

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 9, 2020 – **Septuagesima Sunday**

9:30 AM Holy Mass

† Bernie Minakowski – requested by Julie & Cliff Brown

Monday, February 10, 2020 – **Weekday**

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 – **Weekday**

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 – **Weekday**

Thursday, February 13, 2020 – **Weekday**

Friday, February 14, 2020 – **Weekday**

Saturday, February 15, 2020 – **Weekday**

Sunday, February 16, 2020 – **Sexagesima Sunday**

9:30 AM Holy Mass

† 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 Peřka (11th Anniversary of death)

3/15/2020 **OPEN**

3/22/2020 † Tadeusz Ćitko – requested by Bill Quilty

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

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

5/17/2020 **OPEN**

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, February 26, is a holy day in obligation. All Catholics are obliged to participate in the Holy Mass that day and to do the act of penance by receiving the ashes on the forehead. This special day as the beginning of the Holy Lent cannot be transferred to Sunday. **The ashes will be distributed on Ash Wednesday only. Holy Mass will be at 7:00 PM.**

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, Wanda Groman.

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

FAITH SHARING

In our first reading, the Lord God through His prophet Isaiah gives us examples of how we are to allow the light of God to shine through us. *“Share your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own. Then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday”* (58:7, 10).

The refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps.112), reminds us, *“The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright.”*

St. Paul, in the second reading, tells us that our proclamation of Faith will carry the Spirit and His power when we rely on the power and wisdom of God.

Using two simple metaphors of salt and the light of a city on a mountain in today's Gospel, Jesus outlines the role of Christians in this world.



As a symbol of purity, salt was the common ingredient in sacrifices offered to God by Jews and pagans. In the ancient world, salt was the commonest of all preservatives, used to prevent the putrefaction of meat, fish and fruits in pickles. Salt lends flavor to

food items and was used to season and preserve food. A light is something which is meant to be seen. A lamp or light is a guide to make clear the way. A light serves also as a warning (e.g., red traffic lights which tell us to halt when there is danger ahead. Finally, light, particularly the sun's, gives warmth and heat.

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 - UPDATE

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.

We got a donation for the altar candles oil cartridges from one of our parishioners. Thank you for it. May God’s blessing will be always with you! The inserts will be ordered and shipped from Poland as soon as possible.

ST. VALENTINE’S FEAST DAY

St. Valentine is the patron saint of our Parish. To honor him, we will celebrate a special Mass on **Sunday, February 16, at 9:30 AM**. We will pray for all those whom we love. There is no better gift than receiving the Holy Communion and offering it for the beloved person.

After the Mass all are invited to our church hall for coffee and something sweet. We hope that everyone will be able to attend and that they will bring family, loved ones and friends.

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.

CHURCH HALL BASEMENT READY FOR PAINTING

I continue cleaning and painting our church hall basement. The staircase is already painted. The boiler room is all cleaned and empty. All unnecessary items have been trashed. This room was packed with all kind of trash, car parts, wheels, rusted pipes and molded wood collected there for over 50 years. With the help of Leon I removed partially all metal junk. Yesterday with the help of Patrik and Vlad (thanks guys) I was able to emptied it completely. We packed the whole truck of trash. Now the rest of the walls can be scrubbed and painted. Thank you for the paint donated by one of our parishioners.

ST. VALENTINE’S PARISH

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Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM (English)



**5th Ordinary Sunday
Septuagesima**

5 Niedziela Zwykła

February 9, 2020

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|  | MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM |
| Mass for _____ | _____ |
| Date Requested _____ | Time _____ |
| Requested by _____ | _____ |
| Address _____ | _____ |
| Phone Number _____ - _____ - _____ | Amount \$ _____ |
| <small>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.</small> | |