

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 23, 2018 – 25th Ordinary Sunday (Spójnia Sunday)

• 9:30 AM Holy Mass

For PNU Spójnia

Monday, September 24, 2018 – Weekday

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 – Weekday

Wednesday, September 26, 2018 – Weekday

Thursday, September 27, 2018 – Weekday

Friday, September 28, 2018 – Weekday

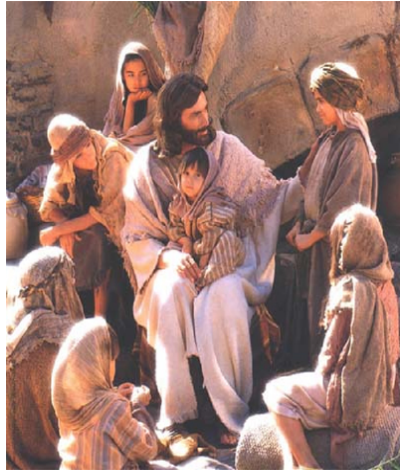
Saturday, September 29, 2018 – Feast – St. Michael, Archangel

Sunday, September 30, 2018 – 26th Ordinary Sunday

• 9:30 AM Holy Mass

FAITH SHARING

The passage from the Book of Wisdom sounds like a messianic prophecy. It urges us to choose the path of righteousness in spite of painful consequences. In today's Responsorial Psalm, the psalmist prays for help against the insolent people who rise against the upright. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us a glimpse of what walking that path is, namely, welcoming and serving the vulnerable in our midst: the defenseless children, the despairing poor, the mentally ill and the marginalized. Jesus also teaches his apostles that child-like humility and selfless service make one great in the eyes of God.



The second reading is in tune with the dispute among the apostles about who is the greatest. In it, James warns us that selfish ambitions destroy peace and cause conflicts and war. So, James advises us to choose the path of righteousness and humble service which leads to lasting peace.

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel isn't a saint, but rather he is an angel, and the leader of all angels and of the army of God. This is what the title "Archangel" means, that he is above all the others in rank.

St. Michael has four main responsibilities or offices, as we know from scripture and Christian tradition.

- The first is to combat Satan.
- The second is to escort the faithful to heaven at their hour of death.
- The third is to be a champion of all Christians, and the Church itself.
- And the fourth is to call men from life on Earth to their heavenly judgment.

Very little is known about St Michael other than what we know from scriptures, which themselves are sparse.

In Daniel, St. Michael is mentioned twice. The first time as one who helped Daniel, and the second time he is mentioned with regard to the end times of the world when he will stand for the "children of thy people."

His next mention comes in the Epistle of St. Jude, where St. Michael is said to guard the tombs of Moses and Eve and has contended with Satan over the body of Moses.

The final mention is in Revelation, where St. Michael and his angels, do battle with the dragon.

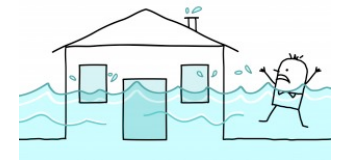
There are other scriptures where St. Michael is implied, but not mentioned by name, such as the angel; who defends the gate to Paradise, who defends against Balaam, and "who routed the army of Sennacherib."

Today, St. Michel is invoked for protection, especially from lethal enemies. He is also the patron of soldiers, police and doctors.



OUR CHURCH HALL IS IN NEED

Many of you probably have a lot of good memories about our church hall – party, dinner, conversation, some people who are no longer with us, etc. The walls of this building could tell more than one story from the past. But the walls of our hall are in danger now. There is a serious water damage of the foundations, worse and worse with each and next rain. Water stays in the whole basement, especially in boiler room.



The whole sewage line got jammed. It has to be fixed immediately.

Your support is needed. Please make some extra donations to St. Valentine's. Please help and be as generous as possible.

XXV GENERAL SYNOD

From October 1, 2018 until October 3, 2018 XXV General Synod will take place in Belleville, IL – Western Diocese.

Unfortunately our parish cannot be represented at this time. Due to unpaid

dues to General Church and Central Diocese from 2012 to 2016 we are ineligible to participate and we cannot receive even one mandate. Anyway, we will pray for our Church gathered together to talk about important issues and to vote right.

PRAYER FOR SYNOD DELEGATES

Dear God, guide all our synod delegates, that those called to serve in these responsibilities may be men and women living a holy life, seeking to be in your will, able to overcome prejudices, examining issues with care, and that the decisions of 25th Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church may be to the building up of your church and to your glory.

May we be truly unified as one under Christ.

For A Church Alive To The Lord, O God, we get so caught up with the programs, with the buildings, with raising the finances, with restructuring and with endless sheets of paper.

Forgive us when we make these things our priority and ignore your presence. May our priority be to live Christ-like lives and as we look to you in prayer may our words and deeds be a witness to your glory. Amen.

MAY GOD BLESS ALL 2018 PICNIC WORKERS

Thank you very much for all your heavy work you have done. All your help is greatly appreciated. You are those people who love your Parish and who answer always when Parish needs you. May God reward you for your efforts.

NEW CEMETERY REGULATIONS ARE COMING

Modified cemetery rules will be announced soon. Your written suggestions are appreciated. Please mail or email your opinions to the parish office.

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Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM (English)



25th Ordinary Sunday
25 Niedziela Zwyczajna

“Spójnia” Sunday

September 23, 2018



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.