

# LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 1, 2019 – **22<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Sunday**

**9:30 AM Holy Mass**

Monday, September 2, 2019 – **Weekday – Labor Day**

Tuesday, September 3, 2019 – **Weekday**

Wednesday, September 4, 2019 – **Weekday**

Thursday, September 5, 2019 – **Weekday**

Friday, September 6, 2019 – **Weekday**

Saturday, September 7, 2019 – **Weekday**

Sunday, September 8, 2019 – **23<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Sunday, Solemnity – Brotherly**

**Love**

**9:30 AM Holy Mass**

† Jan Dryfik (22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Death)

## 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

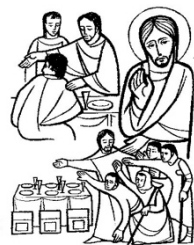
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| Monday, September 2    | Labor Day                                       |
| Sunday, September 8    | Solemnity – Brotherly Love                      |
| Monday, September 9    | Solemnity – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Saturday, September 14 | Solemnity – Exaltation of the Holy Cross        |
| Monday, September 16   | Solemnity – Holy Mother of Sorrow               |

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## FAITH SHARING

The common theme of today’s readings is the need for true humility which leads to a generous and blessed sharing with the needy. The readings also warn us against all forms of pride and self-glorification. They present humility not only as a virtue but also as a means of opening our hearts, our minds and our hands to the poor, the needy, the disadvantaged and the marginalized people in our society – a personal responsibility for every authentic Christian.

The first reading, taken from the book of Sirach, reminds us that if we are humble, we will find favor with God, and others will love us.



The second reading, taken from Hebrews, gives another reason for us to be humble. Jesus, the Incarnate Son of God humbled Himself, taking on human flesh and living our lives that he might die to save us. He invites his followers to learn how to live from him because he is “meek and humble of heart. The author reminds us that Jesus was lowly, particularly in his suffering and death for our salvation, so we should be like him in order to be exalted with him at the resurrection of the righteous. We need to follow Christ’s example of humility in our relationships with the less fortunate members of our society.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus explains the practical benefits of humility, connecting it with the common wisdom about dining etiquette. Jesus advises the guests to go to the lowest place instead of seeking places of honor, so that the host may give them the place they really deserve. Jesus’ words concerning the seating of guests at a wedding banquet should prompt us to honor those whom others ignore, because if we are generous and just in our dealings with those in need, we can be confident of the Lord’s blessings.

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## 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.

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## 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 finally got two mandates, one for the pastor and one for an active parish member.**

**Mr. Bill Quilty, our chairman, has been elected as our representative to go to 2019 PNCC Special Synod.**

### DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

When Christian Herter was governor of Massachusetts, he was running hard for a second term in office. One day, after a busy morning chasing votes (without lunch), he arrived at a church barbecue. It was late afternoon and Herter was famished. As Herter moved down the serving line, he held out his plate to the woman serving chicken. She put a piece on his plate and turned to the next person in line. "Excuse me," Governor Herter said, "do you mind if I have another piece of chicken?" "Sorry," the woman told him. "I'm supposed to give one piece of chicken to each person because you are going to get other food items also from other servers." "But I'm starved, and I love chicken," the governor said. "Sorry," the woman said again. "Only one to a customer." Governor Herter was a modest and unassuming man, but he decided that this time he would throw a little weight around. "Do you know who I am?" he said. "I am the governor of this state!" "Do you know who I am?" the woman retorted. "I'm the lady in charge of the chicken. Move along, mister."

### MEASURE OF GREATNESS

Greatness is not measured by how much we gain, but by how much we give. How many millionaires has America produced over the past two centuries? I don't know the figure. Tens of thousands, I'm sure. Of those millionaires who are dead, how many can you name? Not very many. Most of them are gone. Forgotten. All their toys are back in the box. Somebody else lives in their magnificent homes. Everything they worked for has turned to dust – except for the few who learned the lesson that greatness is measured not by what you gain, but by what you give. Would Carnegie and Vanderbilt and Rockefeller be remembered if their names were not engraved on public buildings, libraries and universities? Would we have any idea who old Joe Kennedy, "with all his millions of dollars," was, if his boys had not devoted themselves to public service? And a century from now, whose names will live on after all the lifestyles of today's rich and famous have faded into obscurity? Albert Schweitzer? Mother Teresa? Mahatma Gandhi? Martin Luther King, Jr.? The number will be few. Some great scientists, a few artists, a political leader here and there -- in every case I can promise one thing. Each of them will be a person who gave more to the world than he or she received.

# ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

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Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM (English)



**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**22 Niedziela Zwykła**

**September 1, 2019**