

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 29, 2019 – 26th Ordinary Sunday

9:30 AM Holy Mass

† Thomas Misiewicz – requested by Marianne Woodland & Henry Jackowicz

Monday, September 30, 2019 – Feast – St. Michael, Archangel

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 – Weekday

Wednesday, October 2, 2019 – Feast – Guardian Angel

Thursday, October 3, 2019 – Weekday

Friday, October 4, 2019 – Feast – St. Francis of Assisi

Saturday, October 5, 2019 – Weekday

Sunday, October 6, 2019 – 27th Ordinary Sunday

9:30 AM Holy Mass

CALENDARIUM

Monday, September 30	Feast – Michael, Archangel
Wednesday, October 2	Feast – Guardian Angel
Friday, October 4	Feast – St. Francis of Assisi
Monday, October 7	Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary
Sunday, October 13	Solemnity – Christian Family
Friday, October 18	Feast – St. Luke, Evangelist
Thursday, October 24	Feast – Raphael the Archangel
Monday, October 28	Feast – St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles
Thursday, October 31	Vigil of All Saints
Friday, November 1	Solemnity – All Saints
Saturday, November 2	Solemnity – All Souls

PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING

TODAY, AFTER MASS

FAITH SHARING

Amos, in the first reading, issues a powerful warning to those who seek wealth at the expense of the poor and who spend their time and their money on themselves alone. He prophesies that those rich and self-indulgent people will be punished by God with exile because they don't care for their poor and suffering brothers.

The Responsorial Psalm praises Yahweh, who cares for the poor.

In the second reading, Paul admonishes us to “pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness” – noble goals in an age of disillusionment – rather than riches.



In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us a warning, pointing to the destiny of the rich man who neglected his duty to show mercy to poor Lazarus. The rich man was punished, not for having riches, but for neglecting the Scriptures and what they taught on sharing his blessings with the poor.

We are all rich enough to share our blessings with others. God has blessed each one of us with wealth or health or special talents or social power or political influence or a combination of many blessings. The parable invites us to share what we have been given with others in various ways instead of using everything exclusively for selfish gains.

JOKE

An old pastor was dying. He sent a message for his IRS agent and his lawyer (both Church members), to come to his home. When they arrived, they were ushered up to his bedroom. As they entered the room, the dying pastor held out his hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of the bed. The pastor grasped their hands, sighed contentedly, smiled and stared at the ceiling. For a time, no one said anything. Both the IRS agent and lawyer were touched and flattered that the old



pastor would ask them to be with him during his final moment. They were however puzzled because the pastor had never given any indication that he particularly liked either one of them. Finally, the lawyer asked, “Father, why did you ask the two of us to come?” The old pastor mustered up some strength, then said weakly, “*Jesus died between two thieves, and that's how I want to go, too.*”

GRANDFATHER'S CORNER

There is the story of an old man who lived with his son and his son's wife and children. The man was almost deaf and blind and had difficulty eating without spilling his food. Occasionally, he would drop a bowl and break it. His son and daughter-in-law thought it was disgusting and made the old man eat in a corner behind the stove. They gave him a wooden bowl which could not be broken. One day the old man's little grandson was working with some pieces of wood. When his father asked what he was doing, he replied, “I'm making a trough for you and mother to eat out of when I'm grown up.” From that moment on, the grandfather rejoined the family at the table. No one ever said another word about it.

[Leo Buscaglia, *Bus 9 to Paradise* (New York: Wm. Morrow & Co., 1986), pg. 249.]

What goes around comes around. The way we treat other people is the way we will be treated. That is especially true within the family. The boy saw how his father treated his grandfather and assumed that it was an acceptable way to treat someone who was old. In today's parable Jesus warns us that we will reap in the next world what we sow in this world.

NO ANIMAL BLESSING THIS YEAR

Last year nobody showed up for the Blessing of the Animals Service, neither on October 4th – St. Francis feast day, nor on Saturday after it, so there is no blessing service this year.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PRAYER



St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

2019 PHILADELPHIA PULASKI PARADE

On **Sunday, October 6, 2019**, the **86th Annual Pulaski Day Parade** steps off at **12 Noon** from the Parkway in center city Philadelphia and will be televised on **WPVI TV-6 ABC**. The parade marches down the Parkway to 16th Street, turns and marches up the Parkway to the reviewing stand at Logan Circle at 19th Street. **Live television coverage on WPVI TV 6 ABC begins at 12:30 PM.**

This year the parade will celebrate the history, culture and pride cherished by the Polish American community. During the **2019 Pulaski Day Parade**, we will also **mark the 411th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers in America.** The first Polish settlers arrived in Jamestown, Virginia in October, 1608. They were craftsmen invited by Captain John Smith to establish a glass industry in the Jamestown Colony. They opened a glassblowing shop, which became the first American industry, and the first commercial items to be exported from America to Europe. The first Polish settlers came to America 12 years before the Pilgrims.

As usually, St. Valentine's PNCC is invited to participate in the parade. We encourage all our parishioners to walk with us.

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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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 Niedziela Zwyczajna

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