



Sunday Church Bells

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

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**Twenty Second
Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 31, 2014**

**Dwudziesta Druga
Niedziela
w Okresie Zwykłym
31 Sierpnia 2014**



Sometimes I feel like a fool, Lord! Why do I still trust You? People are laughing at me. Am I too innocent, naive or deluded because I try to follow You and live Your values? I feel like Jeremiah! Why does Your passion have such a hold on me, and yet the foolishness and doubt prevail? Sometimes Your whole message seems crazy and defies logic and good sense! At the moment of glory and triumph, you speak of crisis, rejection and death. You want us to be fully alive and yet you ask us to empty ourselves. You are full of contradictions, Lord. That's why I don't trust you sometimes. I've seen what you did to your prophets, saints, martyrs and heroes, and to Your Son. Like Peter, I want to walk with you, but avoid the pain! That is why I try to grab everything? Why do I still feel empty? Save me from myself, Lord Jesus!

XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A - Youth Sunday

9:15 a.m. - Sunday Morning Prayer

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

Mass intention: For all youth, especially those who start with new academic year.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Jeremiah 17:10; Psalm 63:9)

Priest: I, the Lord, alone probe the mind and test the heart, to reward everyone according to the merit of his deeds.

All: My soul clings fast to You; Your right hand upholds me.

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: Jeremiah 20:7-9

GRADUAL (John 12:25-26)

Priest: Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.

All: Whoever serves Me must follow Me, and where I am, there also will My servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves Me.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-2

ALLELUIA (Luke 24:26)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into His glory?

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-27

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

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection Questions:



1. "Lose your life for my sake and find it." What does Jesus mean when he says you will "find" your life? How does the "finding" apply to this life as well as the next?
2. You cannot take your money and possessions with you when you die. If you "lose your life" in love for others, does that give you something to take with you? Is it the love in your heart that goes with you when you die?

Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: ***Ezekiel 33:7-9***

Second Reading: ***Romans 13:8-10***

Gospel: ***Matthew 18:15-20***



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 4 Collection for Youth Fund - there is a basket in the vestibule for this collection
- 4 On Tuesday, September 2 at 10:00 am - Holy Mass at the Center For Extended Care at Amherst (no Holy Mass in the Church)
- 4 **Msza Św. po polsku (Holy Mass in Polish)** - every Saturday at 7:00 pm
- 4 Next Sunday, September 7 - after Holy Mass will be Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Collection for Missions
- 4 **Dożynki** - Polish Harvest Festival - Sunday, September 7, 2014 from 12:00 noon until 5:00 pm - St. Joseph Parish, Westfield, MA (see flyer in the vestibule)



Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Today - ***Karen Chalmers***

Next Sunday - ***Malgorzata Marcinowski***



To have another language is to possess a second soul. ~Charlemagne

***We start again Tuesday,
September 9 at 6:30 pm
Join us!!! Contact Fr. Adam.***



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, September 20 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 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

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

Very Rev. Robert Nemkovich, Jr. - 37 Winthrop St, Fall River, MA 02721

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 Monday at 10:00 am

(except holidays - 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.