#### LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 8, 2020 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Sunday

**9:30** AM – Holy Mass (also available online on YouTube & Facebook) † Cecylia Kaczmarczyk – requested by Joyce Paluszkiewicz

Monday, November 9, 2020 – **Solemnity – Commemoration of All Souls 7:00 PM – Holy Mass** (also available online on YouTube & Facebook) † For All Deceased

Tuesday, November 10, 2029 - Weekday

Wednesday, November 11, 2020 – Poland Independence Day
7:00 PM – Holy Mass (also available online on YouTube & Facebook)
Czym jest dla mnie Polska? – refleksja i modlitwa
What is Poland for me today? – reflection and prayer
Thursday, November 12, 2020 – Weekday
Friday, November 13, 2020 – Weekday
Saturday, November 14, 2020 – Weekday
Sunday, November 15, 2020 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Sunday
9:30 AM – Holy Mass (also available online on YouTube & Facebook)

† Rita Paluszkiewicz – requested by Joyce Paluszkiewicz

11/16/202	20 7:00 PM	For health and all God's graces needed and protection and care of the Blessed Mother for Izabela (Birthday) – a gift from husband
11/21/202	20 7:00 PM	<b>OPEN</b> – no intention yet
11/22/202	20 9:30 AM	† Thomas Misiewitz - requested by Henry Jackowicz
		& Marianne Woodland
11/26/202	20 9:30 AM	<b>OPEN</b> – no intention yet
11/29/202	20 9:30 AM	† William Brandt, Jr - requested by Kathy
		Karolkiewicz-Hull
11/30/202	20 7:00 PM	<b>OPEN</b> – no intention yet
12/04/202	20 7:00 PM	† Bernie Minakowski – requested by Barbara Sulikoski
12/06/202	20 9:30 AM	† Dorothy Karolkiewicz – requested by Kathy & Trish
12/08/202	20 7:00 PM	<b>OPEN</b> – no intention yet
12/12/202	20 7:00 PM	<b>OPEN</b> – no intention yet
12/13/202	20 9:30 AM	† Henry & Hedwig Jackowicz – requested by Henry
		Jackowicz & Marianne Woodland
12/20/202	20 9:30 AM	<b>OPEN</b> – no intention yet

#### PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Let us pray for: Ewelina Filyushchenko, Julie & Cliff Brown, Ed & Florence, Kapuscinski, Josephine Zdanowicz, Anna Mendla, Barbara Ganteski, Joseph Smith, Andy Stachowicz, Wanda Groman, Antoinette Drake, Bernice Michlinski, Alfreada Janczuk, Genevieve Root, Chris Jeblonski, Thomas Castello.

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION

Parishioners who don't attend Mass in person are still obliged, according to The Constitution of the PNCC, to support the parish weekly. Please mail your Sunday Offering envelopes to Parish Office or <u>donate online</u> using our <u>webpage</u>. Thank you for your generosity!

#### ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE



#### FAITH SHARING

This Sunday's readings tell us that a searching, watching, and growing heart is essential for a lively, dynamic Faith in God. They challenge us to check whether we are ready for these events and how we are preparing for them.

Since Jesus' parable in today's Gospel has five well-prepared, wise women, the first reading chosen for today is one which personifies wisdom as a woman. The author advises Jews in Alexandria not to envy the wisdom of the pagan philosophers, because they themselves have true wisdom in their Sacred Scripture, a wisdom which regulates not only this life but the next also. Therefore, they must live their lives in strict conformity with the Divine wisdom given them so generously by God.

In the second reading, Paul offers Christian wisdom, assuring those Christians who expected Jesus' second coming in their lifetime that the death and Resurrection of Jesus is powerful enough to save even those who die before



Jesus' *second coming*. But they need to be alert, well-prepared and vigilant.

In the Gospel parable of the ten virgins, the foolish virgins represent the "Chosen People of God" who were waiting for the Messiah but were shut out from the messianic banquet because they were unprepared. The parable teaches us that, like the five wise virgins, we should attend to duties of the present moment, preparing now, rather than waiting until it is too late.

#### SHARE FOOD PROGRAM AT ST. VALENTINE'S

A charitable program at St. Valentines has been temporarily suspended last week. This week, we found out



that we will be able to continue the program, however, our allocation was cut by 50%. As such, we will have to cut the amount of food distributed to all families. We appreciate your patience. As of now, please prepare to have our regular distribution next week, likely with less food.

A food box is available for everyone each Wednesday at the door of our church hall on Melrose Street. Distribution time: Wednesdays, 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. Volunteers are welcome, at 8:30 AM to unload the delivery truck.

#### NOVEMBER 11 – POLAND CELEBRATES AN INDEPENDENCE DAY

National Independence Day is celebrated to commemorate the anniversary of the restoration of Poland's sovereignty in 1918. Following the partitions in the late 18th century, Poland ceased to exist for 123 years until the end of World War I, when the destruction of the neighboring powers allowed the country to reemerge. Let us offer our special prayers for Poland this week.

#### POLISH FLAG DESECRATED AT ST. VALENTINES

I am sad to report that on November 4, 2020, sometime after dusk, the Polish Flag always proudly waving along with the American Flag in front of the rectory for many years, has been desecrated and the flagpole was broken. We are not sure if it was an act of vandalism or discrimination.

St. Valentine's Polish Parish has been peacefully serving for over 100 years for Polish people and a huge international community in our neighborhood, in Bridesburg section of Philadelphia and beyond. This act of vandalism is concerning to us, especially now, during the pandemic, as we cooperate with the Philadelphia Share Food Program to feed 200+ Polish, Latino and American families every week. Our Church Hall is also used for the neighborhood as voting poll place, and our church building serves for believers seeking faith, hope and love.

We are highly concerned and disappointed because of this incident. Earlier, in July, fireworks were set off inside the church through an open window. Nobody was injured but it was a high fire risk.

Are we looking for justice? There is no need for law enforcement to be involved but we would like to appeal to our local authorities and local communities for peace. St. Valentine's is going to be faithful to our mission statement and as the church we are going to tirelessly serve the people regardless of their beliefs, race or political differences. *"We are not enemies, but friends." (Abraham Lincoln, 1861)* 

We are asking our Polish American organizations, institutions and businesses, as well as people of good-will to help us to fund and install a security camera system around our church for the safety of our neighborhood, especially Polish citizens looking for help in our church, so that we can continue the charitable programs we provide to our community. May God bless America! May God bless Poland! May God bless all of us!

Rev. Mariusz Mularczyk and St. Valentine's PNCC Parish Committee

#### LIST OF ITEMS YOU CAN DONATE TO ST. VALENTINE'S

Dear Parishioners and Friends, you can help in our Parish budget, if you can donate the items listed below:

Clorox or Lysol wipes (any brand) Vacuum bags (<u>For BISSELL Style 7</u>) Toilet paper Paper towels Liquid hand soap Latex gloves (Large) 25 ft power extension cord Printer toner (Brother TN730 or TN 760 - <u>Amazon</u>

Lamp Oil (for candles) - <u>Walmart</u> Hand held candle lighters Copy paper (any brand) <del>Windex (any size)</del> <del>Dawn (any size)</del> Dust floor mop (commercial size) Wet floor mop (commercial size) Printer toner (For Xerox WorkCentre 6515) - Amazon

### **ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH**

Polish National Catholic Church 2330 Margaret St, Philadelphia, PA 19137, (215) 535-4978 www.stvalentinespncc.org, stvalentinespncc@gmail.com www.facebook.com/StValentinesPNCCPhiladelphia Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM (English)

# DO YOU HAVE EXTRA OIL?

## Matthew 25: 1-13

32<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Sunday

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November 8,2020