### LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday, July 2, 2023 – 13 Ordinary Sunday

9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL) † Alfreda Janczuk (Birthday – June 6) – requested by Joyce Paluszkiewicz Monday, July 3, 2023 – Weekday Tuesday, July 4, 2023 – Independence Day Wednesday, July 5, 2023 – Weekday Thursday, July 6, 2023 – Weekday Friday, July 7, 2023 – Weekday Saturday, July 8, 2023 – Weekday Sunday, July 9, 2023 – 14 Ordinary Sunday 9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL) For St. Valentine's Parishioners and Friends

07/16/23 Su	9:30 AM	† Leon Boyk, Sr. (14th Anniversary of Death) - requested by
		Leon Boyk, Jr. & Family
07/23/23 Su	9:30 AM	† Lewis E Woodfland, Jr. – requested by Henry Jackowicz
		& Marianne Woodland
07/30/23 Su	9:30 AM	OPEN
08/06/23 Su	9:30 AM	OPEN
08/13/23 Su	9:30 AM	OPEN
08/20/23 Su	9:30 AM	OPEN
08/27/23 Su	9:30 AM	OPEN
09/03/23 Su	9:30 AM	OPEN
09/10/23 Su	9:30 AM	OPEN
09/17/23 Su	9:30 AM	OPEN
09/24/23 Su	9:30 AM	OPEN
10/01/23 Su	9:30 AM	OPEN

#### PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Let us pray for: Ewelina Filyushchenko, Julie & Cliff Brown, Ed Kapuscinski, Joseph Smith, Wanda Groman, Antoinette Drake, Bernice Michlinski, Marianna Pełka, Bronisław Korus, Jean Slowakiewicz O'Brien, Marie Turlinski-Kelley, Ewa Nowak.

## Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home.

#### FAITH SHARING

The common theme of today's readings is the witnessing mission given to Christ's followers to love God and our brothers and sisters through hospitality, generosity, commitment in humble service, and the practice of corporal and spiritual works (acts) of mercy (charity). The readings also remind us of the sacrifice demanded



of Jesus' disciples and the suffering they will endure for their Faith when they bear witness to Jesus.

<u>In our first reading</u>, we see, the welcome given to the prophet Elisha by an elderly, childless couple who lived in Shunem. The wife recognized the holiness of Elisha. She showed him reverence and hospitality by inviting him to dine with her and her husband and by arranging an upper room of their house so that Elisha might stay with them when he visited the area. In response, Elisha promised her, "*This time next year you will be fondling a baby son*." The promise was fulfilled by God.

<u>The second reading</u>, taken from Paul's letter to the Romans, explains why those who care for the followers of Jesus are caring for Jesus himself, and those who show hospitality to any one of them are eligible for a reward.

<u>Today's Gospel</u> lesson concludes Jesus' great "missionary discourse" in which he instructs the twelve apostles on the cost and the reward of the commitment required of a disciple. The first half of these sayings of Jesus details the behavior expected of his disciples, and the second half speaks of the behavior expected of others towards the disciples.



Jesus assures his disciples that whoever shows them hospitality will be blessed. Those who receive Je sus receive the One who sent him. Also, those who help the "little ones," (believers) and the poor, the sick, and the needy will be amply rewarded.

#### PASTOR TRANSFERRED

July 23, 2023 will be the last Sunday for Fr. Mariusz as an Administrator of St. Valentine's Parish, Philadelphia, PA and Our Saviour Parish, Lawrenceville, NJ. Father is transferred to Holy Family PNCC Parish in McKeesport, PA. Please keep Fr. M and his Family in your prayers.

#### FAREWELL DINNER

All Parishioners and Friends are invited to our Farewell Dinner on Sunday, July 16, 2023 at 2:00PM at the church hall of Our Saviour Parish, 2300 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648.

Catering from the famous Polish restaurant Maximus in Lawrenceville.

Kindly please respond RSVP by July 11. Please call or text at (412) 330-8286, or email at stvalentinespncc@gmail.com



**FAREWELL DINNER** 

Please <u>don't call</u> the Parish Office number. It is in the process of transferring and cannot be monitored at this time.

#### SO, YOUR PASTOR IS BEING TRANSFERRED

So, you just learned that your pastor is being transferred. How do you react? For some folks, even regular church-going types, it doesn't make a lot of difference.

They don't have a strong personal relationship with their pastor; their feelings about his performance are neutral; and they just presume that next week someone else will show up to say Mass.

Some are thrilled when they learn that their pastor is moving on. They never really liked their priest to begin with; they thought he was an incompetent, irreverent and lazy; and they think it's just fine that he'll be imposed upon some other unsuspecting congregation somewhere.

And some people are disappointed, even angry, when they learn that their pastor is being moved, and they don't hesitate to tell each other exactly how they feel. So, let me get this straight. The number of priests available for assignment is decreasing rapidly. Recently, we had more priests retiring or sick, unable to serve. Few pastors and bishops passed away. And we have no new priests ordained. Parishes must be merged or permanently closed.

And it means that everyone's patience, understanding and cooperation will be necessary. So, if your pastor is being transferred, pray for him and his new ministry. Keep in mind that he was ordained to serve the needs of the entire Diocese and the entire PNCC, and not just your parish. If you've benefited from his ministry, thank him, and thank God. And welcome your new pastor too; support and encourage him. Of course, he won't be identical to your former pastor and undoubtedly, he won't be perfect. But if you wait for a perfect priest, the pulpit in your church will be empty for a long, long time.



#### CHURCH HALL FLOODED AGAIN

This is the third time during one month that the storm water damaged our church hall basement. Collecting the water to the buckets took us few hours. Parish Committee must talk about this problem. Waterproofing this place will cost us arms and legs.

#### FALLEN TREE AT ST. VALENTINE'S CEMETERY

Due to heavy storm last week, a tree fell down destroying the fence along the driveway. No damages of the tombstones have been reported.

Patrik, our cemetery caretaker is working on it already, however the ground in the park is still too wet for tractor to be used.

There is no danger to visit the cemetery.



# **ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH**

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**13 Ordinary Sunday** 

13 Niedziela Zwykła

July 2, 2023



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