

ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH, PHILADALPHIA, PA

SUNDAY JULY 7th 14th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, (GREEN)

NOON For the soul of the departed Mark Mechowski: from All Souls List.

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LESSON: Amos 7:12-15 **LESSON:** Ephesians 1:3-14 **GOSPEL:** St. Mark 6:7-13

NOON For the Intentions of our Parish Family.

FREEDOM: We will be celebrated the birth of our nation on July 4th. We live in the place where it all began. During several hot days men met to draw up the Declaration of Independence. It was the start of a new nation. On July 3rd the document was read in many places. Telling everyone of freedom. The cost of freedom was high, it brought about war. War to give all the right to be the people we want to be. Many died in those battles, many are buried in our area. Over the years many have fought and died to protect what we have. Today many take freedom for granted they think our freedom is something that will endure. It will ae long as stand for our nation. We will celebrate July 4th with parties and picnics. Be sure to stop and thank God for what we have. I may not be perfect, but it better than what we could be living under.

VACATION TIME: While it is time to relax and take a break, there is no break from Holy Mass.

If you are traveling out of the area, Fr. Carmen has a list of cities where there are Parishes of the Polish National Catholic Church.

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

REJECTING JESUS: It is said no profit is without honor except in his native place. That is case in today's Gospel. Jesus is home in Nazareth, he reads in the Synagogue, they are amazed with the knowledge with which He teaches. They claim to know Him and his family. They ask what sign Jesus will do? But Jesus does no miracles except healing the sick. This is because of there lack of faith. They reject Jesus. Many times we reject Jesus because we do not get what we ask for. It is because we do not ask in the right way, or we

expect a quick answer to our request. It is easy to reject Jesus when we do not get what we want. We say it was a waste to worship Christ. Or was ask for something that is not good for us. We do also when we do not like something or someone in the parish, we say why did we bother. We need to stay with it whether our prayer is answered or not. We are told if we reject Jesus He will reject us before His Heavenly Father. We are to stay close to Jesus and not just to get something but to love Him as He loves us.

IN NEED OF PRAYER: Michele Elliot, Bridgette Roth, Christi Duff, Nancy, Kyle.