

ST. VALENTINE'S POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY JULY 13th, 24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, (GREEN)

LESSON: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 **LESSON:** 1st Timothy 1:12-17 **GOSPEL:** St. Luke 15:1-32

9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Bishop Jeroslaw Rafalko; 2nd Ani of death.

MONDAY JULY 14th WEEKDAY OF THE 15th WEEK OR ORDINARY TIME, (GREEN)

8AM Mass for the soul the Departed Bishop Jeroslaw Rafalko; 2nd Ani of death.

TUESDAY JULY 15th ST BONAVENTURE, DR. & CONFESSOR, (WHITE)

8AM Mass for Fr. Carmen on his Birthday: Offered Pat, Nicholas & David

WEDNESDAY JULY 16th OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, (WHITE)

8AM Mass for the health of the sick

THURSDAY JULY 17th WEEKDAY OF THE 14th WEEK OR ORDINARY TIME (GREEN)

8AM Mass for the an increase of Vocations

FRIDAY JULY 18th WEEKDAY OF THE 15th WEEK OR ORDINARY TIME, (GREEN)

8AM Mass for the Peace.

SUNDAY JULY 20th 16th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, (GREEN)

LESSON: Genesis 18:1-10 **LESSON:** Colossians 1:24-28 **GOSPEL:** St. Luke 10:38-42

9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Leon Boyk, Sr. 16th Ann of death Req. by Leon

MOUNT CARMEL: What happened on Mt. Carmel? **The fire miracle** on Mount Carmel in 1 Kings 18 is one of the most spectacular in the Bible. Elijah called fire down from heaven which consumed not only a bull on an altar but also the altar itself made of twelve stones and twelve pots of water poured on the offering.

VACATION TIME: While we look to take time away from our jobs in the Summer, there is no vacation from the care of our Spiritual life. Let Fr. Carmen know where you will spend your vacation and he will look to see if there is a PNCC parish in that area.

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

MERCY: We are all familiar with the film the Ten commandments. There is the scene when Moses comes down and sees the golden calf. He throws the tablets and destroys the calf and many of the people died. Today's first reading tells us that God wanted to do it and make a new nation for Moses. But, Moses intercedes for the people. Things seem to get smoothed over.

Because of it the people of Israel wondered in the desert for 40 years. Moses tells God not to kill them, because people would say God only brought them out of Egypt to kill them. Moses asked for mercy and God granted it. We sin many times a day, but God the Father shows us mercy rather than let us die in sin. Mercy is not given unless asked for.

When we come to confess our sins we ask for mercy. Mercy is not given unless asked for by us. God does not care if we do not ask. We need to ask for mercy each day. Mercy is granted if we ask. Each time we come to confess our sins to the father we ask mercy for what we have done. In the asking for mercy God knows we will sin again because of things around us or our weakness.

It is in the light of mercy we are allowed to continue in faith. That does not mean we can do what we want knowing God will grant us mercy. It is a sin to just rely on God's mercy. We need to do what is necessary to void the temptation to sin. We have to meet the Father half way, to do our best to void the things that lead us to sin, even anger.

Many think they do not need the mercy of the Father, they say I can repent when I am going to die. We do not know when that will be. That is sinful to take God's love and mercy for granted. When we cannot get to Confession we need to end each day with the words, "Father forgive me."

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