



Sunday Church Bells

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

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**Twenty Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 6, 2013**

**Dwudziesta Siódma
Niedziela
w Okresie Zwykłym
6 Października 2013**



(Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4)

We all love success stories. We read about them and our hearts are affirmed. But what about the many times that we fail in life or life fails us; when we pray for deliverance physically or emotionally and deliverance doesn't come? What do we do then?

An English poet, literary critic and philosopher William Coleridge once said, *"Never yet did there exist a full faith in the Divine Word which did not expand the intellect while it purified the heart."* The stronger our faith in God is, the clearer our vision, and the more empowered we become to overcome when deliverance doesn't come. We have all suffered times when we felt completely abandoned, and felt our prayers were not answered. We have prayed for deliverance and it didn't come, and we've wondered why. Our faith is like Timothy's – *"weak and wavering."* May all Christians in all walks of life put their faith to work.

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XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

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 33:2,5)

Priest: O Lord, have pity on us, for You we wait. Be our strength every morning, our salvation in time of trouble!

All: The Lord is exalted, enthroned on high; He fills Zion with right and justice.

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: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

GRADUAL (Luke 12:37; Matthew 12:18)

Priest: Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on His arrival. Amen, I say to you, He will gird himself, have them recline at table and proceed to wait on them.

All: Behold, My servant whom I have chosen, My beloved in whom I delight; I shall place My Spirit upon him.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

ALLELUIA (Mark 9:35b)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

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

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant

because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection Questions:



1. Is quantity an issue when it comes to faith? Would an infinitely small amount of faith do what Jesus told the apostles it would? Do you realize the power your faith contains?
2. Have you had experience with faith "moving mountains" or as this reading has it, "uprooting mulberry trees"? Do you find that your faith can move more mountains in the spiritual realm, the material one, or both?



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: *Genesis 1:26-28,31a*

Second Reading: *Ephesians 6:1-9*

Gospel: *Luke 2:42-52*



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.
- Monday, October 7
 - Holy Mother of the Rosary
 - Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- Polish Classes
 - every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Cleaning of the Church
(Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.): October 12 & 26
Cleaning of the kitchens
Wednesday, October 16 at 1:00 p.m.

HARVEST DINNER*

OCTOBER 27, 2013

12 NOON

ST. VALENTINE'S PNC CHURCH

PARISH HALL - 127 KING STREET

NORTHAMPTON, MA

TICKET COST: \$15/person

RESERVATIONS-PLEASE CALL:

RECTORY OFFICE AT 413-584-0133 OR

STACIA AT 413-527-6414 BY OCT.23rd

MENU: ROAST PORK, TURKEY, MASHED POTATOES, STUFFING, SQUASH, CABBAGE, MIXED VEGETABLES, ROLLS/BUTTER, COFFEE/TEA/MILK, DESSERT

*PRIOR TO THE DINNER
HOLY MASS WILL BE
CELEBRATED AT 11 A.M.



Pulaski Day Parade - Monday, October 14, 2013 - St. Valentine's Parish will again participate!

Holy Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
The parade will assemble after the Mass (around 11 a.m.) on King Street. We need your participation and hope you will join us!



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 zapłaci!



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

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

Paul 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. Thomas Gnat - 104 Naphin Hill Rd, 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:

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.