

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, July 9, 2023 – 14 Ordinary Sunday**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL)**

For St. Valentine's Parishioners and Friends

**Monday, July 10, 2023 – Weekday**

**Tuesday, July 11, 2023 – Weekday**

**Wednesday, July 12, 2023 – Weekday**

**Thursday, July 13, 2023 – Weekday**

**Friday, July 14, 2023 – Weekday**

**Saturday, July 15, 2023 – Weekday**

**Sunday, July 16, 2023 – 15 Ordinary Sunday**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL)**

† Leon Boyk, Sr. (14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death) – requested by Leon Boyk, Jr. & Family

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| 07/23/23 | Su | 9:30 AM | † Lewis E Woodfland, Jr. – requested by Henry Jackowicz & Marianne Woodland |
| 07/30/23 | Su | 9:30 AM | <b>OPEN</b>   |
| 08/06/23 | Su | 9:30 AM | <b>OPEN</b>   |
| 08/13/23 | Su | 9:30 AM | <b>OPEN</b>   |
| 08/20/23 | Su | 9:30 AM | <b>OPEN</b>   |
| 08/27/23 | Su | 9:30 AM | <b>OPEN</b>   |
| 09/03/23 | Su | 9:30 AM | <b>OPEN</b>   |
| 09/10/23 | Su | 9:30 AM | <b>OPEN</b>   |
| 09/17/23 | Su | 9:30 AM | <b>OPEN</b>   |
| 09/24/23 | Su | 9:30 AM | <b>OPEN</b>   |
| 10/01/23 | Su | 9:30 AM | <b>OPEN</b>   |

### 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 Pelka, 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

During the Independence Day celebration, Americans probably heard all or part of Emma Lazarus' poem inscribed on the base of the Statue of Liberty: *"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.... Send these, the homeless tempest-tossed to me."*

Today's readings, especially the Gospel, give the same message in a more powerful way: *"Take my yoke... and you will find rest."*

In the first reading, the prophet Zechariah consoles the Jews living in Palestine under Greek rule, promising them a "meek" Messianic King of peace riding on a donkey, who will give them rest and liberty.

In the second reading, Paul tells the first-century Christian community in Rome about two yokes, namely, the "flesh" and the "Spirit," and he challenges them to reject the heavy and fatal yoke of the flesh and accept the light yoke of the Spirit of Jesus. Christian spirituality, according to Paul, proceeds from the initiative of the Holy Spirit and means living in the realm of the "Spirit" as opposed to the "flesh."

In the Gospel, Jesus offers rest to those *"who labor and are burdened"* if they will accept his *"easy yoke and light burden."* By declaring that his *"yoke is light,"* Jesus means that whatever God sends us is made to fit our needs and our abilities exactly. The second part of Jesus' claim is: *"My burden is light."* Jesus does not mean that the burden is easy to carry, but that it is laid on us in love, that it is meant to be carried in love, and that love makes even the heaviest burden light.



### 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

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



**FAREWELL DINNER**

### 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.



Say Goodbye to Our Pastor and Family

#### NEW PA SYSTEM IN OUR CHURCH

As you remember, the whole PA and video system at St. Valentine's belongs to me. I purchased it from my own pocket when I came to your Parish in 2017 and added many new things each year. The reason was simple: the ancient devices which were installed here were not good at all, and when I ask you to buy something newer, your answer was "We have no money". I had some, and invested my savings into good quality microphones, mixers, and other audio and video equipment. Now, when I got transferred, unfortunately, all what is mine must go with me.

However, I don't want you to go back what you had before (although all of the old devices were still kept here in the storage), I purchased on behalf of you, some basic and middle-class audio equipment, looking for less expensive items affordable for you. Almost all orders arrived last week, so we got to work immediately.

Because I can't do much by myself, being recently physically disabled, therefore my wife Izabela had to get quick audio and acoustic engineer training and directed by me, she put all things together and set this system for you. Please appreciate what we've done sitting here in this heat for many days. I expect only the reimbursement for ordered parts. Parish still owes me \$978.00 for wiring and installed audio sockets in the entire church in 2021. Some extra prayer for my health will be also highly appreciated.

System is all set up and adjusted, working already today. Church is equipped now in three wired Shure dynamic microphones in the sanctuary and two wireless. There is a microphone installed for the organist as well. System is synchronized to play the music during the liturgy from the laptop or tablet located in the pulpit, altar, organ or even on the choir lot. All wired connections are tested and ready to serve.

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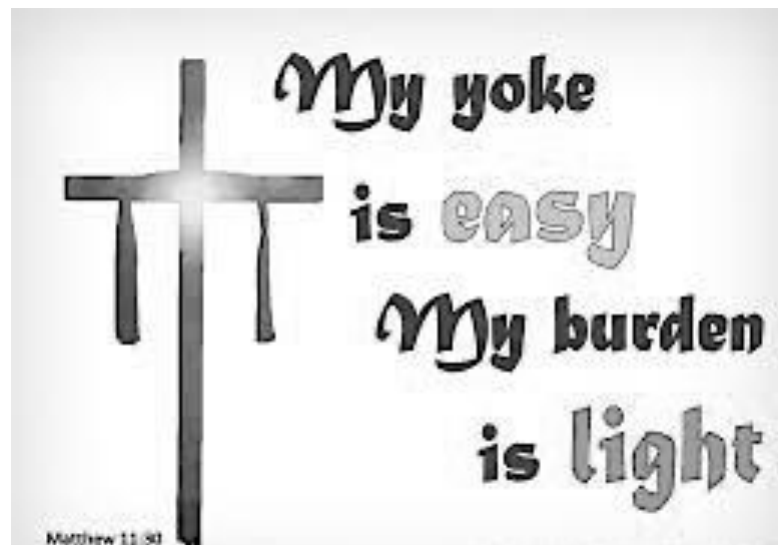
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Sunday Mass: 9: 30 AM (English/Polish)



**14 Ordinary Sunday**

**14 Niedziela Zwyczajna**

**July 9, 2023**

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