



Sunday Church Bells

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

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**Twentieth
Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

August 17, 2014

**Dwudziesta
Niedziela
w Okresie Zwykłym
17 Sierpnia 2014**



Inclusive and all-embracing God, You do not know strangers. You welcome all peoples as your children in your house and heart. Do you snarl with disgust when you see us distancing and demeaning people we name as stranger and think of as strange? Why do we, who are so loved, feel this need to surround ourselves just with the comfort of friends and wall out so many in our society? We have created a world where few sit at your table of plenty and so many more hunger in poverty because we do not share - because we do not even see them as our responsibility. Just as the Canaanite woman challenged the narrow focus of Jesus and got him to change his heart and ministry, shake us up, Lord. Break down the walls of judgment and barriers of discrimination we build around ourselves to limit our responsibility. Inspire us to share Your inclusive and all-embracing heart this day.

XX 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 (Baruch 5:5, 3b; Psalm 122:1-2)

Priest: Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see
your children gathered from east to west at the word of the Holy
One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

***All:* I rejoiced when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the
Lord.” And now our feet are standing within your gates,
Jerusalem.**

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 56:1, 6-7

GRADUAL (Tobit 14:6-7a)

Priest: All the nations of the world shall be converted and shall offer God
true worship;

***All:* All shall abandon their idols, which have deceitfully led them into
error, and shall bless the God of the ages in righteousness.**

SECOND READING: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

ALLELUIA (Isaiah 45:22)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***All:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Priest: Turn to Me and be safe, all you ends of the earth, for I am God;
there is no other!

***All:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

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

***All:* Glory be to You, Lord!**

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold,
a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, “Have pity on me,
Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon.” But Jesus
did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus’ disciples came and asked him,
“Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us.” He said in reply, “I
was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But the woman
came and did Jesus homage, saying, “Lord, help me.” He said in reply,

"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection Question:

1. What is it about her statement, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters," that lets Jesus grant her request? Do you think he could have received an insight about his mission from his Father during this conversation?




Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: **Isaiah 22:19-23**

Second Reading: **Romans 11:33-36**

Gospel: **Matthew 16:13-20**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

4 Parish Committee Meeting: Monday, August 18 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

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

4 **Msza Św. po polsku (Holy Mass in Polish)** - every Saturday at 7:00 pm

4 Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Meeting: Monday, August 25 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Today - **Church Provisions**

Next Sunday - **Krysia Newman**



FROM OUR SENIOR FR. JOSEPH SOLTYSIAK

The annual worship service at Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, NH will take place on Sunday, August 24, 2014 at 3:30 pm. Following the service, a Chicken BBQ dinner will be held at the nearby Four Seasons Restaurant in Rindge as we have done in the past. Cost per participant is \$22.00. The food is great! Deadline is Sunday, August 17th.



Cathedral of the Pines

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.