



Sunday Church Bells

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

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**Twenty First
Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 24, 2014**

**Dwudziesta Pierwsza
Niedziela
w Okresie Zwykłym
24 Sierpnia 2014**



Holy God of Wisdom, Your ways are strange! The mysterious and uplifting path of your presence among us makes me stand in awe! Like Eliakim, You make us Your royal children and holy people. In Christ, You give us the royal keys of Your reign. Because You are within and among us, we are a peg in a sure spot, amid the chaotic movements of our experience. Give us the powerful and insightful faith of Peter, which transcends private messianic expectations and goes to the heart of Who You are. As you look into our eyes and ask "who do you say that I am", help us not to blink. Increase in us faith which is the sure rock of Your people. Help us to gently use the keys to free, uplift and inform people of Your great love, as the grounding experience of our lives. Empower us today to be Your royal children and holy people by the way we worship and live.

XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

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 (Deuteronomy 32:3-4)

Priest: For I will sing to the Lord's renown. Oh, proclaim the greatness of our God!

All: The Rock - how faultless are his deeds, how right all His ways! A faithful God, without deceit, how just and upright He is!

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 22:15, 19-23

GRADUAL (Psalm 18:32-33, 47)

Priest: Truly, who is God except the Lord? Who but our God is the Rock?
This God Who girded me with might, kept my way unerring.

All: The Lord lives! Blessed be my Rock! Exalted be God, my Savior!

SECOND READING: Romans 11:33-36

ALLELUIA (1 Samuel 2:2)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: There is no Holy One like the Lord; there is no Rock like our God!

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

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

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he

strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection Question:

1. To answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say I am," you have to know him. How do you do that? Which of the following could help you know Jesus: your successes, your weaknesses, family, flowers, homeless people, Vivaldi's music, Michelangelo's David, good homilies, good books, good friends, suffering, joy, immigrants? Can you find (and get to know) God in all things?

*Simon Peter, all in a flash,
saw who Jesus was, saw his plan.
Heaven and earth were joined as one.*

*Fast as lightening,
or slow as breeze across a field of wheat,
Holy Spirit, let us see who Jesus is.*



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: ***Jeremiah 20:7-9***

Second Reading: ***Romans 12:1-2***

Gospel: ***Matthew 16:21-27***



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 4 Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, NH - Annual Prayer Service - Sunday, August 24, 2014 at 3:30 pm
- 4 Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle - Monday, August 25 - Holy Mass at 10:00 am
- 4 Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Meeting: Monday, August 25 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
- 4 Solemnity of Our Lady of Czestochowa - Tuesday, August 26 - Holy Mass at 10:00 am
- 4 Solemnity of Beheading of St. John the Baptist - Friday, August 29 - Holy Mass at 10:00 am
- 4 Msza Św. po polsku (Holy Mass in Polish) - every Saturday at 7:00 pm
- 4 Next Sunday, August 31 - Youth Sunday - second collection for the Youth Fund



Coffee Hour Sponsors:
Today - ***Krysia Newman***
Next Sunday - ***Karen Chalmers***



CLEANUP IN ENFIELD, CT



A Free Pig Roast will be held at Holy Cross Parish in Enfield, CT following the sprucing up of the parish church and parish church grounds on Saturday, September 13, 2014 from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Volunteers will be rewarded for their services to the parish by Holy Cross parishioners with this pig roast and other great salads and such. The parish is in great need of help and it will certainly be appreciated. Our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski, is the proponent and architect of this entire event. Holy Mass will follow this day at Holy Cross at 5:00 PM, celebrated by Fr. Sr. Joseph Soltysiak, Administrator.

Cleaning of the Church

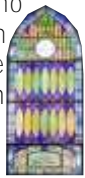
Saturday, August 30 at 8:00 am

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 \$675.00.

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 zapłaci!

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Helen Golec - Orchard Valley, 2387 Boston Rd, Wilbraham, MA 01095

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

Very Rev. Joseph Soltysiak - 73 Main Street, Westfield, MA 01085

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

Rt. Rev. Thomas Gnat - 104 Naphin Hill Road, Dunmore, PA 18512

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:

Saturday - 7:00 pm (in Polish)

Sunday - 9:30 am (in English)

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.