

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 8, 2018 – 14th Ordinary Sunday

• 9:30 AM Holy Mass

+ Frank & Bernice Samiec – requested by family.

Monday, July 9, 2018 – Weekday

Tuesday, July 10, 2018 – Weekday

Wednesday, July 11, 2018 – Weekday

Thursday, July 12, 2018 – Weekday

Friday, July 13, 2018 – Weekday

Saturday, July 14, 2018 – Weekday

Sunday, July 15, 2018 – 15th Ordinary Sunday

• 9:30 AM Holy Mass

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FAITH SHARING

Today's readings introduce Jesus as a prophet and explain how prophets and other messengers from God inevitably suffer rejection. The readings challenge us to face rejection and hardship with prophetic courage.

The Gospel passage shows us that many people of Jesus' hometown of Nazareth did not accept him as a prophet because they "knew" him and his family too well. They knew that he was a carpenter with no schooling in Mosaic Law and knew that he could not be the promised Messiah who

would come from Bethlehem as a descendant of David's royal family. Besides, they were angry when Jesus not only did not work any miracles in Nazareth but chided them with prophetic courage for their lack of Faith and warned that he would go to other people to do his preaching and healing ministry.



Very often our friends, families, or childhood companions fail to listen to us and refuse to accept the words of grace, love and encouragement that we offer to them because they are too familiar with us. Therefore, they are unable to see us as God's appointed instruments, the agents of God's healing and saving grace. But we have to face such rejection with prophetic courage because by our Baptism we are called to be prophets like Jesus, sharing his prophetic mission. As prophets, our task is to speak the truth and oppose the evils in our society without condoning or encouraging sinful behavior even in our dear ones.

DON'T ALLOW REJECTION TO DERAILED YOUR DREAMS

The annals of human history are replete with case after case of good people being rejected by those who knew them best.

Albert Einstein, (German-born theoretical physicist who developed the theory of relativity, one of the two pillars of modern physics), did not speak until he was four and could not read until age nine. He was described by his schoolmaster as, "mentally slow, unsociable and adrift in his foolish dreams. "He had to be home-schooled by his mother.

The American inventor and businessman **Thomas Edison's** teachers advised his parents to keep him home from school, stating that he was "too stupid to learn anything."

In his autobiography, **Charles Darwin** (an English naturalist, geologist and biologist, best known for his contributions to the science of evolution) wrote, "I was considered by all my masters and my father, a very ordinary boy, rather below the common standard in intellect."

Walt Disney was fired by a newspaper editor who complained that he was lacking in creative ideas.

G.K. Chesterton, the famous British poet, philosopher, orator, journalist and brilliant theologian could not read until he was eight years old. A teacher said if his head were opened they would probably find a lump of fat where there was supposed to be a brain.

Ludwig van Beethoven (a German composer and the predominant pianist and musical figure in the transitional period between the Classical and Romantic eras), for example, had a rather awkward playing style and preferred to work at his own compositions rather than play the classical artists of his day. Disapproving of his technique, his teacher called him "hopeless as a composer."

Socrates (a classical Greek philosopher credited as one of the founders of Western philosophy, and as being the first moral philosopher, of the Western ethical tradition of thought) was written off as "an immoral corruptor of youth."

Obviously, all of these people lived to contradict their naysayers and so excelled in their respective fields as to become a surprise to those who thought they knew them. So also, Jesus. So also, Paul. So also, Ezekiel. Each of the readings for today's liturgy challenges the human propensity for labeling and limiting and invites believers to begin to look at God, the world and one another with more open eyes and more receptive hearts.

SURVEY AFTER PARISH FESTIVAL

As I mentioned before, it would be good to hear each other's opinion about our parish event. Some things were very good, some little bit less good, some ideas were bad ideas. Let us gather our thoughts together and learn

from what we experienced in order to work better next time. Thank you for your cooperation. The survey can be found in the back of the church.

PIEROGI AND GOLABKI FOR SALE

There are frozen pierogies and golabki available for sale. Limited quantity!
You can benefit St. Valentine's Parish by purchasing them. Available after Mass on Sunday or please call at 215-535-4978.



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please introduce yourself to the Pastor after Mass and write your names in the guest book located in the vestibule of the church. Please remember that you are always welcome to join us in worship at St. Valentine's Parish.

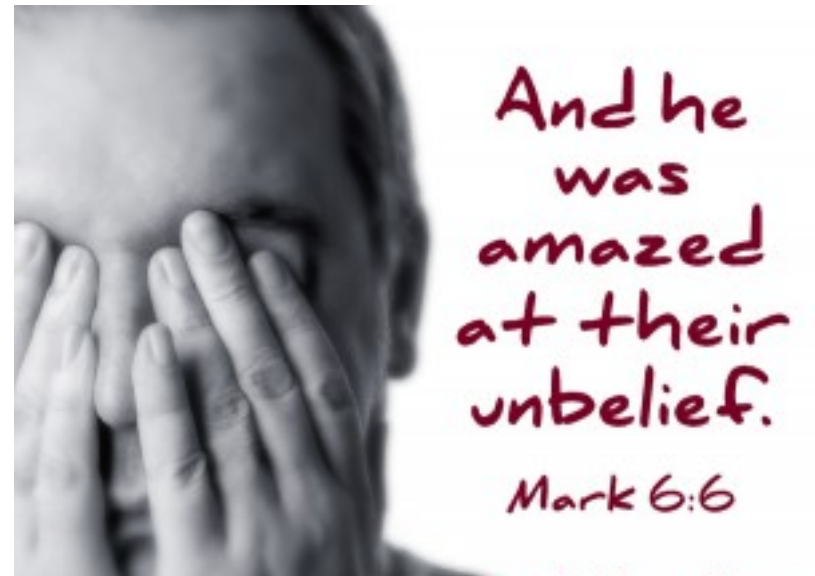
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MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

Mass for _____

Date Requested _____ Time _____

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14 Niedziela Zwyczajła

July 8, 2018