

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 24, 2019 – 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Sexagesima

- **9:30 AM Holy Mass**
† Dorothy Karolkiewicz – requested by Mr & Mrs Raymond Bousman and Family

Monday, February 25, 2018 – Feast – St. Matthias, Apostle

Tuesday, February 26, 2019 – Weekday

Wednesday, February 27, 2019 – Weekday

Thursday, February 28, 2019 – Weekday

Friday, Marcz 1, 2019 – Weekday

Saturday, March 2, 2019 – Weekday

Sunday, March 3, 2019 – 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- **9:30 AM Holy Mass**
† Judith Stryjewski – requested by Ed Stryjewski

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

FAITH SHARING

The readings today are linked together by one main theme: the *power of Christian love*, when exercised in unconditional forgiveness by the believing community of forgiven sinners. The readings also instruct us about our *right and wrong*

choices. The right choices lead us to God, and the wrong ones break our relationship with Him and with one another.

The first reading shows us how David made the right choice, respecting God’s anointed king by forgiving his offenses, while Saul continued to make the wrong choices, perpetuating his misery with his revenge.

In the second reading, St. Paul tells us how the “First Adam” made a wrong choice of

disobedience, bringing death into the world, whereas Jesus, the “Second Adam,” made the correct choice of fulfilling his Father’s saving plan.

Today’s Gospel gives us Jesus’ moral teaching about correct choices in our human relationships, placing special emphasis on the *golden rule*, “*Do to others as you would have them do to you.*” This *golden rule* is amplified by a string of particular



commands: “*Love your enemies... Do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you and pray for those who maltreat you.*” For Jesus, love is a fundamental attitude that seeks another’s good. Jesus orders us to love our enemies and to be merciful as God our Father is merciful. Jesus challenges us to do for others what God has done for us. “*Be compassionate, as your Father is compassionate.*” He concludes by instructing us to stop judging and start forgiving.

CEMETERY FENCE

Damaged fence on our property in Bensalem can be fixed soon. The driver’s insurance is going to pay all expenses.

LENT IS COMING

A week ago we entered already into three weeks Pre-Lent season. **Ash Wednesday** is near, on **March 6**. It marks the beginning of 40-days fast, prayer and almsgiving time. Lent is our “safety break” in our lives. We have to slow down and get some retrospective look to what we left behind, because it will have a huge consequences in the future.

There will be only one service on Ash Wednesday at St. Valentine’s on 7.00PM. Ash Wednesday cannot be transferred to the following Sunday, the ashes cannot be put on our foreheads on some other day neither.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS On all Fridays during Lent, at 7.00PM



FAT THURSDAY



Fat Thursday is a traditional Christian feast marking the last Thursday before Lent and is associated with the celebration of Carnival. Because Lent is a time of fasting, the days leading up to Ash

Wednesday

provide the last opportunity for feasting until Easter. Traditionally it is a day dedicated to eating, when people meet in their homes or cafés with their friends and relatives and eat large quantities of



sweets, cakes and other meals usually not eaten during Lent. Among the most popular all-national dishes served on that day are pączki in Poland, where Fat Thursday is called **Tłusty Czwartek**. People purchase their favorite pastries from their local bakeries. Traditional foods include pączki, which are large deep-fried pieces of especially rich dough, traditionally filled with plum or rose hip jam (though others are commonly used) and topped with powdered sugar, icing, or glaze.

ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

Polish National Catholic Church

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Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM (English)



Saint Adalbert Parish
2645 East Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19134

**3rd Annual Dinner with
The Polish-American
String Band**

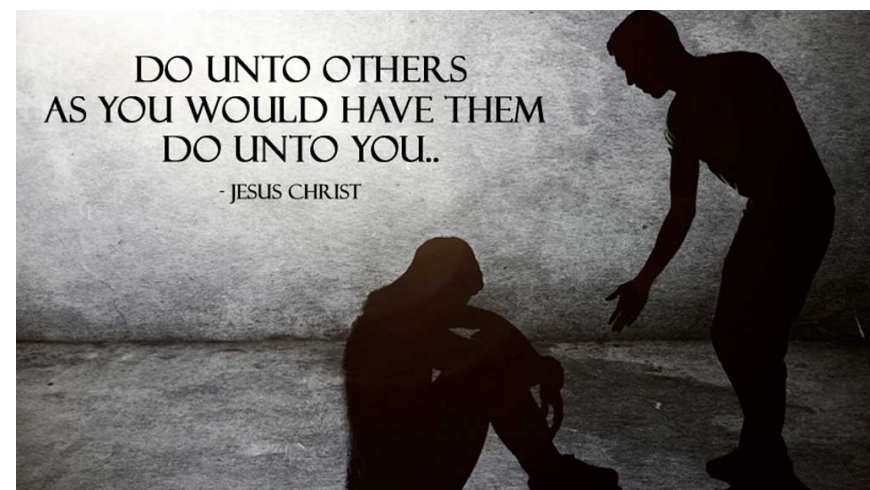
Fundraiser for St. Adalbert Parish

Saturday, March 2nd, 2019
6:00–10:00 p.m.

Music by: Polish-American String Band & DJ Bart.
Featuring an appetizer table, dinner and sweet table.
Admission: Adults \$30
Children (6-12) \$10

Tickets are available in the rectory office (215-739-3500)
and in the sacristy after Sunday Mass.
Tickets can be mailed to your home.

**Please come and enjoy a delicious dinner and
great entertainment!**



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7 Niedziela Zwyczajna

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