

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

9:30 AM Holy Mass

† Frank & Bernice Samiec

Monday, October 28, 2019 – **Weekday**

Tuesday, October 29, 2019 – **Weekday**

Wednesday, October 30, 2019 – **Weekday**

Thursday, October 31, 2019 – **Weekday**

Friday, November 1, 2019 – **Solemnity – All Saints**

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

Saturday, November 2, 2019 – **Solemnity – All Souls**

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

Sunday, November 3, 2019 – **31st Ordinary Sunday**

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

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

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

The main theme of today's Gospel is that true humility and repentance for our sins must be the hallmark of our prayers. However, the central focus of today's parable is not on prayer itself, but rather on the evil of pride, the need for true humility and the role of God's grace in our salvation.

The first reading, from Sirach, is a perfect companion piece to the Gospel parable. In one striking image from Sirach, the writer declares *"the prayer of the lowly, pierces the clouds to reach the unseen throne of God."* Such prayers are heard because they come from the hearts of people who know how much they need God. Although God has no favorites and answers the prayers of all, the oppressed, the orphans, the widows, and those who can least help themselves are His special concern. That is why the best prayer is humble and selfless service to such marginalized and abandoned people. In the second reading, the former Pharisee Paul, like the publican in the Gospel parable, humbly acknowledges, his

work as accomplished by the grace of God, and he thanks God for enabling him to fight a good battle — to run a good race while keeping his Faith intact and proclaiming it. In today's Gospel parable about the Pharisee and the tax collector, Jesus reminds us that God hears the prayers those who approach Him in humility with a repentant heart. God did not hear the prayer of this Pharisee because he exalted himself. His prayer was a prayer of thanksgiving that he was not as evil as other people. He announced to God his freedom from sin and detailed his fidelity in observing the prescribed fast and in giving tithes. The tax collector's prayer, *"O God, be merciful to me, a sinner,"* was heard because he humbled himself, acknowledging his sins and requesting God's mercy.



NO, MADAM, HE DID NOT

William Barclay tells the story of the woman tourist in Germany. The guide took a group through Beethoven's house. He showed them the piano on which the genius had composed his Moonlight Sonata. A woman in the group immediately sat down and played some bars from the sonata. The guide told the group that Paderewski (world renowned Polish pianist and composer) had recently been shown the piano. The woman gushed, "And I bet he sat down and played just as I did." Archly the guide said, "No, Madam. He said he was not worthy to touch those keys."

WHAT IS THE PERFECT PRAYER?

Let us include all the necessary ingredients in our prayers. Our personal prayers must include our request for pardon and forgiveness for our sins; our thanksgiving for the numerous blessings we receive daily from God; our praise and worship of God as we surrender to Him our lives and all our activities completely and unconditionally; our acknowledgement of our weakness and of our total dependence on God, and finally, in our presentation of our needs and petitions, accompanied by the fervent request for God's strengthening of us in our weakness and temptations by the daily anointing of His Holy Spirit. Let us pray every day: *"Be merciful to me, a sinner."*



2019 SPECIAL SYNOD OF THE POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

On Friday, October 25, 2019, delegates to Special Synod of the PNCC elected the new bishop. Very Rev. Jaroslaw (Jerry) Rafalko, pastor of the Holy Trinity Parish in Kewanee, IL (Western Diocese) has been chosen as the new bishop for the Polish National Catholic Church. Thanks be to Holy Spirit for good inspiration! Congratulations to Bishop-Elect!

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.

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VANDALISM AT ST. VALENTINE'S HAPPENED AGAIN

In June somebody broke the sacristy window. Janusz helped again and replaced the broken glass and fixed the frame. Thank you, Janusz.

Last week a group of young hooligans had an outdoor night party on our church hall steps. After drinking all alcohol they had they decided to open the drain pipe on the sidewalk and stuffed it with empty cans and bottles.

After the next rain our boiler room and church hall basement was full of water. It took me two days to clean it out and the bill for the plumbing work costs us \$200.00 after charity discount. We need to install the surveillance cameras on Melrose St. side. Recently our neighborhood became very unfriendly.

OUR SAVIOUR PARISH TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

Our Saviour Parish, Lawrenceville invites for their traditional Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 10th in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 PM.

TICKETS: Adults = \$12.00, Children (Under 12) = \$3.00

SUNDAY PHARISEES

"I never come to this Church for Sunday Mass," boasted a wandering parishioner to his pastor. "Perhaps you have noticed that Father?"

"Yes, I have noticed that," said the pastor.

"Well, the reason I don't come is that there are so many hypocrites here."

"Oh, don't let that keep you away," replied the pastor with a smile. "There's always room for one more."

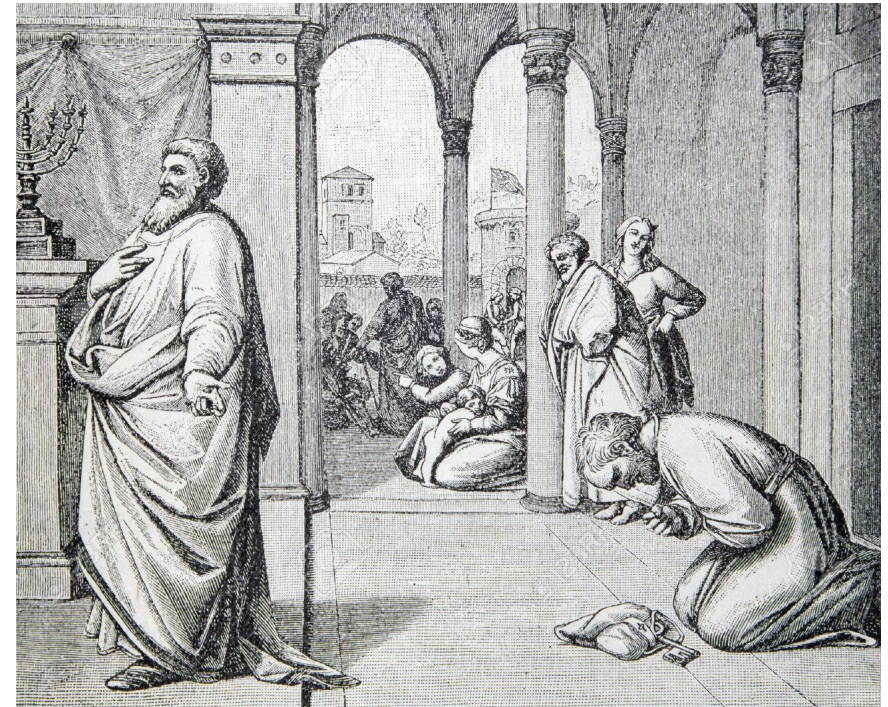
ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 Niedziela Zwyczajna

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