

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 10, 2019 – **32nd Ordinary Sunday**

9:30 AM Holy Mass

† Anna Grodek – requested by Bill Quilty

Monday, November 11, 2019 – **Veteran’s Day**

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 – **Weekday**

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 – **Weekday**

Thursday, November 14, 2019 – **Weekday**

Friday, November 15, 2019 – **Weekday**

Saturday, November 16, 2019 – **Weekday**

Sunday, November 17, 2019 – **33rd Ordinary Sunday**

9:30 AM Holy Mass

† Antonia Bussanich – requested by Bill Quilty

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

As we near the end of the Church’s liturgical year, the readings become more eschatological — having to do with the end times. The main theme of today’s readings is the reality of life after death and of the relationship between our lives on earth and the life of glory or punishment that will follow. The readings invite us to consider the true meaning of the Resurrection in our lives.

The first reading describes a Jewish family, consisting of a mother and her seven sons, who refused their conqueror’s command to eat pork, forbidden as “unclean” by Jewish Law. Because of their Faith in, and obedience to, God, they endure suffering and accept martyrdom. During their torture, three of the brothers speak, and each of them finds strength in the belief that he will eventually be raised and rewarded by God.

The second reading encourages the Thessalonians who were waiting for the *Parousia* or the *second coming* of Christ, to trust in the fidelity of God Who

would strengthen their hearts in every good work and word. The same theme of the resurrection of the dead is the basis of the confrontation described in today’s

Gospel passage. In this confrontation, Jesus ingeniously escapes from a doctrinal trap set for him and explains the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead, supported by the Pharisees and denied by the Sadducees. Jesus speaks of God as the God of the living and declares that heavenly life with God in glory is totally different from earthly life, explaining that there is no marriage in heaven in the earthly sense.



AFTERLIFE THEOLOGY OF THE PHARISEES

The Pharisees were an entirely religious group with no political ambitions and were content with any government which gave them religious freedom. They accepted both the Torah and the Prophets as authoritative Scripture, and they relied heavily on oral tradition to understand Scripture. They observed all the regulations and rules of the oral and ceremonial law, such as the Sabbath laws and the laws about ritual handwashing. The Pharisees believed in, and hoped for, the coming of the Messiah. They believed also in the resurrection of the dead, in angels, in spirits and in fate, i.e., that a man’s life was planned and ordered by God.

HEAVEN-ON-EARTH THEOLOGY OF THE SADDUCEES

The Sadducees constituted a party of wealth, power and privilege, which controlled the Temple worship. Although few in number, the Sadducees were the Jewish governing class, and they supported Roman rule. Nearly all priests were Sadducees. They acknowledged only written Scripture as bearing God’s word, accepting only the first five books of the Hebrew Bible as authoritative; they rejected the oral tradition which Pharisees found necessary for applying God’s revealed word to everyday life. They gave the writings of the prophets a lower place in their system. The Sadducees believed in unrestricted free-will and not in fate or Divine Providence. They assumed that we control our own destinies through our personal actions. They rejected the idea of the resurrection, because it was not found in the Torah. Nor did they believe in the coming of the Messiah.

OUR SAVIOUR PARISH TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

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

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

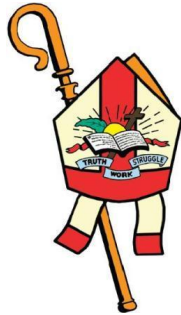
PRAYERS FOR OUR DECEASED

Thank you very much for All Souls Masses offered in our church. Why the names are so important to be mentioned during Mass? Because man dies twice – first, when God calls him/her to Himself; the second time – when people stop to mention his/her name and pray for them.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



**BLESSING OF CHILDREN
BY PRIME BISHOP
ANTHONY MIKOVSKY
AT ST. VALENTINE'S
ON SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 8, 2019**



On the Second Sunday of Advent, **December 8, 2019**, we will be blessed with a visit from the Most Reverend Anthony Mikovsky, the Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church. He will be the celebrant and homilist for **Holy Mass at 9:30 AM**. This is just a courtesy visit. Our chairman, Bill Quilty, invited Prime Bishop to our parish and Bishop Mikovsky answered with joy to this invitation. Our Primate will give his special Apostolic Blessing to all children from our parish. Please mark your calendar and spread the word.

ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

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Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM (English)



**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
32 Niedziela Zwyczajła**

November 10, 2019