

- **Installation of Fr. Adam Czarnecki as Pastor of St. Valentine's PNC Church - Sunday, February 24;** Holy Mass at 3:00 p.m.; Catered Dinner following the Installation (donation - \$10.00). *If you have not returned your response for Father's installation, please do so immediately. An accurate number of those planning on attending the dinner must be given to the Caterer on Monday, 2/18 - Thank you.*
- **Annual Polish Heritage Ham Dinner - Sunday, March 10** (see flyer in vestibule).

**The schedule of the cleaning of the Church (Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.): February 23rd**

### 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.

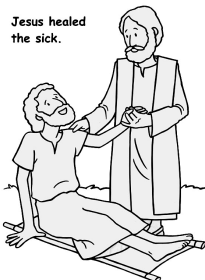
*Thank you. Bóg zapłać!*



### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

**Joan Forman** - P.O. Box 303, Hadley, MA 01035  
**Helen Golec** - 71 State Street, Apt. 130, Northampton, MA 01060  
**John Lenkowski** - 31 Denise Court, Northampton, MA 01060  
**Grace Mackiewicz** - 9 Chestnut Street, #6, Amherst, MA 01002  
**Rt. Rev. Thomas Gnat** - 104 Naphin Hill Rd, Dunmore, PA 18512

*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 6:00 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.



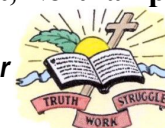
# *Sunday Church Bells*

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

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## **First Sunday of Lent**

**February 17, 2013**

**Pierwsza Niedziela**

**Wielkiego Postu**

**17 Lutego 2013**



*"Faithful God of our ancestors, You continue to walk with us as You walked with them. Their faith is my hope. With gratitude, I want to offer You the best of what You have given me. Like Jesus, I wrestle with the voices of power, privilege and prestige screaming within. In Spirit my faith to calm the cacophony of sounds echoing inside me, that I might hear your ancient, youthful voice speaking today in my heart. Throughout this Lenten desert journey, refine the music which orchestrates my energy. Justify and purify my heart that I might give myself to You and Your reign with integrity, humility, sincerity, and wholeheartedness."*

## First Sunday of Lent, 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** (Joel 1:14)

*Priest:* Proclaim a fast, call an assembly; Gather the elders, all who dwell in the land,

**All: Into the house of the Lord, your God, and cry to the Lord!**

*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:** Deuteronomy 26:4-11

**GRADUAL** (Proverbs 3:5-6)

*Priest:* Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not;

**All: In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths.**

**SECOND READING:** Romans 10:8-13

**TRACT** (Jeremiah 27:5; Psalm 24:1)

*Priest:* It was I Who made the earth, and man and beast on the face of the earth, by My great power, with My outstretched arm; and I can give them to whomever I think fit.

**All: The earth is the Lord's and all it holds, the world and those who live there.**

**GOSPEL:** Luke 4:1-13

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

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

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, *One does not live on bread alone.*" Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it

to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: *You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.*" Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*" Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*" When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

*Priest:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### *Reflection Questions:*

1. Why do you think Jesus begins his ministry with his "retreat to the desert"? He experienced the sufferings brought about by our sins. Did he experience our temptations too? Is there any part of them that he does not understand?
2. When an athlete starts to get flabby he/she exercises to get back in shape. Is there an analogy here for your spiritual life? How do you exercise to get into shape spiritually? What would a "flabby" spiritual life look like? How does yours look now?

*Holy Spirit, take us to the desert. Speak straight to our hearts.*

*Help us fast with Jesus. Smooth out our rough souls.*

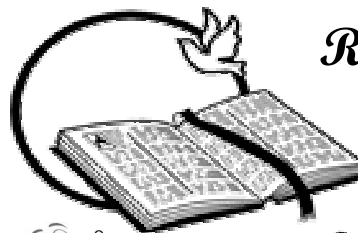
*Give us spiritual quiet, a quick and ready faith.*

*God, our only nourishment, our energy,*

*we want to come out, like Jesus,*

*charged with yourself.*

*Let this be.*



### *Readings for next Sunday*

First Reading: **Genesis 15:5-12,17-18**

Second Reading: **Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Gospel: **Luke 9:28b-36**



### **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Meeting:**  
Monday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- **Polish Classes** - every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- **Gorzkie Zale (Bitter Lamentations) in Polish** - every Wednesday during Lent at 7:00 p.m.
- **Stations of the Cross (Droga Krzyzowa) in English** - every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

