

# LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 19, 2020 – 2 Ordinary Sunday

9:30 AM Holy Mass

† Irina Kurbat (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of death) – requested by daughters and Family

10:20 AM Special Parish Meeting

Monday, January 20, 2020 – Weekday

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 – Weekday

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 – Weekday

Thursday, January 23, 2020 – Weekday

Friday, January 24, 2020 – Weekday

Saturday, January 25, 2020 – Feast – Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Sunday, January 26, 2020 – 3 Ordinary Sunday – Music Scholarship Sunday

9:30 AM Holy Mass

† Alfred & Dorothy Karolkiewicz – requested by daughters Kathy and Trish

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2/2/2020 † Suzanne Valerio (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of death) – requested by Lisa Valerio

2/9/2020 † Bernie Minakowski – requested by Julie & Cliff Brown

2/16/2020 † Elizabeth Boyk (56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of death) – requested by Leon Boyk

2/23/2020 † Frank & Bernice Samiec

3/1/2020 † Genevieve Hutchens – requested by Julie & Cliff Brown

3/8/2020 † Jan Pelka (11 Anniversary of death)

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## Special Parish Meeting Today – January 19, 2020 10:20 AM All are invited!

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### FAITH SHARING

In both the first and second readings, God calls individuals to His service entrusting them with a mission. The first reading is from the “*Songs of the Suffering Servant*” in Isaiah, where aspects of Jesus’ own life as sacrificial lamb and mission as salvation of the world are foreshadowed. In the second reading, Paul reminds the Corinthian Christians that they are “sanctified and called to be

holy” like all who call on the name of Jesus. They are called by God and consecrated in Christ Jesus for a life of holiness and service. As believers, we have been called by God to become members of Christ’s Body by our Baptism, and we are consecrated in Christ Jesus for a life of holiness and service. The Gospel passage presents three themes, namely, the witness John the Baptist bears to Jesus, the revelation and identification of Jesus as the “Lamb of God,” and the call to discipleship.

We may choose to accept John’s testimony in today’s Gospel as a personal and corporate call from God to us to become witnesses to the Lamb of God.

### SUNDAY COLLECTION ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

The 2020 Sunday collection envelopes are available already. Please take yours and if you can deliver the envelopes to your relatives or friends please do so.

### OUR CHURCH GETS DIRTY

Yes, like every place, the church needs cleaning as well. There is no person hired by the parish who could clean the church, we cannot afford any cleaning service. So far me and my wife clean this place before each Sunday and keep this place nice and clean looking.

However, it would be good, if we could do what the people in other PNCC parishes do, they stay after Mass on Sunday and clean a little, running vacuum, watering the flowers, cleaning the pews etc. Of course, they rotate and take turns. Could we do the same at St. Valentine’s?

You can start from your own pew. Yes, we sit every week in the same spot. Let’s make sure that the pew you sit in is left in order after Mass, the hymnals are where they supposed to be. If you don’t take the bulletin home, please leave it on the table in the back of the church, not in the pew. Please keep kneelers up after Mass is done.

Thank you for taking care of God’s House.

### PARISH DUES FOR 2020

It’s time already to think about paying your parish dues for the year 2020. Many parishioners didn’t pay dues for 2019 or even earlier. If you didn’t pay yet, please do so. Many members don’t pay their dues for years at all. Dues are an obligation in the Polish National Catholic Church. Dues are \$225 yearly per adult member (\$100 goes to the General Church, \$25 to the Central Diocese and \$100 to our Parish). This is only ~62 cents/ day.

According to our Constitution of the PNCC, by neglecting paying dues, the individual/family loses the membership in the Parish and the Church, loses the right to vote and participate in Parish meetings, loses the right to burial at St. Valentine’s Cemetery, even if he/she has already paid for the plot and his/her relatives are buried there.

### THANK YOU FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATION REMOVAL

Big thanks to all those who stayed after Mass last Sunday and put the Christmas decorations down in our church and hall.

It is always an easy project when we work together. Thank you!

## SIX NEW (OLD) CANDELABRAS FOR THE FUNERAL MASSES

Since the end of June I was working on the old candelabras which I have found behind the altar. They were all covered by rust, dirt, paraffin and paint. Maybe some of you can remember them being in use during funeral Masses many years ago. I decided to give them a second lives. After cleaning them, polishing them by hand and mechanically and painting they look good again and hopefully they will serve for us for many years. One parishioner paid for the paint to restore them. Now these candelabras need six pillar oil candles. Searching the web I found nice candles made and available in Poland. The total cost of 6 oil refillable candles including shipping will be around \$400. To compare, the price of just one similar candle in the USA is around \$180. If there is some family/families/individual who would like to sponsor those candles for St. Valentine's Parish, please let me know.

## ALTAR CANDLES

Candles are lit for prayer intentions. To "light a candle for someone" indicates one's intention to say a prayer for another person, and the candle symbolizes that prayer.

During Holy Mass we light the candles for the greater glory of our Lord, but we light them also in our prayer intentions, so for ourselves as well.

For years we paid a lot of money for the candle oil cartridges. They are very expensive, and not easy to be found. The suppliers know that we have to purchase them anyway and they take advantage on churches. The box of 36 disposable cartridges is \$180-300 plus shipping, depends on supplier and state. One cartridge last for 5-6 Masses. We light 14 candles for each Mass, so you can easy calculate how fast we have to buy another box. I tried to drill a hole and refill them by syringe with much cheaper lamp oil but it can be done only twice until the wick inside is worn down.

We have to be wise and look for savings. There is a solution for it – the refillable cartridges used all over in the European churches. The cost of 14 of those will be approximately \$300 including shipping.

Is there any generous family or individual who can help us to make this improvement? We can also make a second collection few times until we get the needed amount.

## FUNERAL

† **Edward Krystofolski**, 97, passed away. The Funeral Prayer Service will be on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Slabinski Funeral Home, 2614 Orthodox St, Philadelphia, PA 19137. Interment – St. Valentine's Cemetery.

† **Beverly Wunderlich**, Father Senior Donald Wunderlich's wife passed away on Saturday, Jan 18 in Reading, PA. Arrangements are in the process of being made at this time. We will inform you of the details when they are available. Please check our webpage. Please pray for Fr. Donald and his daughter, Danielle, in their grief and sorrow.

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

# ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

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Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM (English)



**2 Ordinary Sunday**

**2 Niedziela Zwyczajła**

**January 19, 2020**