

ST. VALENTINE'S POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY JUNE 29th SOLEMNITY OF THE WORD OF GOD, (WHITE)

LESSON: Isaiah 55:6-11 **LESSON:** 1st Thessalonians 2:10-13 **GOSPEL:** St. Luke 8:4-15

9:30AM Mass for the souls of the Departed Stephen & Helen Carney:Req. by Mr. & Mrs.

Martin Carney

MONDAY JUNE 30th FEAST OF S.S. PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES, (RED)

8AM Mass for an Increase of Vocations.

TUESDAY JULY 1st

NO MASS THIS WEEK. Fr. Carmen has been summoned for jury duty. In case he is kept, we do not have to worry for the week. Fr. Carmen will be home in the evenings.

SUNDAY JULY 6th 14th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, (GREEN)

LESSON: Isaiah 66:10-14 **LESSON:** Galatians 6:14-18 **GOSPEL:** St. Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Joseph Harvilicz

4th OF JULY: This Friday we will celebrate our 249th Birthday as a nation. A nation of people who live free. A land where we can do and be whatever we want. To work the job we want, with no one to tell us what to do or where to live or go. We have laws to protect us and bring to justice those who violate those laws. Over the century many have fought and died to protect our way of life. Those who fought for our nations may have been of our own families. As we celebrate our great nation, let us take time to stop and thank those who went to war for us. Let us also pray for those who paid the price for freedom. Let us pray that we will continue to live as a nation free and under God.

SACRED VOCATIONS: Please pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Diaconate.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: JULY 4th Independence Day

THE WORD OF GOD: Is a part of everything we do in worship. At the Second General Synod held in Scranton, PA in 1909 The Word of God was made a Sacrament. To maintain the tradition of Seven Sacraments the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation were joined together as one Sacrament. Even though Confirmation is received later.

The Word of God has Sacramental value, the word heard, read and preached is Sacrament. It is given a special place in Holy Mass and other times. The Word of God was not realized as having Sacramental value by the Roman Church until the 1960's. Some of other Christian Churches say Catholics do not have Scripture in our worship. Each of the Sacraments are found in Scripture. The Letters of St. Paul were meant as instructions to the Churches. It was only when the Canon of Scripture for the New Testament was being put together that they were made part of scripture.

There was a time when people were not allowed to read the bible, but now anyone can investigate the bible, and ask questions. We have a great gift in the Sacrament of the Word of God. We are to treasure it as we do the other Sacraments. Open your hearts to the Word of God.

IN NEED OF PRAYER: Michele Elliot, Bridgette Roth, Christi Duff, Nancy, Kyle, Fr. Carmen, Mary Gonzalez, Marie Harrington, Brian Poplarchick, Cliff and Julie Brown.