

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 25, 2019 – **21st Ordinary Sunday**

9:30 AM Holy Mass

Monday, August 26, 2019 – **Solemnity – Our Lady of Czestochowa**

Tuesday, August 27, 2019 – **Weekday**

Wednesday, August 28, 2019 – **Weekday**

Thursday, August 29, 2019 – **Solemnity – Beheading of Saint John the Baptist**

Friday, August 30, 2019 – **Weekday**

Saturday, August 31, 2019 – **Weekday**

Sunday, September 1, 2019 – **22nd Ordinary Sunday**

9:30 AM Holy Mass

SUNDAY MASS INTENSIONS:

Many Sundays 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

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

PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING

Short Parish Committee meeting
today after Mass in our Church Hall.

FAITH SHARING

As he continues his fateful journey to Jerusalem, Jesus answers the question as to how many will be saved by answering how to enter into salvation and how urgent it is to strive now, before the Master closes the door. Instead of asking how many will be saved, Jesus wants us to ask the question, “Am I prepared to be saved, choosing the narrow gate of sacrificial love?”

In the first reading, Isaiah’s prophecy speaks to the future Babylonian exiles returning to Jerusalem after 47 years in captivity, telling them that salvation is not a Jewish monopoly and that is why Yahweh will welcome the pagans also into Judaism. The prophet’s great book ends as it began, with a vision of all the peoples of the world streaming toward Jerusalem, acknowledging and praising the God of Israel.

In the second reading the author explains that “the narrow gate” of Jesus means our accepting pain and suffering as the loving discipline God is giving His children.



In today’s Gospel, Jesus clearly explains that anyone who follows him through the narrow gate of sacrificial service and sharing love will be saved. Jesus also admonishes his followers to concentrate on their own salvation by self-discipline rather than to worry about the salvation of others.

ST. VALENTINE’S PNCC PARISH PICNIC

St. Valentine’s Parish, Philadelphia, invites for the Annual Parish Picnic.

Sunday, September 15, 2019

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass, 1:00 PM – Picnic

St. Valentine’s Cemetery & Pulaski Park
875 Mill Rd, Bensalem, PA 19020

Delicious Polish Food, golabki, pierogi, kielbasa etc.
Raffle tickets available.

Thank you in advance for your generosity, cooperation and support.

THE NON-CATHOLIC VS. CATHOLIC TEACHING ON SALVATION

The Non-Catholic doctrine on salvation: Once saved, you are always saved, in spite of your future sins and even apostasy. We are saved by the shed blood of Jesus when as teenager or adult we accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, confess our sins and say the “Sinner’s Prayer.” asking God’s pardon and forgiveness for sins.

Catholic teaching: Salvation is a past, present and future event. We were saved when we were baptized as children or adults. We are being saved at present, when we cooperate with God’s grace by loving others as Jesus did — by sharing our blessings with the needy and by getting reconciled with God daily, asking His forgiveness for our sins. We will be eternally saved when we hear the loving invitation from Jesus, the Judge, at the moment of our death and on the day of the Last Judgment, saying: “*Good and faithful servant, you were faithful in little things, enter into the joy of your Master.*”

THE NARROW GATE OF GREAT MUSICIAN

Someone once said to Ignacy Paderewski, the great Polish pianist, “Sir, you are a genius.” He replied, “Madam, before I was a genius, I was a drudge.” He continued: “If I missed practice one day, I noticed it; if I missed practice two days, the critics noticed it; if I missed three days, my family noticed it; if I missed four days, my audience noticed it.

The door is narrow. Why should we think we can “drift” into the Kingdom of God? The Christian life is a constant striving to do the will of God as Jesus revealed it. We need to strive because there are forces of evil within us and around us, trying to pull us down.

CEMETERY COMPLAINTS MAILBOX

If anybody has any suggestions, requests or complaints 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.

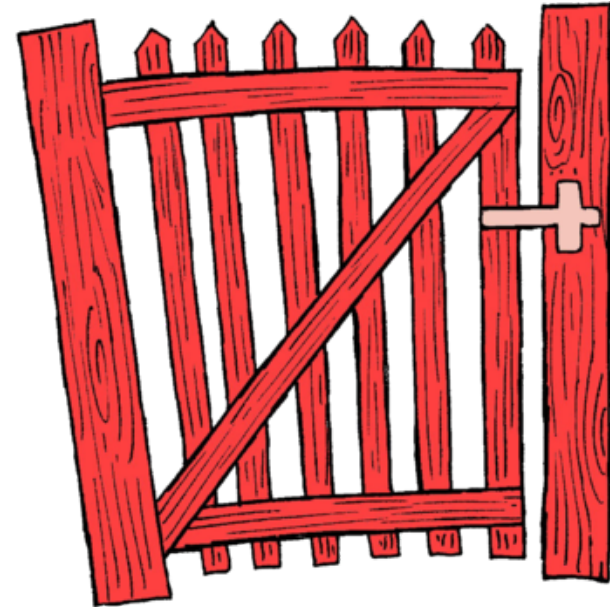
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Enter life through the narrow gate

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
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August 25, 2019