

ST. VALENTINE'S POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY MARCH 9th INSTITUTION OF THE PNCC, (WHITE)

9:30AM Mass for the Living and deceased of the Polish National Catholic Church.

MONDAY MARCH 10th LENTEN WEEKDAY, (PURPLE)

8AM Mass for the soul of the departed Bishop Daniel Cygonowski; 42nd of death.

TUESDAY MARCH 11th LENTEN WEEKDAY, (PURPLE)

8AM Mass for the soul of the departed Bishop Jan Dwidziuk; 13th Ann of death.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 12th LENTEN WEEKDAY, (PURPLE)

8AM Mass for an increase of Vocations.

THURSDAY MARCH 13th LENTEN WEEKDAY, (PURPLE)

8AM Mass for the intentions of our parish family.

FRIDAY MARCH 14th LENTEN WEEKDAY, (PURPLE)

8AM Mass for Peace.

7PM Stations of the Cross, Benediction.

SUNDAY MARCH 16th 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT, (PURPLE)

LESSON: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 **LESSON:** Philippians 3:17-4:1 **GOSPEL:** St. Luke 9:28-36

9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Stella Nicgorski.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: MARCH 17th St. Patrick's Day

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Will be celebrated on Fridays during Lent at **7PM**.

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

OUR CHURCH: 129 years ago, the Polish National Catholic Church emerged as a church onto itself. Due to the abuse of the people of the church, by not supplying a priest who spoke Polish, and taking away the right of the congregation to have a say in how the church was run, along with the priest asking for more money with no explanation of what it was for cause the uprising of the people in Scranton they decided to build a church of their own. I am sure it was the same here in Philadelphia and Lawrenceville. When it came time to bless the church in Scranton, the bishop demanded they hand over the deed to him. They refused since he had not given them any money to build the church. They went to look for someone who would take up their cause. We know they found Fr. Francis Hodur to whom they told their story. Fr. Francis prayed about what they told him. A week later Fr. Francis went to Scranton to bless the church. With that the Polish National Catholic Church began. Even with getting no help from Rome, and threats of Ex-Communication did not stop them. On Christmas Eve. of that year the first Mass in Polish was celebrated. The people had a church that was truly Catholic which was their own. We have a gem in the Polish National Catholic Church it is known worldwide.

Many other groups have come to be a part of our church. While the priest has the say as far as the Sacramental needs of the church, the people care for the physical as it was in the early Church. We had the Mass and other services in the language of the people long before the Roman Church did. As I said we have a gem which many people do not appreciate. The Church is not a building, it is the people, and what the people make of it. We praise God for all those who came before us to give us this gift of God's grace, the Polish National Catholic Church.

IN NEED OF PRAYER: Michele Elliot, Bridgette Roth, Christi Duff, Nancy, Kyle, Fr. Carmen, Mary Gonzalez, Marie Harrington, Brian Poplarchick, Cliff and Julie Brown.