

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 20, 2019 – **2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

- **9:30 AM Holy Mass**
† Arthur McKee, Stella Napierkowski, Benjamin Napierkowski – requested by Estelle McKee

Monday, January 21, 2018 – **Weekday**

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 – **Weekday**

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 – **Weekday**

Thursday, January 24, 2019 – **Weekday**

Friday, January 25, 2019 – **Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**

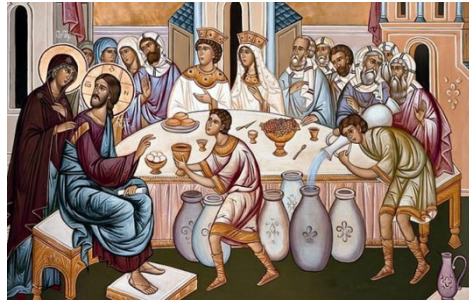
Saturday, January 26, 2019 – **Weekday**

Sunday, January 27, 2019 – **2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

- **9:30 AM Holy Mass**
† Dorothy Karolkiewicz (Memorial Mass) – requested by the Family

FAITH SHARING

This week we are at a wedding in Cana where Jesus reveals his Divine power by his first miracle, transforming water into wine. The Bible begins with one wedding, that of Adam and Eve in the garden (Genesis 2:23-24), and ends with another, the marriage supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9, 21:9, 22:17).



Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the Covenant relationship between God and His chosen people. God is the faithful Groom and humanity is His beloved bride. Let us pray for God’s daily miracles in our families.

Let us, “invite Jesus and Mary to remain with us in our homes” when we feel shortages in our family lives. The spouses need Jesus and Mary when their dreams are gone, mutual love seems dried up, the relationship becomes boring, and raising the children becomes a burden draining all their energy.

Just as Jesus filled the empty water jars with wine, let us fill the empty hearts around us with love, mercy and compassion. By the miracle of Cana, Jesus challenges us also to enrich the empty lives of those around us with the new wine of love, mercy, concern and care.

Let us learn to appreciate the miracles of God’s providence in our lives. God, often as an uninvited guest in our families, works daily miracles in our lives by protecting us from physical and moral dangers, providing for our needs, inspiring us and strengthening us with His Holy Spirit. Let us also appreciate the miracle of the Real Presence of the Lord on the altar where God transforms our offering of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus.

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.

BROKEN HEATING IN OUR CHURCH - UPDATE

The broken heating system in our church and church hall is finally working. So far we replaced all sensors and main module. The dangerous gas leak has also been fixed. The efficiency of this system however is questionable. The gas bill for the period during fixing and testing is over \$1,000.

We have already an estimate for the total replacement of the old boiler. This might cost us \$31,500.00 (parts and labor). The parts we have already replaced can stay and be the parts for the new system.

We need your help. Sunday offerings are not enough to cover our bills. Only few families and individuals pay parish dues. There are many parishioners who did not support St. Valentine’s for decades. Shame to say, but recently we got more support from our friends and sympathizers than from the registered parishioners. So far we collected **\$8,900.00** from donations made for this purpose only. From this amount we have to cover the cost of the replaced sensors and the other parts. If you can make some donations, please be as generous as possible. Every dollar makes a difference. Your donations will be highly appreciated. May God bless you and reward you!

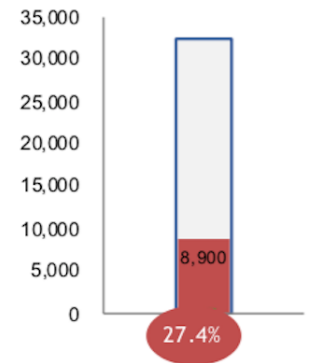
DONATIONS FOR OUR CHURCH HEATING SYSTEM

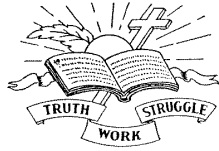
St. Valentine’s PNCC Parish - Philadelphia, PA

Overall	
Overall Target	32,500.00
Overall Total	8,900.00
Overall Percent	27.4%

Progress

Overall Target
Overall Total





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January, 2019

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all of you in our Central Diocesan family, and welcome to the **Year of Discipleship** in our holy Church!

In the words of our national PNCC Future Direction Sub-Committee recently given to us.....*As our Lord said to His disciples "Follow Me" for His public ministry, He continues to call us to follow Him and wants our relationship with Him to grow and strengthen as the days, months and years goes by. Our PNCC is calling us to renew our Discipleship in our Lord this year and as we begin 2019....*

Soooo – let's get a handle on this idea of discipleship, shall we?

Not too long ago I was watching a Netflix presentation about the Masons, with a focus on their place of origin, Freemasons' Hall in Great Queen Street, London. As I became drawn into the narrative of this society's founding and growth, I was struck by how clearly they laid out the expectations of a mason. By contrast, I was struck by how often our Church is hesitant to name the expectations of discipleship for its members.

Our Future Directions Sub-Committee has begun laying out these expectations and will continue that effort throughout the year. I'd say, it all boils down to five basic opportunities to "grow and strengthen our relationship with Jesus."

Worship – We worship God together, through his Son Jesus. Worshipping regularly is a part of who we are as Catholic Christians. The people of God join together in the house of God to worship and honor God (Psalm 150). Worship is about community: the Christian community gathers to worship, to pray together, and to continue its growth in the faith.

Grow – We become affiliated with a parish society, Bible study, the School of Christian Living to grow in faith and our walk with Jesus. Jesus went to the synagogue "as was His custom" (Luke 4:16). Synagogue for Jesus was a place of

discernment, learning scripture, and growing in the knowledge and love of God and neighbor. We join with other PNCC-ers here in order to grow together.

Mission – We are called to love our neighbors. We are encouraged to be involved in some mission emphasis. Jesus had a special place in His heart for the poor, marginalized, outcast, and lost. We are called to be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus Christ in our world. We seek to love and serve others and believe this is vital in our Christian walk.

Talents and Abilities – All of us have talents and abilities that can be used for the glory of God. Some have the gift of teaching or leading. Others have the gift of administration, or may be gifted in finance and can help the church to be faithful stewards of the gifts offered for ministry and mission. Some have the gift of compassion, or love to send cards to those who are sick. Some feel called to reach out to the unchurched, while others have the gift of hospitality. Yes, all of us have some God-given gift, talent, or ability that we can use for the glory of God.

Proportional Giving – Stewardship is a spiritual discipline and an act of worship. Our offering is a recognition that everything we have and are is a gift to us from God. We are all blessed. We are all called by God to offer our first-fruits and our [portion] to God for the work of His kingdom (Leviticus 27:30-33; Deuteronomy 14:22-29). Our offering at a regular percentage of giving is an act of gratitude, an act of obedience, and an act of our covenantal agreement with God. Our offering is used, then, in ministry and mission on behalf of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So let's take time to reflect on these five expectations as we undertake a life of Catholic Christian discipleship. After all, God proved he loves us so much by giving His only begotten Son *to live* among us, *to teach* us of God's love and kingdom, *to die* that we might be forgiven, and *to rise* that we may have eternal life. God has promised to be with us always. Discipleship, then, is our faithful response to this God who "so loves the world" (John 3:16)

Peace and grace to all.

Bishop Bernard

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.



OFFICE ITEMS DONATIONS

If you have some unwanted office supplies, such as paper, envelopes, post stamps, etc. and you would like to donate them or you could sponsor them for our Parish Office, please let us know. Even your tiny donation can be helpful to your Church.



FUNERAL

After many months of suffering and pain †Iryna Kurbat (1963 – 2019) passed away on January 16. The Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, January 21, 2019 on 4:30PM at St. Valentine's Church. She will be buried in her homeland - Belarus. Please pray for s.p. Iryna and her mourning family.

Eternal rest, grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace. Amen.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM (English)



2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

2 Niedziela Zwyczajna

January 20, 2019



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.