

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

9:30 AM Holy Mass

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

Monday, January 27, 2020 – **Weekday**

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 – **Weekday**

Wednesday, January 29, 2020 – **Weekday**

Thursday, January 30, 2020 – **Weekday**

Friday, January 31, 2020 – **Weekday**

Saturday, February 1, 2020 – **Weekday**

Sunday, February 2, 2020 – **Solemnity – Presentation of the Lord**

9:30 AM Holy Mass

† Suzanne Valerio (3rd Anniversary of death) – requested by Lisa Valerio

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

2/16/2020 † Elizabeth Boyk (56th Anniversary of death) – requested by Leon Boyk & Family

2/23/2020 † Frank & Bernice Samiec

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

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

3/15/2020 **OPEN**

3/22/2020 **OPEN**

3/29/2020 † Helen Misiewicz (100th Birthday) – requested by Marianne Woodland & Henry Jackowicz

4/5/2020 **OPEN**

4/12/2020 Easter Sunday – reserved for all our deceased relatives

4/19/2020 † Joseph & Maryanna Statkiewicz

† Helen & Thomas Misiewicz

† Deceased members of Statkiewicz Family – requested by Marianne Woodland & Henry Jackowicz

4/26/2020 † Dominick Jeblonski – requested by Matulewicz, Kunciw and Jeblonski Families

5/3/2020 **OPEN**

5/10/2020 Mother's Day – For All Mothers

5/17/2020 **OPEN**

5/24/2020 † Bernard Minakowski - requested by Jeff & Donna Spotts

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Let us pray for: Ewelina Filyushchenko, Julie & Cliff Brown, Ed & Florence, Kapuscinski, Estelle McKee, Josephine Zdanowicz, Anna Mendla, Barbara Ganteski, Joseph Smith, Andy Stachowicz.

If you like to add somebody to this list please let us know.

FAITH SHARING

Today's readings show that the early Christians understood how Jesus had fulfilled the expectations of ancient Israel.

The first reading contains the prophetic reference to Christ as the Light that dispels darkness.

The second reading advises the Corinthians to live as children of the Light, avoiding divisions and rivalries, because several factions had arisen among the Corinthian Christians, each claiming allegiance to its first Christian teacher or to a particular Apostle.

In today's Gospel reading St. Matthew explains that what Isaiah prophesied has been fulfilled through the preaching and healing ministry of Jesus. By his ministry of inviting people to the Kingdom of God through repentance, Jesus has brought Light to peoples living in darkness, thus fulfilling God's original promise. In addition, the Gospel describes the call of the first disciples, and Jesus' own preaching, teaching, and healing ministry which has led people to repent of their sins and accept the Good News of God's rule (the Kingdom of God). He has also chosen and empowered ordinary fishermen with no formal training in Mosaic Law to preach the Good News, and they became very effective instruments in the hands of the Holy Spirit, continuing Jesus' mission to the world.



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.

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.

CEMETERY

Please remove any Christmas decorations from the graves of your relatives until February 16, 2020. After this date all remaining items will be trashed.

	MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM
Mass for _____	_____
Date Requested _____	Time _____
Requested by _____	_____
Address _____	_____
Phone Number _____ - _____ - _____	Amount \$ _____
<i>Please mail this form and Mass stipend to: St. Valentine's PNCC, 2330 Margaret St, Philadelphia, PA 19137 or call parish office at (215) 535-4978.</i>	

ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

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Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM (English)



3 Ordinary Sunday

3 Niedziela Zwykła

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