

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 20, 2019 – **29th Ordinary Sunday / Heritage Sunday**

9:30 AM Holy Mass

† Frank & Bernice Samiec

Monday, October 21, 2019 – **Weekday**

Tuesday, October 22, 2019 – **Weekday**

Wednesday, October 23, 2019 – **Weekday**

Thursday, October 24, 2019 – **Weekday**

Friday, October 25, 2019 – **Weekday**

Saturday, October 26, 2019 – **Weekday**

Sunday, October 27, 2019 – **30th Ordinary Sunday**

9:30 AM Holy Mass

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CALENDARIUM

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

Sunday, October 20, 2019

after Mass

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday, December 1, 2019

Masses at Our Saviour Parish, Lawrenceville, NJ

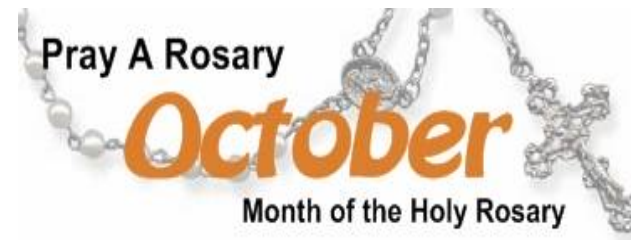
starting from November 3, 2019

will be on **Sundays at 12:00 Noon**

FAITH SHARING

Today's readings are mainly about prayer — perseverance in prayer in living faith, constancy in prayer and trust in God as we pray. They are also about the Trustworthiness and Justice of God, the type of Justice that reaches out to the poor and the weak, enabling them to fight against injustice.

In the first reading, Moses, after sending Joshua to fight against Amalek, is presented as making tireless intercession with constancy for the victory of Israel's army. Both Moses and the widow in today's Gospel story teach us how we should pray with trusting Faith and perseverance. In the second reading, St. Paul instructs Timothy to persevere in his ministry, to proclaim the word of God with persistence in all circumstances and to use it to "*correct, reprove and appeal with patience.*" By introducing the parable of the unjust judge and the persistent widow in today's Gospel, Jesus emphasizes the "*necessity of praying always and not losing heart.*" Constancy in prayer is Faith in action. Jesus presents the widow in today's Gospel as a model of the trust and tenacity with which his disciples are to pray. The widow was asking for something which God would certainly want for her – justice.



THE WIDOW AND THE JUDGE

This parable is based on the corrupt Roman legal practices prevalent in Palestine at the time of Jesus. We know that the judge in the parable was not a Jewish judge, because ordinary Jewish disputes were judged before the Jewish elders.

In Dt 1:16-17, Moses charged the judges to render fair and honest decisions regardless of the wealth or social standing of the petitioner. Hence, we conclude that the judge in the parable was one of the paid magistrates appointed either by Herod or by the Romans. Since such judges were avaricious, corrupt and without fear of God or the public, people called them "*Dayyaneh Gezeloth*", robber judges. Although the Hebrew Scriptures demand protection for widows, orphans, and aliens, the widows were not included in Hebrew laws on inheritance, and they became common symbols of the exploited and the oppressed. Prophets like Isaiah and Malachi criticized the harsh treatment widows received, and throughout the Bible, widows are viewed as being under the special protection of God. The widow in Jesus' parable was the symbol of all who were poor, defenseless, and without hope of ever obtaining justice. Her opponent was probably rich, crooked and influential.

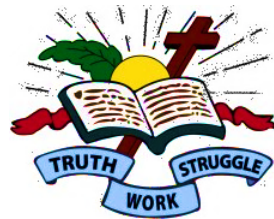
THE PERSISTENT WIDOW IN OUR MIDST

It may be a spouse's Parkinson's disease, a parent's Alzheimer's, a sister's breast cancer, a child's leukemia. The illness of a loved one, a catastrophe striking their family, the suffering of someone dear to them transforms these moms and dads and sons and daughters and friends into dedicated advocates and determined guardians. They fight hospitals and insurance companies for the critical medical care needed by their loved one. They take on the most obstinate bureaucracies for the assistance and services their child is entitled to but denied. They work tirelessly to raise awareness, raise money, so that their loved one may live as full a life as possible, so that a cure might be found, so that other families will not have to experience the pain and anguish they have known. These dedicated men and women are the Gospel widow in our midst. They face down the "dishonest judges" of arrogance and avarice; they take on the "fearful judges" of insensitivity and unawareness; they go toe-to-toe with the "judges who fear neither God nor respect any human being," save themselves. Their love for the sick and suffering enables them to carry on "day and night;" their faith and conviction in the rightness of their cause empowers them to carry on despite the frustration and inaction they face. The very compassion of God is their hope and assurance that their prayer will be heard.

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.

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



ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS CELEBRATIONS

November is coming, and as always on Nov 1 and Nov 2, as well as the whole first week of November, our thoughts are toward those whom God called to himself. Please remember about your beloved Dead, your Family, your Friends, your fellow Parishioners. Always the best prayer you can offer for them is the Holy Mass in their intention. In addition, please try to visit their grave side and offer your prayer right there.

Friday, November 1, 2019

All Saints Day

7:00 PM Holy Mass for our beloved Dead with *Wypominki*

Saturday, November 2, 2019

All Souls Day

11:00 AM Holy Mass for our beloved Dead with *Wypominki*

Sunday, November 3, 2019

9:30 AM Memorial Mass for our beloved Dead with *Wypominki*

2:00 PM Procession and Prayers for the Dead at the Cemetery

ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

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Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM (English)



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

29 Niedziela Zwyczajła

October 20, 2019