

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 17, 2019 – **2nd Sunday of Lent**

- **9:30 AM Holy Mass**

† Gloria Cavanaugh – requested by Bill Quilty

Monday, March 18, 2019 – **Lenten Weekday**

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 – **Solemnity – Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Wednesday, March 20, 2019 – **Lenten Weekday**

Thursday, March 21, 2019 – **Lenten Weekday**

Friday, March 22, 2019 – **Lenten Weekday**

- **7:00 PM Stations of the Cross / Droga Krzyżowa**

Saturday, March 23, 2019 – **Lenten Weekday**

Sunday, March 24, 2019 – **3rd Sunday of Lent**

- **9:30 AM Holy Mass with Lenten Lamentations**

† Dorothy Karolkiewicz – requested by Joyce Paluszkiewicz

happy
St. Patrick's
day!

FAITH SHARING

The common theme of today's readings is metamorphosis or transformation. The readings invite us to work with the assistance of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives by renewing them during Lent so that they radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord to all around us by our Spirit-filled lives.

The first reading describes the transformation of a pagan patriarch into a believer in the one God, the transformation of his name from Abram to Abraham, and the first covenant of God with Abraham's family as a reward for Abraham's obedience to God. In the second reading, St. Paul argues that it is not observance of the Mosaic Law and circumcision that transforms people into Christians, and hence, that Gentiles need not become Jews to become Christians. In the Transfiguration account in today's Gospel, Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses and Elijah. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow Him to consult his Heavenly Father in order to ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death and Resurrection. The secondary aim was to make his chosen disciples aware of his Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah and might be strengthened in their time of trial. On the mountain, Jesus is identified by the



Heavenly Voice as the Son of God. Thus, the Transfiguration experience is a Christophany, that is, a manifestation or revelation of Who Jesus really is. Describing Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him.

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.

THE ANNUAL MEETING LAST SUNDAY

Big thanks to all Parishioners and Friends who participated last Sunday in our Annual Parish Meeting. Your presence, your advice and your decisions are highly appreciated. We are very sorry however, that not all feel responsible for our parish. We believe that your very important duties have hold you from attending this gathering. In the Polish National Catholic Church this is our constitutional obligation to come for the Annual Parish Meeting.

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



THE LENTEN LAMENTATIONS / GORZKIE ŻALE

Next Sunday, March 24, right after Mass there will be an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and we will sing The Lenten Lamentations (Gorzkie Żale). This devotion can help us to understand how much our Lord suffered for us, only because He loves us. Benediction will conclude our service.

A NEW BLOWER NEEDED AT ST. VALENTINE'S CEMETERY

Our leaves blower we used at St. Valentine's Cemetery is broken for sure, unrepairable. We need to buy a new one and not some cheap tool for home using but commercial machine with better specifications.

Here is the deal. We can get one with discount for \$509. But this price is valid only till March 27. We have collected so far \$400.

After Mass there will be a second collection. If you feel that you can help a little please contribute and help us to get additional \$109. May God bless you for your generosity!



ŚP. VERNA LOPATKIEWICZ

Verna Lopatkiewicz passed away on February 26, 2019. Her funeral will be held TODAY, 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 her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Wieczny odpoczynek racz jej dać, Panie, a światłość wiekuista niechaj jej świeci. Niech odpoczywa w pokoju wiecznym. Amen.

ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

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