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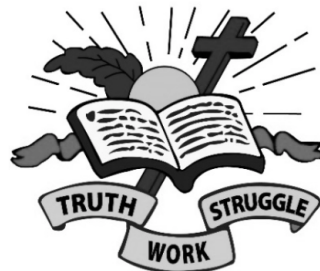
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August 11, 2019

20th Ordinary Sunday

FAITH SHARING

The central theme of today's readings is that we should courageously live out our religious convictions and principles in our lives, as Jeremiah, Paul and Jesus did, even if doing so should result in our martyrdom and turn society upside down.

BIBLE READINGS

JER 38:4-6, 8-10

Jeremiah, in our first reading, is presented as experiencing the consequences of the burning word of God within him. Jeremiah's preaching divided the city and incited such opposition that people sought his death. He showed the courage of his prophetic conviction by telling the king that he had to surrender to the mighty army of Babylonian empire to save Israel. The result was that Jeremiah was thrown into a deep, muddy cistern to die for his "treason."

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, come to my aid!

HEB 12:1-4

The author challenges the Judeo-Christians to stand firm in their Faith in Jesus, ignoring the ostracism imposed on them by their own former Jewish community.

LK 12:49-53

Jesus preaches the word of God which continues to divide families, a word which, he knew, would lead ultimately to his death. The fire Jesus brings is the fire of love and the fire of hope. The disruption, division, and revolution, are necessary to re-set what's fractured, put right what's dislocated and cleanse what's infected.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Psalm 139:7-8,11-12a)

V. Where can I hide from your spirit? From Your presence, where can I flee? If I ascend to the heavens, You are there; if I lie down in Sheol, You are there too.

R. Surely darkness shall hide me, and night shall be my light. Darkness is not dark for You, and night shines as the day.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gospel

LK 12:49-53

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

R. Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

WE SHOULD HAVE FIRE IN OUR HEARTS

On the day of our Baptism, we received the light of Christ and were instructed to keep that torch burning brightly until the return of Christ Jesus. Further, the Holy Spirit was sent into our hearts at Confirmation to help set us on fire. The old proverb should be applicable to all baptized and confirmed Christians: "He /She who is on fire cannot sit on a chair." Our Lord Jesus continues to cast fire on the earth, the fire of the Spirit, through the ministry of Word and Sacraments. As Christians, we should have fire to inflame people to care, to serve, and to bless each other with all the gifts of Faith. We should work with the Holy Spirit to allow that fire to burn off the impurities in us and to bring out the purity of the gold and silver within us. We need Divine fire to inflame our hearts with the love of God and love for His children.

"YOU CAN'T SEE WHAT'S RIGHT UNDER YOUR FEET"

The Greek version of Jesus' diatribe against the crowd in this week's Gospel text is perhaps the experience of the Greek philosopher, Thales. He ventured outside one night with a knowledgeable, elderly woman who had promised to teach him about the stars. In the darkness, he fell into a ditch and started screaming for help. The old woman responded dryly, "You want to know all about the Heavens, but you can't see what's right under your feet".

Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn

#1 – Hymn Of Faith (verses 1 & 4)

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 – Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

#226 Fairest Lord Jesus

Communion Hymn

#178 – Jesus, Bless Your Faithful People

Recessional Hymn

#221 – Turn Your Eyes To Jesus

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday, August 17

20th Ordinary Sunday

5:30 PM – Holy Mass

Saturday, August 24

21st Ordinary Sunday

5:30 PM – Holy Mass

Saturday, August 31

22nd Ordinary Sunday

5:30 PM – Holy Mass

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Our email has been changed to
pastor@oursaviorpncc.org

PASTOR'S

DIRECT PHONE NUMBER

In case of all regular Parish issues please call Fr. Mariusz at 215-535-4978. This number is always linked to pastor's cell phone, so in case of real emergency please also use this number.

PASTOR'S ADDRESS

Fr. Mariusz lives at
St. Valentine's PNCC Rectory.
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Philadelphia, PA 19137

BULLETIN INFORMATION

If you have any information which supposed to be in our parish bulletin, please call or email Fr. Mariusz. Due date for each bulletin is always Friday, 4:00 p.m.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health and wellbeing of Howard Friedman, Michael and Bernice Muha, Stanley Sostak, Janet Caruso, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, John and Jane Aldershoff, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Tom Goff, Milton Keiles, Claire Armstrong, David Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, James Stenz, Dorothy Nabinger, John Russell, Ronald Brower, Dorothy Zytczk. Jan Cherneski.

For the repose of the soul of Irene Jugan, Joseph Sub.

Our Father...

INTENTION FOR THE HOLY MASS TODAY:

† Irina Kurbat (56th Birthday) – requested by Daughters and Family

ST. VALENTINE'S PNCC PARISH PICNIC

St. Valentine's Parish, Philadelphia, invites for the Annual Parish Picnic.

Sunday, September 15, 2019

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass, 1:00 PM – Picnic

St. Valentine's Cemetery & Pulaski Park, 875 Mill Rd, Bensalem, PA 19020

Delicious Polish Food, golabki, pierogi, kielbasa etc. Raffle tickets available.

Thank you in advance for your generosity, cooperation and support.

BE ON FIRE

Ancient people had a more intimate knowledge of fire than we do. Their only nighttime illumination came from the flames of oil lamps. The smoke from the cooking fire on the hearth constantly irritated and reddened their eyes. Everyone's fingers were callused from working household fires. Their arms and hands bore the scars from burns. Early in childhood, they learned that food tasted better cooked, that flames tempered metal tools, and that the kiln's heat hardened pottery. People also knew firsthand the danger of uncontrolled fire. Homes regularly burned to the ground because of an overturned lamp or a carelessly maintained kitchen fire. Well into the nineteenth century, devastating fires shaped communities. In fact, fire may spur on the next urban renewal. So, how was Jesus using the image of fire in this Gospel? This Gospel recalls an ancient belief that fire is the manifestation of God. Jesus is reminding us of the radical nature of His ministry and is demanding we step up to the plate.



MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

Mass for _____

Date Requested _____ Time _____

Requested by _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ - _____ - _____ Amount \$ _____

Please mail this form and Mass stipend to: St. Valentine's PNCC, 2330 Margaret St, Philadelphia, PA 19137 or call parish office at (215) 535-4978.