

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 30, 2018 – **Solemnity – Humble Shepherds**

Collection for the Seminary

- **9:30 AM Holy Mass**

For All Who Support St. Valentine's Parish

Monday, December 31, 2018 – **Within the Octave of the Nativity**

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 – **Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord**

- **9:30 AM Holy Mass**

For All Our Beloved Dead

Wednesday, January 2, 2019 – **Solemnity – Holy Name of Jesus**

Thursday, January 3, 2019 – **Christmas Weekday**

Friday, January 4, 2019 – **Christmas Weekday**

Saturday, January 5, 2019 – **Christmas Weekday**

Sunday, January 6, 2019 – **Solemnity – Epiphany of our Lord**

Collection for Missions

- **9:30 AM Holy Mass**



***We wish to all our Parishioners,
Friends, Supporters,
to your Families and Relatives
that Our Lord Jesus Christ
may bless you each day
of the New Year.
May He bless you with Peace,
good Health and Love!***

***Fr. Mariusz
and St. Valentine's Parish Committee***

FAITH SHARING

We need to learn lessons from the Holy Family: By celebrating the Solemnity following Christmas as the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child so that He might grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a Child of God. Jesus brought holiness to the family of



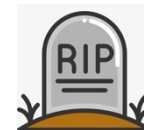
Joseph and Mary as Jesus brings us holiness by embracing us in His family. Families become holy when Christ Jesus is present in them. Jesus becomes truly present in the parish Church through the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass. Similarly,

Jesus becomes truly present in a family when all the members live in the Christian spirit of sacrifice. This happens when there is mutual understanding, mutual support and mutual respect. There must be proper care and respect given by children to their parents and grandparents, even after they have grown up and left home.

A family shares things like dreams, hopes, possessions, memories, smiles, frowns, and gladness...A family is a clan held together with the glue of love and the cement of mutual respect. A family is shelter from the storm, a friendly port when the waves of life become too wild. No person is ever alone who is a member of a family.

CEMETERY ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. When you decorate the graves, please make sure that all items you put over there, especially artificial flowers, have no metal wires inside, even very thin. This kind of decorative items **are forbidden** in our cemetery. Metal wires destroy our lawn mower blades. Our caretaker will trash them as soon as he notice them inspecting the grave sides. We are sorry, but no exceptions. Only metal Veterans emblems with flag holder and emblems of faith and societies are allowed. All such items must be placed with the confines of the flowerbed and meet safety standards. **The following items are not permitted: ornamental fencing, plastic edging, bricks, bark nuggets, glass trinkets, plaster statues, stone dividers, any decorations with metal wires inside or similar items.** Flowerbeds, veterans and memorial emblems/flags and other approved items are not allowed at the foot of the grave; only at the head of the grave.



During the non-growing season (i.e. from November 15th to March 31st), artificial flowers and wreaths are permitted, only at the head of the grave, not more than 8 inches from headstone. These items must be removed each year before April 1st. Cemetery officials are not responsible for any item discarded after this date.

2. Many parishioners plant some live flowers in front of the tombstones. If you noticed they disappear very soon after. Then you complain that your plants have been cut by lawn mower. We assure you that they were not. We have a pretty big deer family living in our cemetery. They eat your flowers, shrubs etc., as soon as you plant them.

No new shrubbery is permitted at any grave. All existing shrubbery and oversized plants will be removed.

3. Some tombstones are leaning due to not deep enough foundation. Unfortunately, some stone companies put too low monument foundations than required by State law. Leaning tombstones are very heavy and we have no heavy duty equipment to take care of them. Please do not require from our caretaker to fix it. Moreover, please do not expect that one man can do it. However, if we can help Patrik on spring time, some of these grave stones can be moved to their proper position. Few, however, which are too heavy, have to be fixed by professionals, who will not do it for free. Some charges might be applied. You will be notified by phone or mail if your grave needs to be fixed.

The Parish reserves the right to install or contract out all foundations and cornerstones. Parishioners or family representatives are not authorized to install or contract out the installation of any foundation, cornerstone or marker.

DONATIONS

May God bless you for donations you have made already for repairing our church heating system. Few families and individuals sent us checks for this project. If you need a receipt for your taxes, please let us know.

However, those donations can't cover the cost of repair or replacement yet. We ask **ALL** our Parishioners and Friends to be responsible for your church. Only together we can do it.

2019 MASS OFFERINGS ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2019 Mass offerings envelopes. There are located in the back of the church. Please take them also for your relatives and friends who are not coming regularly for Sunday worship.

In case you can't pick them up for some reason we can mail them to you. Please call Parish office.

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING

Special Parish Meeting is necessary to make few decisions about our Parish. We have to pray together and talk to each other about few possible ways our Parish should go. The date will be announced soon. Before that meeting few delegates from our Parish will meet with Bishop of Central Diocese to talk about St. Valentine's future.

CHRISTMAS HOUSE BLESSING

If you wish priest to come and bless your house, please schedule an appointment. He will come to your home at the most convenient time for you. Please call Parish Office at (215) 535-4978.



NEW YEAR LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 30, 2018 – Solemnities – Holy Family and Humble Shepherds

- 9:30 AM Holy Mass

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 – Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord

- 9:30 AM Holy Mass

Sunday, January 6, 2019 – Solemnity – Epiphany of our Lord

- 9:30 AM Holy Mass with the blessing of incense, charcoal & chalk

Sunday, January 13, 2019 – Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord

- 9:30 AM Holy Mass

ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

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Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM (English)



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Circumcision of our Lord /
Holy Name of Jesus**

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