and directed them not to tell this to anyone. He said, "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priest, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.?" Then he said to all. "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

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

A REFLECTON DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. And so, during this month, we have been praying the Litany to the Sacred Heart before Sunday Mass. You will notice in the picture of the Sacred Heart found on the Baptistry, that red and white streams are radiating from the spot of Our Lord's Heart. The white streams signify the water that flowed from Our Lord's Heart when pierced with a lance at the Crucifixion. The Red streams signify His Precious Blood outpoured for the redemption of mankind. This picture is a rendition of Our Lord as seen in visions by the Polish nun and mystic St. Faustyna Kowalska. It was to this simple nun that Our Lord revealed the following prayer.

*"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Thy dearly begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. In atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion... Have mercy on us and on the whole world!"*

Indeed the Precious Blood and Water of Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart outpoured and the effects of that salvific act, perpetuate the power of The Sacred Heart in the world today... for it is a Heart of Mercy and Love, a Heart of Compassion and Forgiveness ...a Heart bursting with love for all creation and every single man, woman and child .

But the example of the Sacred Heart of Jesus also shows us how OUR hearts are to become; also full of mercy and compassion...also hearts bursting with love for our neighbor and all of God's creation. It is why the Litany ends with the following words:

" Jesus, meek and humble of Heart, make our hearts like unto Thine." That is the challenge for the Christian; to become ever more transformed in heart to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**JESUS MEEK AND HUMBLE OF HEART, MAKE OUR HEARTS LIKE UNTO
THINE!**