



Sunday Church Bells

*of the St. Valentine's
Polish National Catholic Church*

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First Sunday of Advent

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Today we begin a season of waiting. Advent means *“coming.”* After Israel’s long years of waiting, the Messiah finally came. But he was not like King David, which is what they expected. He came all the way down to the lowest levels of common life. A peasant couple’s newborn, born in a stable, was not what Israel was waiting for. In this season of waiting, we must not assume we know how the Lord will come.

“Thou shalt know him when he comes, / Not by any din of drums, / Nor the vantage of his airs, / Nor by anything he wears; / Neither by his crown, / Nor his gown, / But his presence known shall be / By the holy harmony / Which his coming makes in thee.”
(Anonymous)

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9:15 a.m. - Sunday Morning Prayer.

9:30 a.m. - Holy Mass - Traditional Rite - Mass Book, page 13.

Mass intention: For all parishioners living and dead.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Psalm 25:1-3)

Priest: I wait for You, O Lord; I lift up my soul to my God. In You I trust; do not let me be disgraced; do not let my enemies gloat over me.

All: No one is disgraced who waits for You, but only those who lightly break faith.

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

GRADUAL (1 Corinthians 16:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:6)

Priest: Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong.

All: Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

ALLELUIA (Psalm 47:9)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: God rules over the nations; God sits upon His holy throne.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:37-44

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your

Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection Questions:



1. Advent is about God coming to us. What can you do during this season to make him welcome? How can you become more aware of the ways Christ comes to you everyday?



Keep Christ In Christmas

Jesus is the Reason for the Season

Come, Lord Jesus, make us ready.

Beat swords into plowshares.

Missile cruisers into lifeboats.

No more war! War never again!

Let us drop out weapons!

Let us be brothers and sisters,

prepared, waiting, ready, with hearts open wide.

"For I greet him the days I meet him and bless when I understand."

Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: **Isaiah 11:1-10**

Second Reading: **Romans 15:4-9**

Gospel: **Matthew 3:1-12**



PARISH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today after Holy Mass will be Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- Collection for Missions - there is a basket in the vestibule for this collection.
- Polish Classes - every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- Rorate Holy Mass - every Wednesday at 7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 5th at 7:00 p.m.
St. Valentine's Church
127 King Street - Northampton

Featuring 'Bella Voce'
Lisa Woods, Mezzo-Soprano
Teri LaFleur, Soprano
Jerry Noble, Accompanist



General Admission - \$15
Seniors 60+ - \$10
Children 12 and under - \$5

Memory Tree

The ANS Society of the St. Valentine's PNC Church will sponsor the "Memory Tree" project.

Hand made miniature crosses will represent loved ones and friends who have passed away. Suggested donation for each cross is \$ 2.00 for one name, or for one family.

A Holy Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated by Fr. Adam in January 19, 2014, Sunday at 9:30 a.m. At this celebration each name will be read and later inscribed in the Memory Book. The Memory Tree will be displayed in December and January. For the crosses contact ANS Ladies.

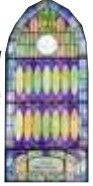


New Storm Windows

Donations are still being accepted to help defray the cost of the storm windows which were recently purchased for the church. Any amount will be gratefully appreciated. Your donation will be acknowledged in our Church bulletin. Please notify us if you do not want to have your named mentioned in the bulletin. The amount received thus far \$325.00.

Special thanks to Wallace Forman, Krysia and Eugene Newman who sponsored the purchase of storm windows for the south side of the Church in memory of Joan Forman.

Thank you. Bóg zapłać!



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Helen Golec - 71 State Street, Apt. 130, Northampton, MA 01060

Paul Krawczynski - 18 Dickinson Street, Northampton, MA 01060

Shirley Krawczynski - 18 Dickinson Street, Northampton, MA 01060

John Lenkowski - 31 Denise Court, Northampton, MA 01060

Grace Mackiewicz - 9 Chestnut Street, #6, Amherst, MA 01002

Stanley Michalski - 1554 Rt. 106 N, Loudon, NH 03307

Rt. Rev. Stanley Bilinski - 9201 West Higgins Rd, Chicago, IL 60631

Rt. Rev. John Mack - 6298 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086

Please say a prayer for peace, comfort and healing for our sick sisters and brothers; send a card to them; if you can, participate in the Holy Mass celebrated in their intention every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. (except holidays when Holy Mass is celebrated at 7:00 p.m. - see bulletins).



PASTORAL CARE AT HOME AND HOSPITAL

If you have a family member or friend at hospital or home unable to take part in Holy Mass and Sacraments, please notify Fr. Adam at 584-0133.



Holy Mass Schedule:

Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Solemnities & Feasts - see bulletins

Daily - 10:00 a.m.

For Holy Mass intentions contact Fr. Adam after Sunday Holy Mass or anytime by phone (413) 584-0133.