

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 8, 2019 – **23rd Ordinary Sunday, Solemnity – Brotherly Love**

9:30 AM Holy Mass

† Jan Dryfik (22nd Anniversary of Death)

Monday, September 9, 2019 – **Solemnity – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Tuesday, September 10, 2019 – **Weekday**

Wednesday, September 11, 2019 – **Weekday**

Thursday, September 12, 2019 – **Weekday**

Friday, September 13, 2019 – **Weekday**

Saturday, September 14, 2019 – **Solemnity – Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Sunday, September 15, 2019 – **24th Ordinary Sunday**

9:30 AM Holy Mass (Church)

12:00 Noon Holy Mass (Cemetery)

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

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

Today’s readings challenge us to the true Christian discipleship of total commitment to the will of God, putting God first in our lives.

The first reading, taken from the Book of Wisdom, instructs us to ask for the gifts of discernment and strength from the Holy Spirit so that we may do the will of God as His true disciples.

The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 90), instructs true disciples to lead holy lives by remaining constantly aware of the brevity and uncertainty of life.



The second reading, taken from St. Paul’s letter to Philemon, teaches us that detachment and renunciation are necessary for a true disciple of Christ. As a responsible Apostle and zealous disciple of Christ, Paul had to renounce the service of his new helper, Onesimus, and return him to his master. As a new disciple of Christ, Onesimus had to leave Paul, face his owner as a runaway slave and accept the consequences.

Today’s Gospel reminds us to count the cost of being a disciple and follower of Christ because the cost is high: true Christian discipleship requires one to “renounce” both earthly possessions and possessions of the heart (i.e., one’s relationships).

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.

TOTAL COMMITMENT

French artists Henri Matisse and Auguste Renoir were close friends and frequent companions despite the fact that Renoir was twenty-eight years the senior of Matisse. During the last several years of his life, Renoir was virtually crippled by arthritis; nevertheless, he painted every day, and when his fingers were no longer supple enough to hold the brush correctly, he had his wife, Alice, attach the paintbrush to his hand in order that he might continue his work. Matisse visited him daily. One day, as he watched his older friend wincing in excruciating pain with each colorful stroke, he asked, “Auguste, why do you continue to paint when you are in such agony?” Renoir’s response was immediate, “The beauty remains; the pain passes.” Passion for his art empowered Renoir to paint until the day he died; those who continue to admire the enduring beauty of his smiling portraits, his landscapes, his still life studies of flowers and fruit will find no trace therein of the pain required to create them. Most will agree that the *cost* was worth it.

THE REAL COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

The real cost of Christian discipleship is meeting daily the demands Jesus makes upon his followers. The Italian freedom fighter Garibaldi offered his men only hunger and death to free Italy. Winston Churchill told the English people that he had nothing to offer them but “blood, sweat, toil, and tears” in their fight against the enemies of England. Jesus demands that his followers carry a cross—the sign of death.

Andrew died on a cross.

Simon was crucified.

Bartholomew was flayed alive.

James (son of Zebedee) was beheaded.

The other James (son of Alphaeus) was beaten to death.

Thomas was run through with a lance.

Matthias was stoned and then beheaded.

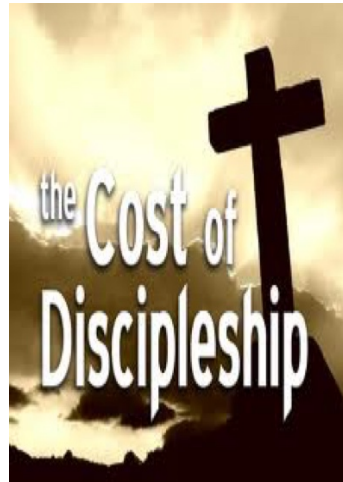
Matthew was slain by the sword.

Peter was crucified upside down.

Thaddeus was shot to death with arrows.

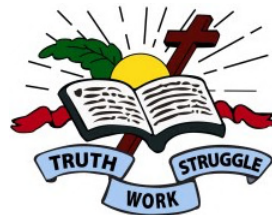
Philip was hanged.

The demands that Jesus makes upon those who would follow him are extreme. Christianity is not a Sunday morning religion. It is a hungering after God, to the point of death if need be. It shakes our foundations, topples our priorities, pits us against friend and family, and makes us strangers in this world...



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.

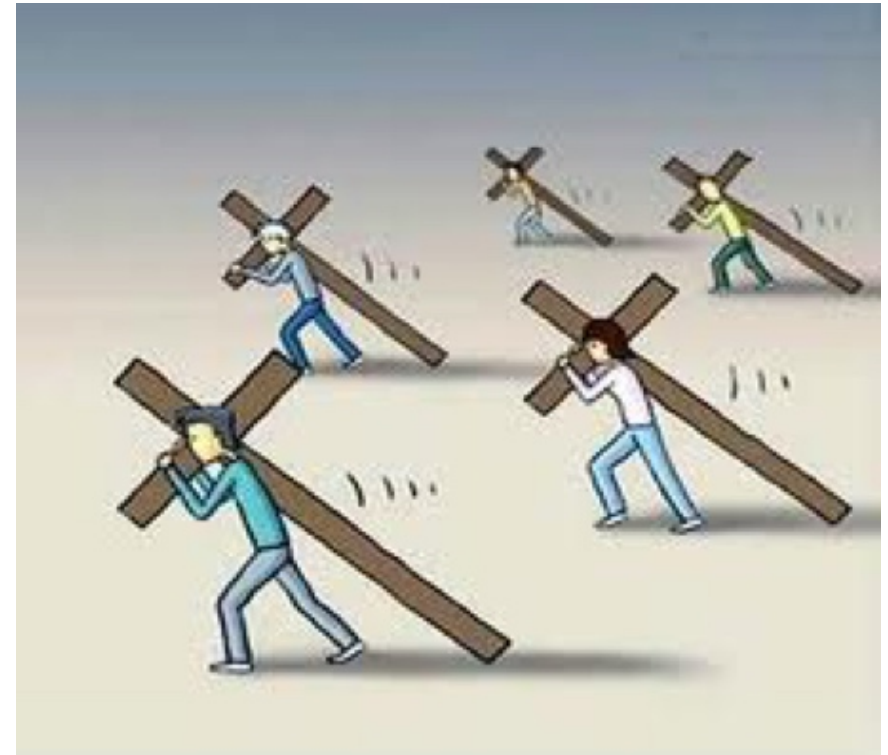
ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Brotherly Love

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September 8, 2019