Sunday Church Bells

of the St. Valentine's Polish National Catholic Church

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Pentecost Sunday May 15, 2016

Niedziela Zesłania Ducha Świętego 15 Maja 2016



Breath of God, You are cooling breeze and blazing fire! Be the strong wind who overwhelms our fears and pettiness. Be tongues of fire who ignite us with passion and conviction. Be the words we speak and the message who changes hearts and leads all people to You. Make sense of and unify the babbling differences we experience. Eternal Spirit, respirate us beyond our individuated vision and connect us as one Body in Christ. Let Your breath permeate every fiber of our being and every aspect of the human experience. Forgive and heal all that separates us from You and one another. Teach and empower us never to strangle or bind others in our judgments so that they cannot breathe the life-giving oxygen of Your saving and freeing love. InSpirit us, Holy God. Make us holy by Your fiery, soothing presence.

Solemnity of Pentecost

9:15 a.m. - Sunday Morning Prayer.

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

Mass intention: In memory of Zofia Wos - req. by Fr. Adam & Danuta.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Wisdom 1:7-8)

Priest: For the Spirit of the Lord fills the world, is all-embracing, and knows what man says. Alleluia.

All: Therefore no one who utters wicked things can go unnoticed, nor will chastising condemnation pass him by. Alleluia.

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: Acts 2:1-11

GRADUAL (Zephaniah 3:8a-9)

Priest: Therefore, wait for me, says the Lord. For then I will change and purify the lips of the peoples. Alleluia.

All: That they all may call upon the name of the Lord, to serve Him with one accord. Alleluia.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

SEQUENCE

ALLELUIA (Joel)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: I will pour out my Spirit upon all humankind. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old man shall dream drams, your young man shall see visions.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

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

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive

are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

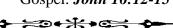
Reflection Questions:

1. Compare God breathing life into Adam and Jesus breathing the Holy Spirit into the disciples. What is the significance for you? The disciples' first task after receiving the Holy Spirit was to forgive sins. What impact does forgiveness of sin have on peace?

2. "... when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, ..." How were the disciples different after the Spirit's arrival? In your own life do you tend to see the Holy Spirit as dynamic and constant or only occasional? Rate you awareness on a scale of 1 to 10 about your belief in the Holy Spirit being your constant companion. Are you different when you are confident that the Spirit is with you?



First Reading: *Proverbs 8:22-31*Second Reading: *Romans 5:1-5*Gospel: *John 16:12-15*



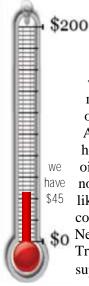


PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ May Devotion (in Polish) every Tuesday during May at 6:30 pm
- ◆ <u>Polish Classes</u> every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall
- ◆ <u>Visual Bible Study</u> every Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
- ◆ Parish Committee Meeting: Monday, May 23 at 6:15 pm in the Parish Hall
- ◆ Thursday, May 26 Solemnity of <u>Corpus Christi</u> - Central Seniorate Service at Saint Joseph Parish, Westfield, MA at 7:00 pm







Dear Parishioners

The Polish Dinner will be upon us soon – June 11, 2016. As you know, the cost of food to prepare all the wonderful dishes we enjoy has increased. The Parish Committee is soliciting monetary donations or perhaps a gift card to *Aldi's*, *Stop & Shop* or *Big Y* to cover some of the cost of food. Our goal is \$200.00. Any donation will be very much appreciated. Our dinner events help with the parish operating expenses, especially the heating oil. Any donation you can give (no amount is too small) will be noted in the Church bulletin unless you specify that you would like it to remain anonymous. You can leave your donations in the collection basket during Mass or you can give it to Chris Newman, Chair, Parish Committee or Stephen Matusewicz, Treasurer. Hopefully we can meet our goal. Thank you for supporting all parish projects and events. Fr. Adam Czarnecki

Cleaning of the Church - Saturday, May 21 at 8:00 am

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

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 Edward Antosz - 34 Hockanum Rd, Northampton, MA 01060 Very Rev. Fryderyk Banas - 61 Maple St, Ware, MA 01082 Rt. Rev. Stanley Bilinski - 9201 West Higgins Rd, Chicago, IL 60631 Rev. Jan Wilczek - 839 County St, New Bedford, MA 02740

Please say a prayer for peace, comfort and healing for our sick sisters and brothers; send a card to them.

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 am

Solemnities & Feasts

- see bulletins