

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 10, 2019 – **5th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

- **9:30 AM Holy Mass**

† Dorothy Karolkiewicz – requested by Cliff & Julie Brown

Monday, February 11, 2019 – **Weekday**

Tuesday, February 12, 2019 – **Weekday**

Wednesday, February 13, 2019 – **Weekday**

Thursday, February 14, 2019 – **Feast Day of St. Valentine, Martyr**

Friday, February 15, 2019 – **Weekday**

Saturday, February 16, 2019 – **Weekday, 66th Anniversary of Death, śp. Prime Bishop Francis Hodur**

Sunday, February 17, 2019 – **6th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Septuagesima**

- **9:30 AM Holy Mass**

† Elizabeth S. Boyk (55th Anniversary of Death) – requested by Leon Boyk and Family

FAITH SHARING

Today's Scripture readings challenge us to discern God's call to each one of us to become His disciple with a mission. We are asked to recognize God's holy presence and acknowledge our unworthiness due to our sinfulness to become humble instruments in His hands as the prophet Isaiah did in the first reading, as St. Paul did in the second reading and as St. Peter did in today's gospel. Today's readings also teach us that God has His own criteria for selecting people to be His disciples, ministers and prophets. Presenting the special calls, or vocations, of Isaiah, Paul and Peter as life-changing events, the readings challenge us to examine our own personal calls and the expected responses by true conversion in life and commitment in our discipleship.

ST. VALENTINE'S FEAST DAY SPECIAL GUESTS

Today, when we celebrate St. Valentine's Feast Day and 109th Anniversary of our Parish, special Guests are with us to worship together with us. We are honored to have with us today:

Mr. Michael Blichasz, President of the Polish American Cultural Center, President of Pennsylvania Eastern Division of the Polish American Congress, and

Mr. Al Taubenberger, City Councilman-At-Large. Councilman Taubenberger proudly serves on more committees than any other member of City Council. Al Taubenberger was President of the Greater Northeast Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, a private organization of over 900 members, from 1991-2015.

BRING YOUR OLD PALM



Do you still have your palm from last year Palm Sunday? Please bring it and place it in the back of our church. We burn the palms of last year's Palm Sunday and will be using the ashes on this year Ash Wednesday.

ST. VALENTINE'S PATRON SAINT FEAST DAY

Today, on **Sunday, February 10, 2019** Parish Committee is inviting us after Mass to attend St. Valentine's Day brunch in church hall. This day is very special for us. On February 14, 1910 our Parish has been organized.

ST. VALENTINE'S PAINTING IN OUR CHURCH



Each Sunday during Mass we can see in our church the picture of St. Valentine located in the main altar. Do we know its story? Who is the artist who painted this icon for us? His name is Joseph A. Janczuk.

His family have been members of our church since 1928, long before his birth in 1947. Awarded a scholarship from the City of Philadelphia, he was educated at Temple University's Tyler School of Art. Since graduating, he has pursued a dual career as artist and as teacher of art. His works have been exhibited locally and nationally, and he has been the recipient of numerous awards.

The story of St. Valentine's martyrdom begins with the Emperor Claudius issuing a decree forbidding people to marry. Marriage kept men at home, and Claudius wanted them as soldiers to fight for Rome. Valentine ignored this decree and invited young lovers to come to him in secret to be united with the blessing of the Church. The secret

marriages were discovered, and the Emperor commended Valentine to be thrown into prison and later executed. One story says that, while in prison, he attempted to restore the sight of the blind daughter of the prison keeper, Asterius, whom he had befriended. Asterius promised to become Christian if Valentine performed this miracle.

Our painting shows St. Valentine performing the miracle of the restoration of the sight of Asterius's daughter.

The symbolism inherent in some of the elements of the painting is: the large gold medallion with the letters HIS symbolize Christ; the light of Christ is being cast onto the blind child in a beam of light; the little girl's left hand holds a cloth symbolizing the removal of her blindness. The figure behind the child is of that of the prison-keeper, her father, Asterius. The figure of St. Valentine is giving the blessing through the position of his left hand, while his right hand holds a palm frond symbolizing his martyrdom. The nimbus, or halo, above St. Valentine indicates his sainthood. The background reinforces the intensity of the light of Christ.

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.



VERY FRUITFUL PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING

Last Sunday our Parish Committee debated about the future of St. Valentine’s Parish. There is a great opportunity for us to exist for many years and to serve our local Polish community. But not ..here, not on Margaret St. These buildings are very challenging to our budget. We just simply cannot invest more money here. Right after one broken thing is fixed, another two are broken. There is a chance for us to build a brand new church campus in Bensalem. Therefore we must sell partially the land we owe over there. This decision we have to make together, all Parishioners. Let me invite all of you for our **Annual Parish Meeting** which will be held on **March 10, 2019** after Mass in our church hall. The written invitation will be send out soon to all of you. Voting and making crucial decisions are available only for active registered members in good standing who payed Church dues.

The Annual Parish Meeting
March 10, 2019
after 9:30 AM Mass in our church hall

CEMETERY IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please remove all Christmas ornaments/decorations from cemetery **by February 17, 2019**. Thank you.

And we ask you again – no artificial flowers or decorative items which have metal wires inside, even very thin. Metal wires destroy our lawn mower blades. 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. 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 FENCE DAMAGED AGAIN BY DRUNK DRIVER

Last Sunday night a drunk driver hit our cemetery fence, drove over it and came to rest on our property. This time Bensalem Police caught the driver. Previously all other damages we had to cover from our own pocket. To make a claim and to use our property insurance we suppose to pay \$5K deductible. This time hopefully the fixing will be covered by driver’s insurance. The estimated cost of repairing the fence is little over \$2,500.00 this time.

We have already three Police reports, so we can deal one more time with PennDOT and request the road side guard rail installation. Last time when our Parish applied for it PennDOT responded negative saying that there are not too many accidents over there to install the guard rail.

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.

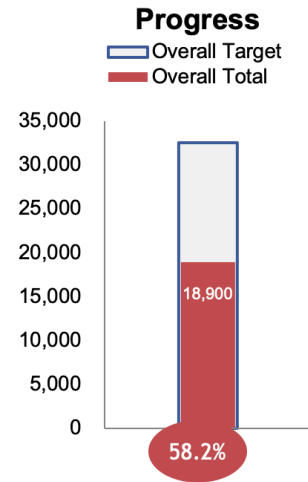
We have already an estimate for the total replacement of the old boiler. This might cost us \$32,500.00 (parts and labor). The parts we have already replaced can stay and be the parts for the new system.

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 **\$18,900.00** 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	\$ 18,900.00
Overall Percent	58.2%



OFFICE ITEMS DONATIONS

Thank you for your recent anonymous donations! May God reward you! Bóg zapłać!

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.



19TH ANNUAL MISSION AND EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

This year's theme is "**Identity: Who We Are in Christ**" and will be hosted by the Holy Trinity Parish, Plantsville, CT **Friday, March 29 - Sunday, March 31, 2019**

Greetings from the Mission and Evangelism Commission of the Polish National Catholic Church. Over the past nineteen years the National Commission on Mission and Evangelism has presented to the faithful and clergy of the Church an opportunity to explore one of many faith-driven aspects of the Church on a National level, as well as experiencing the Church on a local Parish level. Our goal for each Mission Workshop has been that the Faithful come away with a burning desire to bring faith-driven work of the Workshop back to their parishes and be a light to that local Community of Faith, the Parish, and the communities in which they live. This year's Mission Workshop will be held at Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville, Connecticut. Our accommodation is at **Comfort Suites** located at 64 Knotter Dr, Southington, CT 06489.

The guaranteed **room rate of \$105.00** plus tax. Please use the **code: "Polish National Catholic Church"** when making your reservation. The **deadline** cut - off date for obtaining this guaranteed room rate is **Friday, March 8, 2019**. When you fill out your registration form, send it along with a check for the **Workshop Registration Fee of \$75.00** per person. Please make the check payable to: Holy Trinity Parish. The **deadline for registering is March 15, 2019**. For registrations post-marked after March 15, 2019, the registration fee is \$95.00.

We pray that you will consider joining us for the Nineteenth National Mission & Evangelism Workshop of the P.N.C.C., and we look forward to your attendance. If you have any questions, please contact:

Very Rev. Jaroslaw Nowak, Commission Chairman Parish Phone: (313) 365-5191 email: nowak@netscape.com.

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.

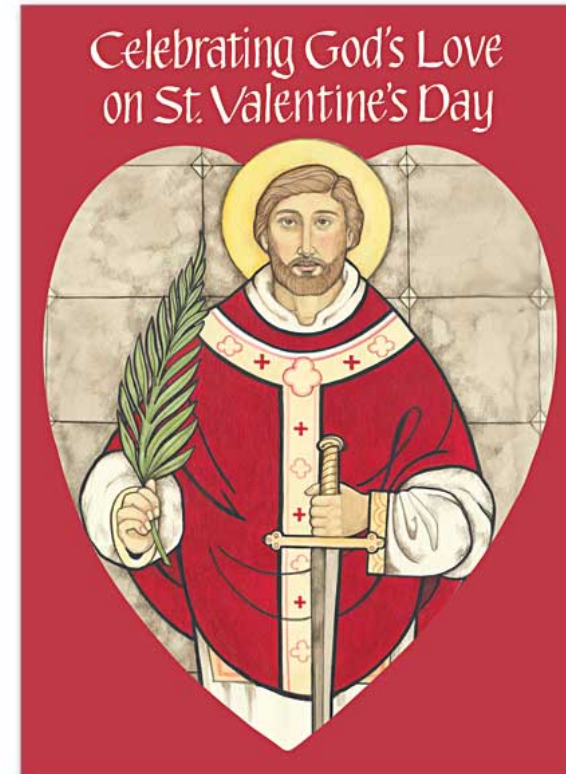
ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

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Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM (English)



5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

5 Niedziela zwykła

February 10, 2019