

ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH, PHILADALPHIA, PA

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

9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Alex Timochenko

MONDAY JULY 22nd ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLY WOMAN (WHITE)

8AM Mass for the intentions of our Parish Family.

THURSDAY JULY 25th ST. JAMES THE GREATER, APOSTLE, (RED)

8AM Mass for an increase of Vocations.

FRIDAY JULY 19th ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, CONFESSOR, (WHITE)

8AM Mass for health of the sick.

SUNDAY JULY 21st 17th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, (GREEN)

LESSON: 2nd Kings 4:42-44 **LESSON:** Ephesians 4:1-6 **GOSPEL:** St. John 6:1-15

9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Lewis E. Woodland, Jr:Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Henry Woodland

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: AUGUST 6th Transfiguration of our Lord;

AUGUST 15th Dormition of the blessed Virgin Mary

POWER OF PRAYER: Many say why should I pray each day? Prayer is speaking to God the Father. He needs to hear from us. It is how our prayers reach the throne of God. We are not make our prayers into wish lists like we talking to Santa Claus. We are to lay our requests before the throne of God in faith. Faith that He will bring each petition to a good end. We need to pray in confidence that He will answer. I have had people say to me, "I pray bur God does not answer." Maybe because we rushed through our prayers and did not wait for an answer. Or maybe we did get the answer we wanted God answers in three ways yes, no or ask again when you are older.

Because we are asking for is not good for us to have. Like our parents who only wanted the good for us, God the Father is the same. God already knows what we need before we ask. It is good to lay the request before Him, so He knows we care about the item or person we are praying for. Do, we do to have to bring up the same subject each time. Also need to say thank you to God even before our prayer is answered, just in case we did not like the answer.

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

SHEPARDS: The 12 return to Jesus after being on mission to the towns of the area. They were overwhelmed about the things they did in the name of Jesus. he tells them to come and rest. But that is not going to happened because of the people. They kept coming to Jesus and the 12, they could not even eat in peace. So they get into the boat to escape, but that does not work. Because the sea had a shore that surrounded the sea, the people could see were they were going and get there ahead of them. Jesu said “they were like sheep without a shepherd. Today the Church hasa problem of not having enough clergy to go around. Many of our parishes share a priest as do here in Philly and Lawrenceville. Men are not stepping up to enter the seminary to become priests. Sometimes that is the fault of people in our parishes. young men see hod badly priest are treated by the people, so that is a turn off. Many cannot pay a good salary to support the priest and his family. How do we change that? First of all, pray for and increase of vocation to the priesthood, treat the priest better. Ordaining women is not the answer. Work with the priest to build up the parish, encourage him, and pray for him.

IN NEED OF PRAYER: Michele Elliot, Bridgette Roth, Christi Duff, Nancy, Kyle, Fr. Carmen, Maria Harrington.