

# LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 28, 2019 – 17<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday

9:30 AM Holy Mass

† Anne Jackson – requested by Julie & Cliff Brown

Monday, July 29, 2019 – Weekday

Tuesday, July 30, 2019 – Weekday

Wednesday, June 31, 2019 – Weekday

Thursday, August 1, 2019 – Weekday

Friday, August 2, 2019 – Weekday

Saturday, August 3, 2019 – Weekday

Sunday, August 4, 2019 – 18<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday

9:30 AM Holy Mass

For St. Valentine's Parishioners

## SUNDAY MASS INTENSIONS:

All Sundays after July 28 are open for new Mass intentions. Please remember that Holy Mass is not “reserved” for deceased only. The Mass can be requested for health and God’s blessing for your family or individual. Mass can be offered as thanking God for somebody or something. Holy Mass can be a perfect Birthday gift for your loved ones.

Mass intention can be also private, hidden to public. You can simply request the Mass “in certain intention” even without publishing who the requestor is.

Please use the Mass intention request form to order your Mass. You can mail it or you can drop it in envelope to the collection basket.

## CALENDARIUM

Tuesday, August 6	Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord
Thursday, August 15	Solemnity – Dormition/Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday, August 26	Solemnity – Our Lady of Czestochowa
Thursday, August 29	Solemnity – Beheading of Saint John the Baptist
Monday, September 2	Labor Day
Sunday, September 8	Solemnity – Brotherly Love
Monday, September 9	Solemnity – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday, September 14	Solemnity – Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Monday, September 16	Solemnity – Holy Mother of Sorrow

## FAITH SHARING

The main themes of today’s Scripture readings are the power of intercessory prayer, the *Our Father* as the ideal prayer, and the necessity for persistence and perseverance in prayer with trusting faith and boldness. In short, the readings teach us what to pray and how to pray.



The first reading, taken from the book of Genesis, gives us the model for intercessory prayer provided by Abraham in his dialogue with God. Although Abraham seems to be trying to manipulate God through his skillful bargaining and humble, persistent intercession, God is actually being moved to mercy by the goodness of a few innocent souls.

The second reading, taken from Paul’s Letter to the Colossians, though it does not address prayer, reminds us of the need of perseverance in our living faith in Christ, which provides the basis for all Christian prayers, especially for liturgical prayer: the mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Paul assures us that even when we were dead in sin, God gave us new life through Jesus and pardoned all our sins.

In the Gospel passage, after teaching a model prayer, Jesus instructs his disciples to pray to God their Heavenly Father with the same boldness, daring, intimacy, conviction, persistence and perseverance Abraham displayed and the friend in need in the parable employed. He gives us the assurance that God will not be irritated by our requests or unwilling to meet them with generosity.

## PRAYER IS ESSENTIAL FOR CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE

To remain faithful in marriage, the spouses must pray, not only individually, but together. They must thank God and offer intercessory prayers for each other, for their children and for their dear ones. Daily prayer will help married couples to celebrate and reverence God’s vision of human sexuality and honor life from conception to natural death. Here is St. John Marie Vianney’s advice to a couple: “Spend three minutes praising and thanking God for all you have. Spend three minutes asking God’s pardon for your sins and presenting your needs before Him. Spend three minutes reading the Bible and listening to God in silence. And do this every day.”



## NEVER GIVE UP!

Years ago, in Illinois, a young man with six months schooling and self-education competed in the state and national elections nine times and was defeated six times. First, he ran for an office in the legislature when he was 23 and was beaten. Next, he entered business with a partner but failed in that too and spent the next seventeen years paying the debts of his worthless partner. He fell in love with a charming lady and they became engaged, but she died. The next year he had a



nervous breakdown. Relying on the power of prayer, he ran for the post of Speaker (at 29), of Elector (at 31) and for a seat in Congress (at 34). He was defeated each time. He then tried to obtain an appointment to the U.S. Land Office as commissioner but didn’t succeed. He became a candidate for the Vice-Presidency and lost.

Two years later he was defeated in an election to the Senate (at 46). He ran for office once more and was elected the sixteenth President of the United States in 1860 when he was 51. That man was Abraham Lincoln who put his trust in the power of persistent prayer coupled with never-fading Faith in God’s goodness.

## CHURCH HALL BASEMENT RUINED

As you know, our church hall basement is flooded each time after rain. The kitchen, the bar area and both restrooms are completely ruined by water and mold. Basic insurance which we have, does not cover such damage.

Roof water from the next door abandoned house on Melrose St. due to clogged gutters and clogged underground pipe seriously damaged the concrete between our church hall and next door building. Because of it the water soaks deep to the ground and flows through our foundation. Moreover, it goes even farther, underground to the rectory basement and to the church.

All trials to contact the owner of the next door property failed. Even the Police can't help.

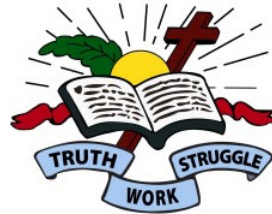
Last week two of our neighbors responded to my call in our bulletin and worked voluntarily in our basement removing the molded walls. Thank you very much for your good heart and heavy duty work.

There is a serious job that has to be done ASAP. If not, our church hall will be permanently closed due to toxic black mold inside.

## 2019 PNCC SPECIAL SYNOD

The Special Synod of The Polish National Catholic Church will take place on Friday, October 25, 2019 at St. Stanislaus Youth Center in Scranton, PA. The election of two candidates for bishop will be the sole purpose of this one-day Synod. The Parishes and Standard Organizations of the Church are reminded to elect delegates in the same manner as they would for a General Synod.

**St. Valentine's Parish will not obtain any Synod mandate due to unpaid general and diocesan dues.**



# ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

## Polish National Catholic Church

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Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM (English)

*Our Father*


WHO ART IN HEAVEN  
HALLOWED BE THY NAME  
THY KINGDOM COME  
THY WILL BE DONE  
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN  
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD  
AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES  
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE  
WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US  
AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION  
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL

*Amen*

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**17 Niedziela Zwyczajna**

**July 28, 2019**

	<b>MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM</b>
Mass for _____	_____
Date Requested _____	Time _____
Requested by _____	_____
Address _____	_____
Phone Number _____ - _____ - _____	Amount \$ _____
<small>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.</small>	