

ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH, PHILADALPHIA, PA

SUNDAY AUGUST 25th 21st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, (GREEN)

NOON For the Intentions of our Parish Family.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1st 22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, (GREEN)

LESSON: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 **LESSON:** James 1:17-18, 21-22,27 **GOSPEL:** St. Mark 7:8-11, 4-15, 21-23

NOON For the soul of the departed Michael Statkiewicz; from the all Souls Day List.

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

IN HOSPITAL AGAIN: I spent 5 days in the hospital again. They had to go in my prostate and fix what was missed. Also the cathader was adjusted. Now I am feeling fine. Hopefully this will be the last time. Thank you for all the prayers.

BENEDICTION: Beginning with the first Sunday of September we will have Benediction at the end of Holy Mass.

LEAVING OUR LORD: Today we see the weeks of debate with Jesus over what He said about being the Bread of Life. He who eats His flesh will live forever. In the early days of the Church, people were charged with eating someone's body, because they did not understand what Jesus said. Today we see people leaving Jesus because of what He said. He did not stop them. He did not change His teaching to please them. Jesu asks the 12 if they would leave Him? But, they answer, "to whom shall we go, You have the words of ever lasting life." Many people leave the church because of things they do not want to hear, or things are not what they want the Church to be. There is not compromising on the faith. We can question, but only if comes to a deeper faith. We are called to be part of the Body of Christ, let us not be like those who only came to Jesus for bread and a circus.

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