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Mass Intention for this Sunday: for † Sophie Sklepinski; Requested by her sister Maria Mikiewicz.

### A reading from the First Book of Samuel (3:3-10,19)

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you, " Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am, " he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep."

At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am.

You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

### Psalm (40)

Response: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

We are Catholic community called to serve God and others through Eucharist, prayer, education, and daily living of the Gospel values.

Everyone is always welcome to worship with us in our beautiful church. It is a house of prayer for all, who with sincere heart desire to praise the only God.

## A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (6:13-15,17-20)

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?

But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

## A reading from the Gospel according to St. John (1:35-42)



John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are

you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi", which translated means Teacher, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah", which is translated Christ. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas", which is translated Peter.

General Intercession: <u>Response</u>: Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- → The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which was celebrated last Sunday, begins the Ordinary Time of the Year, although in the old Catholic tradition the Christmas time is extended to February 2<sup>nd</sup>, to the Feast of Our Lord's Presentation, which commemorates the fortieth day after the Birth of Jesus, when, as the Bible tells us, His Mother Mary brought her firstborn to the temple and made sacrifice on His behalf in accordance with the law. So, it is NOT inappropriate to continue to display a manger and all other Christmas decoration in our church and homes till February 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **▶ Epiphany Visitation**, traditionally called **'KOLENDA'**. If you wish your house be blessed for upcoming year, please contact Fr. Paul at 203-729-4035 to arrange convenient day and time for this visit.
- **→ ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** is scheduled for next Sunday, **January 21**<sup>st</sup>, after the Mass.
- → Heating of our church. So far, we have raised \$2,960 for this purpose. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
- → Pastoral/Sacramental Visit. If you are confined at home or have a family member at hospital or nursing home unable to take part in Sunday Mass and Sacraments, please notify the father to set the day and time for pastoral visit. In emergency call directly Fr. Paul's mobile phone @ 475-208-4455.



→ Please remember in your prayer those who are suffering, sick or confined at home, hospitals and nursing homes,

especially our parishioners and friends: Cheryl Peters, Sarah Squezello, Logan Caruso, Debbie and Emil Caruso, Rob and Aiden Klain, Agnes Geruch, Very Rev.

# THIS MONTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATE:

Emil Caruso - January 7

Frank Squezello – January 27



**Senior Joseph Soltysiak** (Westfield CT), **Lorraine Krusienski** (Very Rev. Joe Krusienski's wife) and **John Skrzypczak** (Aneta Dudek's father).

- → MASS INTENTIONS If you want to thank God for special grace you have received or feel a need to pray for somebody (living or dead), feel free to reserve a Sunday of your choice in advance by contacting directly Fr. Paul or call the rectory @ 203-729-4035. Your intention will be published in the parish bulletin. I encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.
- → Our delicious pierogi, cheese or potatoes, as well as stuffed cabbage gołąbki, are available from our freezer. Credit card payments are now ACCEPTED.

### Readers for this month:

January 7<sup>th</sup> – **John Strojkowski** January 14<sup>th</sup> – **Ken Krasko** January 21<sup>st</sup> – **Janet Tropeano** January 28<sup>th</sup> – **Henry Zapatka** 



### **BIBLICAL REFLECTION**

Our Gospel of today places before us the delicate way of God's calling. God wants each and every one of us to experience His Kingdom through the person of His Son Jesus Christ. He is concerned of the new hearts and human spirit he has created within us, desiring that our freedom of choice will cooperate with His divine will and we will be assured our redemption. As we contemplate on his word and respond to his call we ask the grace from the Lord not to hesitate to respond to him but give him our life and strength to complete his divine task. As he asked the first disciples what they were looking for, so also Jesus is asking

us today what we are searching. If we are looking for him, the way, the truth and the life, then we need to fix your eyes on Jesus. We have to answer his calling by living our lives in harmony with the nature of our new human spirit that coexists within us with the indwelling Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit.

If you feel that in some ways you have experienced God's blessing in your life, maybe it is important to share with others what you have received from Him. In your generosity, please consider a donation or bequest to our parish, either by monetary donations collected every Sunday, through our website: www.holysaviourpncc.org or using your iPhone or smartphone by scanning this QR code and following the prompts. Thank you very much and may God continue His blessing upon you.

