

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 10, 2019 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent / Institution of PNCC

*Special Collection – National Church Center*

*Daylight Saving Time begins*

- **9:30 AM Holy Mass**  
† Irina Kurbat – requested by children & Family
  - **10:30 AM The Annual Meeting**
- Monday, March 11, 2018 – **Lenten Weekday**  
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 – **Lenten Weekday**  
Wednesday, March 13, 2019 – **Lenten Weekday**  
Thursday, March 14, 2019 – **Lenten Weekday**  
Friday, March 15, 2019 – **Lenten Weekday**
- **7:00 PM Stations of the Cross / Droga Krzyżowa**
- Saturday, March 16, 2019 – **Lenten Weekday**  
Sunday, March 17, 2019 – **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**
- **9:30 AM Holy Mass**  
† Gloria Cavanaugh – requested by Bill Quilty

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

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### FAITH SHARING

Lent begins with a reflection on the Temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. Like Jesus, every one of us is tempted to seek sinful pleasures, easy wealth and a position of authority, and is drawn to the use of unjust or sinful means to attain good ends. Jesus sets a model for conquering temptations through prayer, penance and the effective use of the “word of God.” Temptations make us true warriors of God by strengthening our minds and hearts. We are never tempted beyond the strength God gives us.



We become resistant and even immune to temptations as we grow healthier in soul by following the traditional Lenten practices: a) by finding time to be with God every day of Lent, speaking to Him and listening to Him; b) by repenting of our sins and renewing our lives

by uniting ourselves with God both by the Sacrament of Reconciliation and by forgiving those who have hurt us and asking forgiveness of those whom we have hurt; and c) by sharing our love with others through our selfless and humble service, our almsgiving and our helping of those in need.

## INSTITUTION OF THE POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH



As we celebrate today the Solemnity of the Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church let's review one more time our identity.

1. We are a **Catholic Church** rooted in Scripture, based on Tradition of early Church (first ten centuries), and accepting as dogmatic the first four Councils of the undivided Church which forms a unique expression of our Christian faith.
2. We are an **Apostolic Church** which preserves Apostolic Succession, meaning our present day bishops and priests extend in an unbroken line from the Apostles of Jesus Christ.
3. We are **Holy Church** founded by Jesus Christ.
4. We are a **Sacramental Church** which acknowledges the seven Sacraments.
5. We are **democratic church** whose church property is owned and controlled by its members. Each parish sends its priest and elected lay delegates to diocesan and national Synods (assemblies) to vote on spiritual matters in addition to church policies and procedures. Individual parishes are governed by a Parish Committee elected by the all members (parishioners) who also have the right to vote at annual Parish Meetings.
6. We are a **non-papal church** with a Prime Bishop elected by church members and the clergy. Our Prime Bishop heads the church nationally while regional leadership is given by the diocesan bishops.
7. We are a **teaching church** holding classes in preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, the School of Christian Living (SOCL) for parish youth, and adult bible study. We offer annual diocesan religious education seminars, youth retreats, summer church camps, and biennial national youth convocations.
8. We are a **responsive church** meeting our members' religious and spiritual needs through the celebration of Holy Mass and other religious services, and the administration of the sacraments. Many other church organizations meet social and fellowship needs.
9. We are an **ecumenical church** cooperating with other churches and organizations to make our community a better place.
10. We are a **counseling church** whose pastors are available to help people experiencing spiritual, family or personal problems. Parishioners also extend moral and spiritual support to each other.
11. We are a **worshipful church** encouraging regular attendance at Mass on Sunday and holy days of obligation. Other religious services give members the opportunity to praise and honor God.
12. We are a **welcoming church** whose doors are open to everyone. No one is denied the freedom to worship with us. Those who share our beliefs are welcome to take part in the sacraments.

### LENTEN ALMSGIVING

It has been well said that if you want to know God, show love to your neighbor. The small sacrifices we make during Lent only have meaning if they increase love. Don't forget the most precious gift you can give is your time. So, over and above any material gift, give your time to those who need it. That visit

to someone you have been putting off, that letter, email or text message you have been meaning to write, even the smile with which you greet the office bore, they are all forms of almsgiving which will enrich your life as well as that of others. In the back of our church you can also find the POOR BOX.

**LENT IS HERE**

On **Ash Wednesday** we celebrated 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.

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



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**ŚP. VERNA LOPATKIEWICZ**

Śp. Verna Lopatkiewicz passed away on February 26, 2019. Her funeral will be held on Sunday, March 17, 2019 at Slabinski Funeral Home. Viewing starts at 11:00 AM. Blessing Service at 1:00 PM. Rite of Committal at St. Valentine’s PNCC Cemetery, Bensalem, PA.

Please keep Verna and her family in your prayers.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

*Wieczny odpoczynek racz im dać, Panie, a światłość wiekuista niechaj im świeci. Niech ich dusze i dusze wszystkich wiernych zmarłych, przez miłosierdzie Boże odpoczywają w pokoju. Amen.*

**WHAT DOES “ŚP” MEAN?**

The abbreviation “**ŚP**” (you can also see it as **ś.p.** or **ś†p** or **ś.†p.**) in Polish stands for “świętej pamięci” and it means “blessed memory”. In Poland people usually add this before the name of the deceased person when they speak or write about that person.

# ST. VALENTINE’S PARISH

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Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM (English)



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

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**March 10, 2019**