# LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

## 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 Monday, July 17, 2023 – Weekday Tuesday, July 18, 2023 – Weekday Wednesday, July 19, 2023 – Weekday Thursday, July 20, 2023 – Weekday Friday, July 21, 2023 – Weekday Saturday, July 22, 2023 – Weekday Sunday, July 23, 2023 – 16 Ordinary Sunday 9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL) † 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.

## 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.

#### NEW ASSIGNMENT

Bishop of the Central Diocese, Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki, assigned **Rev. Carmen Bolock**, currently Reserve Clergy and previously Pastor of St Mary's Parish in Duryea, PA (closed) as a new Administrator of St. Valentine's Parish in Philadelphia and Our Saviour Parish in Lawrenceville, NJ.

Welcome Fr. Carmen to our communities!

# FAITH SHARING

Today's readings are about the transforming power of the word of God when read, preached, and lived. They also warn us not to be disappointed at the absence of immediate results.

In the first reading, Isaiah consoles the Jewish slaves in Babylon, assuring them that, like rain and snow which water the earth so that seeds may sprout and grow, God's word will accomplish His purpose, in this case by returning the exiles to their homes in peace as God has promised.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that just as seeds must fall into the earth and die to produce an abundant crop, the pain and sufferings God permits in our lives work in us for our redemption.



Today's Gospel teaches us that the word of the Lord is the seed, and our hearts and minds are the soil. The seed's good spiritual yield in one's life depends on how fully one willingly accepts and responds to the word of the Lord. The yield arising from the positive response will be abundant beyond all imagining. The parable tells us to do our part by preparing fertile soil in our hearts in which the

word of God can germinate, grow, and yield 30-, 60, or 100-fold.

## 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.

Thank you all those who sent RSVP. See you there!



# 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.

#### NEW PA SYSTEM – UPDATE

Right after Mass last Sunday, when I asked for donation or a loan for our new PA system, Martin and Jennifer Carney from Florida texted me that they wish to cover the total cost of the audio system in our church in memory of Martin's parents, Joseph and Helen Carney.

Jennifer and Martin celebrate their Anniversary of the Sacrament of Marriage. They were married at St. Valentine's 45 years ago, on July 15, 1978.

Congratulations! We wish you many more years together in good health, happiness and God's blessing!



# BISHOP OF THE WESTERN DIOCESE PNCC PASSED AWAY

**† Rt. Rev. Jarosław (Jerry) Rafalko, Bishop Ordinary of the Western Diocese, P.N.C.C.,** entered the eternal rest of the Lord, on July 13, 2023. We give thanks to Almighty God for Bishop Jerry's years of ministry as a Priest within the Western Diocese and as the Bishop of the Western Diocese. We ask that you keep his wife, Leslie; the Western Diocese; and all the parishes of the Western Diocese in your prayers.

Details of the Funeral Mass will be released when available.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Wieczny odpoczynek racz mu dać, Panie. A światłość wiekuista niechaj mu świeci. Niech odpoczywa w pokoju wiecznym. Amen.

# **ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH**

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# **15 Ordinary Sunday**

15 Niedziela Zwykła

# July 16, 2023

