

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 29, 2018 – 17<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday

• 9:30 AM Holy Mass

+ Mabel Skowronski – requested by Cliff & Julie Brown

Monday, July 30, 2018 – Weekday

Tuesday, July 31, 2018 – Weekday

Wednesday, August 1, 2018 – Weekday

Thursday, August 2, 2018 – Weekday

Friday, August 3, 2018 – Weekday

Saturday, August 4, 2018 – Weekday

Sunday, August 5, 2018 – 18<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday

• 9:30 AM Holy Mass

+ Bernice & Frank Samiec – requested by Pearl T. Halk

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### FAITH SHARING

The first reading tells us how the prophet Elisha, by invoking God's power, fed one hundred men with twenty barley loaves. Elisha relies not on what he has but on what God can do with what Elisha received as a gift.

Jesus' miraculous feeding of five thousand people by using five barley loaves and two fish, as described in today's Gospel, was associated with the Holy Eucharist early in the Church's tradition. The people immediately interpreted the miracle, giving Jesus two Messianic titles: "The prophet" and "the one who is to come."

This miracle teaches us that God works marvels through ordinary people. Elisha's

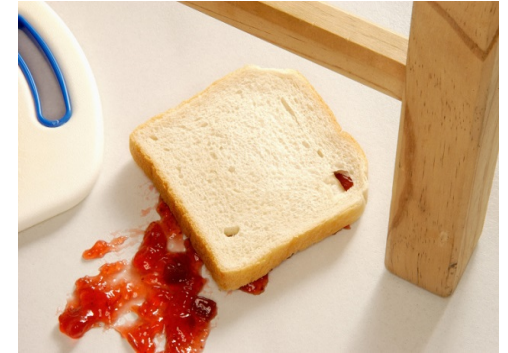
servant and Jesus' disciples distributed the bread provided by God through generous people who were willing to share their food with the hungry. Thus, God meets the needs of people through the good will and services provided by members of His community.

Today's readings invite us to become humble instruments in God's hands by sharing our blessings with our needy brothers and sisters. They are about hunger and food and about how we can satisfy the deeper hunger of our life. They remind us that if we and our country are blessed with an abundant food supply, we have to share it with the hungry people and poor countries. Once physical hungers are satisfied, then we are challenged to satisfy the deeper hungers, for love, mercy, forgiveness, companionship, peace and fulfillment.



### WHAT DOES AMERICAN BREAD SAY ABOUT OUR CULTURE?

In case you like the yoga mat taste, don't fret – that same chemical is found in almost every bag of bread you buy at the store. America and all its high-tech, first-world glory has made many advancements and breakthroughs, but reducing bread to a tasteless white glob that comes in a plastic bag is not one of them. It is a culinary regression for which we are responsible.



We lose a great deal when we give up great bread. We give up the unmatched smell of homemade bread wafting from the kitchen. We give up the simple joy of crusty bread and butter. And worst of all, we risk giving up the communion and conversation that can happen around a good meal, of which good bread can be the anchor.

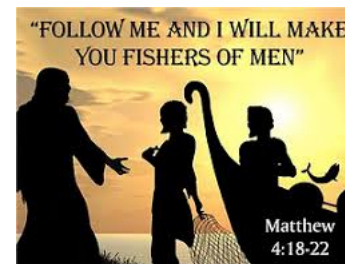
America would do well to follow the lead of other cultures that still give bread a place at the table. After all, how can a nation be called great if its bread tastes like Kleenex?



### GOT VOCATION TO DIACONATE OR PRIESTLY MINISTRY?

As we all know we have come to a critical point with the shortage of priests within our Church, and particularly here in the Central Diocese. Our priests are getting up in age, some have been having health problems, some are ready to retire from the active ministry.

If there is anyone from our Parish, or if anyone knows of someone, who may be



interested in serving our Church by entering either the Diaconate Program or studies toward being ordained priest, please talk to your pastor or Very Rev. Edward Ratajack, Administrative Senior Priest of Philadelphia Seniorate (610-775-4559).

Even if we have no viable candidates for either Holy Office, please do not stop praying for vocations.

### **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.



### **PARISH PICNIC**

St. Valentine's annual parish picnic this year will be on Sunday, September 16. As usually we'll begin with Holy Mass at 12:00 Noon at the cemetery. Then at 1:00 PM we start the picnic at our Pulaski Park, 875 Mill Rd, Bensalem, PA 19020.



We are asking all our Parishioners to sell raffle tickets to friends and family members. Please make all raffle returns payable to St Valentine's PNCC and mail to the rectory.

### **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.

### **POLISH DENTIST**

Need an affordable, highly skilled dentist? Penn Dental in Philadelphia has the answer.

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Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM (English)



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**17 Niedziela Zwyczajna**

**July 29, 2018**