Sunday Church Bells

of the St. Valentine's Polish National Catholic Church

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Eighteenth
Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 3, 2014

Osiemnasta Niedziela w Okresie Zwykłym 3 Sierpnia 2014



Holy Source of All Life, sometimes I'm thirsty beyond understanding. My hunger is elusive. It drives me to drink and consume everything, and yet I am still thirsty and hungry. Thank You for being the living water Who quenches deeper than I expect, and who nourishes hungers which haven't hurt me yet. You are the Awesome Provider and Nurturer, Holy God! Teach me to drink and eat deeply of Your life. Empower me not to live in the demonic desert of confusing thirst and self-seeking hunger. Help me not to fear to sacrifice what I have and the ways I try to feed myself, so that Your miraculous and marvelous power can multiply resources so that there is more than enough for everyone. With You as our food and drink, I do not need to hoard. Sustain me, Lord of Life. Sustain us, God of Abundance.

XVIII 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 (Isaiah 25:6a; Psalm 145:15-16)

Priest: On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines.

All: The eyes of all look hopefully to You; You give them their food in due season. You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

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 55:1-3

GRADUAL (Psalm 136:25-26)

Priest: [The Lord] gives bread to all flesh, God's love endures forever.

All: Praise the God of heaven, God's love endures forever.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:35; 37-39

ALLELUIA (Song of Songs 2:4)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: He brings me into the banquet hall and His emblem over me is love.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

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

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." But they said to him, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Then he said, "Bring them here to me," and he ordered the crowds to sit down on

the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over - twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection Question:

1. Feeding 5000 would have been a large task. Aren't some problems too big to handle? How do you look at "insurmountable" tasks in your own life? What did you think of when you read, "He looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples?"

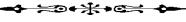
Like the disciples with two fish and five loaves we say to you:

"Lord, we're sure we don't have enough."

We do not have enough money,
enough talents, workers, contracts,
computers, brains or skills.

Do bless what we have,
and let us give thanks.
With your help, O Lord, our gifts will be
infinitely-more-than-enough, like the left-over baskets.

Let us accept ourselves the way we are, And use the gifts you give to give to others.



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a; 11-13a Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

4 Today after Holy Mass will be Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

4 Collection for Missions - there is a basket in the vestibule for this collection

- 4 Feast of Finding the Body of St. Stephen Monday, August 4 Holy Mass at 10:00 am
- 4 <u>Solemnity of Transfiguration of the Lord</u> Wednesday, August 6 Holy Mass at 10:00 am
- 4 Msza Św. po polsku (Holy Mass in Polish) every Saturday at 7:00 pm

4 Picnic at Holy Cross Parish, Ware, MA -Sunday, August 10, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm

4 Mateusz Marcinowski Organ Recital -Saturday, August 16 at 2:00 pm; refreshments will be served after the recital in the Parish Hall

4 Annual Chicken BBQ - August 17, 2014 -12:00-1:00 p.m. - Holy Name of Jesus Parish, South Deerfield, MA (see flyer)

4 ED Youth Retreat - August 17—21 - Camp Howe in Goshen, MA (see flyer)

4 Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, NH -Annual Prayer Service - Sunday, August 24, 2014 at 3:30 pm (see Monthly Bulletin)



Coffee Hour Sponsors: Today & Next Sunday

- Church Provisions

Cleaning of the Church

Saturday, August 16 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 acknowledged in our Church bulletin. Please notify us if you do not want to have vour 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 zapłać!

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.