



# Our Saviour Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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November 8, 2020

## 32 Ordinary Sunday

### FAITH SHARING

This Sunday's readings tell us that a searching, watching, and growing heart is essential for a lively, dynamic Faith in God. They challenge us to check whether we are ready for these events and how we are preparing for them.

### WIS 6:12-16

The author advises Jews in Alexandria not to envy the wisdom of the pagan philosophers, because they themselves have true wisdom in their Sacred Scripture, a wisdom which regulates not only this life but the next also. Hence, they must live their lives in strict conformity with the Divine wisdom given them so generously by God.

### Responsorial Psalm

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

### 1 THES 4:13-18

Paul offers Christian wisdom, assuring those Christians who expected Jesus' second coming in their lifetime that the death and Resurrection of Jesus is powerful enough to save even those who die before Jesus' *second coming*. But they need to be alert, well-prepared and vigilant.

### MT 25:1-13

The foolish virgins represent the "Chosen People of God" who were waiting for the Messiah but were shut out from the messianic banquet because they were unprepared. The parable teaches us that, like the five wise virgins, we should attend to duties of the present moment, preparing now, rather than waiting until it is too late.

### ENTRANCE HYMN (Amos 5:14-15a)

V. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; Then truly will the Lord, the God of hosts, be with you as you claim!

**R. Hate evil and love good, and let justice prevail at the gate.**

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

### MT 25:1-13

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.'

While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!'

But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.



### ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

### OPLATKI - CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Christmas wafers are in sale now at Our Saviours. \$2.00 a pack. Ask Peggy for details.

## Today's Hymns

### Processional Hymn

#1 Hymn of Faith

### Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 Come, Thou Creator

### Offertory Hymn

#276 Nearer My God to Thee

### Communion Hymn

#229 Just As I Am

### Recessional Hymn

#228 Abide With Me

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

### Sunday, November 8

32 Sunday in Ordinary Time

**12:00 Noon – Holy Mass**

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### Sunday, November 15

33 Sunday in Ordinary Time

**12:00 Noon – Holy Mass**

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### Sunday, November 22

Solemnity – Christ the King

**12:00 Noon – Holy Mass**

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### Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving Day

**12:00 Noon – Holy Mass**

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## 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, Bernice Muha, Janet Caruso, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterce, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, John and Jane Aldershoff, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Tom Goff, David Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Dorothy Nabinger, John Russell, Ronald Brower, Jan Cherneski, Sally Bisch, Stan Sub, Ruth Mechowski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Joseph Seliga, Fr. Donald Wunderlich.

For the repose of the soul of all our parishioners who passed away.

## Our Father...

## MASS INTENTIONS

Below are the dates available for Masses at Our Saviour. Please use the form to request the Mass.

11/08/2020	For health for Fr. Donald Wunderlich – requested by Victor & Eliz McAlanis
11/15/2020	OPEN – no intention yet
11/22/2020	OPEN – no intention yet
11/26/2020	OPEN – no intention yet

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## PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING

Parish Committee meeting will be held on December 6, 2020, after Mass in our Church Hall.

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## NOVEMBER 11 – POLAND CELEBRATES AN INDEPENDENCE DAY

National Independence Day is celebrated to commemorate the anniversary of the restoration of Poland's sovereignty in 1918. Following the partitions in the late 18th century, Poland ceased to exist for 123 years until the end of World War I, when the destruction of the neighboring powers allowed the country to reemerge.

Let us offer our special prayers for Poland this week.

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## POLISH FLAG DESECRATED AT ST. VALENTINES

I am sad to report that on November 4, 2020, sometime after dusk, the Polish Flag always proudly waving along with the American Flag in front of the rectory for many years, has been desecrated and the flagpole was broken. We are not sure if it was an act of vandalism or discrimination.

St. Valentine's Polish Parish has been peacefully serving for over 100 years for Polish people and a huge international community in our neighborhood, in Bridesburg section of Philadelphia and beyond. This act of vandalism is concerning to us, especially now, during the pandemic, as we cooperate with the Philadelphia Share Food Program to feed 200+ Polish, Latino and American families every week. Our Church Hall is also used for the neighborhood as voting poll place, and our church building serves for believers seeking faith, hope and love.

We are highly concerned and disappointed because of this incident. Earlier, in July, fireworks were set off inside the church through an open window. Nobody was injured but it was a high fire risk.

Are we looking for justice? There is no need for law enforcement to be involved but we would like to appeal to our local authorities and local communities for peace. St. Valentine's is going to be faithful to our mission statement and as the church we are going to tirelessly serve the people regardless of their beliefs, race or political differences. *"We are not enemies, but friends." (Abraham Lincoln, 1861)*

We are asking our Polish American organizations, institutions and businesses, as well as people of good-will to help us to fund and install a security camera system around our church for the safety of our neighborhood, especially Polish citizens looking for help in our church, so that we can continue the charitable programs we provide to our community. May God bless America! May God bless Poland! May God bless all of us!

*Rev. Mariusz Mularczyk and St. Valentine's PNCC Parish Committee*