

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

**9:30 AM Holy Mass**

For St. Valentine's Parishioners

Monday, August 5, 2019 – **Weekday**

Tuesday, August 6, 2019 – **Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord**

Wednesday, August 7, 2019 – **Weekday**

Thursday, August 8, 2019 – **Weekday**

Friday, August 9, 2019 – **Weekday**

Saturday, August 10, 2019 – **Weekday**

Sunday, August 11, 2019 – **19<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday**

**9:30 AM Holy Mass**

### 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 common theme of today's readings is the futility of the greedy acquisition of wealth and power because everything and everyone is "*here today and gone tomorrow.*" So, the meaning of life cannot be found in selfishly hoarding wealth and possessions, but only in sharing these with the needy.

The first reading, taken from Ecclesiastes, reminds us that the greedy acquisition and hording of material wealth is useless because when the hoarder dies, he goes to eternity empty-handed, and his heir gains, and perhaps squanders, his riches.

In the second reading, Paul directs our attention to lasting, Heavenly treasures and warns that greed for wealth and influence is idolatry. He advises, "*Put to death, your parts that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry*" (Col 3:5).

In today's Gospel, Jesus, telling the parable of the foolish rich man, warns us against all types of greed, because greed takes our life's focus away from God and away from serving and loving Him in other people. Jesus says that God calls the greedy rich man a fool because the man thought he would not die soon and that he was not accountable for the way he used his riches. Besides, the rich man forgot the fact that his wealth had been lent to him by God for sharing with the needy.

Jesus also warns us that *our eternal life does not consist of earthly possessions* (Lk 12:15), which we should share to gain eternal life.



### VANITY OF VANITIES

Years ago, a Chicago restaurant had specially printed place mats at all its tables. The mats were designed exclusively for the restaurant with the following decorative writing: "*In 1923 an important meeting took place at Chicago's Edgewater Beach Hotel. Attending the meeting were the following men: The president of the largest steel company, the president of the largest utility company, the president of the largest gas company, the president of the New York Stock Exchange, the president of the bank of International Settlements, the greatest wheat speculator, the greatest bear on Wall Street, the head of the world's greatest monopoly, and a member of President Harding's cabinet.*" That's a

pretty impressive lineup of people. Yet 25 years later, where were those nine industrial giants? The president of the largest steel company, Charles Schwab, died bankrupt. The president of the largest utility company, Samuel Insull, died penniless. The president of the largest gas company, Howard Hobson, had gone insane. The president of the New York Stock Exchange, Richard Whitney had just been released from prison. The wheat speculator, Arthur Cutten, died penniless. The member of President Harding's cabinet, Albert Fall, had just been given pardon from prison so that he could die at home. The bank president, Leon Fraser, the Wall Street Bear, Jesse Livermore and the head of the world's greatest monopoly, Ivar Kruegar, committed suicide. In terms of today's Gospel parable these would be nine fools.

### CEMETERY COMPLAINS MAILBOX

If anybody has any suggestions, requests or complains about St. Valentine's Cemetery Caretaker's work and how our cemetery is maintained, please write a note and put it into the mailbox which is installed on the cemetery garage wall. However, only the signed notes with your last name and phone number will be considered as important. We ignore all the anonymous letters. All letters will be submitted to the Parish Committee and archived.

It looks, like there are too many bosses recently over there. Let me remind you that the PNCC Parish is run by Pastor and Parish Committee. All individual suggestion are appreciated, but only if they are submitted in normal, that is, polite form. All statements, that some of you make, that "This Slovak is not good because he doesn't speak English" or "another dumb Polack", will be considered as terms for a variety of hostile attitudes, prejudice, and actions against Polish or Slovak persons and culture. This is a **discrimination** punishable by the United States Law and will be reported in the future to the proper Civil and Polish National Catholic Church authorities.

Many of us have some positions in the Parish, but all work as volunteers. There are two persons hired in our Parish: Pastor/Administrator and Cemetery Caretaker. And these two are the Staff, not a property of St. Valentine's Parish. Parish does not owe them. All Parish buildings and lands are the property of the Parish. Priest is not, Cemetery Caretaker is neither. Therefore, please be careful when you interact and please treat them with human dignity and respect. We failed already as parish community, but we cannot fail in basic human, social and Christian basics.

### 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

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18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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August 4, 2019