



Sunday Church Bells

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

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**First Sunday
of Lent**

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Lord God, I hate standing naked before you! You know too much! Like Adam and Eve, I never seem to be able to follow your commands very well. I get lost in my need for power, privilege, plenty, and prestige. I want to be something I am not, so I break established boundaries. I'm disobedient, even as I try to clothe the terrible nakedness of my disobedience. Let me again feel Your breath inspiring me with life. Help me to struggle like Jesus and reject the messianic needs I so desire: addressing everyone's needs, working wonders, and possessing and controlling everything. Humble me to fast from the passion and priority of these issues in my life. Just as his obedience eradicated our original disobedience, clothe me in Christ. Help me not to hide from You and the power of Your message. Stop me from making loincloths to hide my dignity as Your child. Open my eyes to Your truth, not simply to my perceptions and needs.

First Sunday of Lent, Cycle A - Institution of the PNCC

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 (Psalm 91:1-2; Psalm 17:8)

Priest: You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord, "My refuge and fortress, my God in Whom I trust."

All: Keep as the apple of Your eye; hide me in the shadow of Your wings.

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: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

GRADUAL (Exodus 20:20; Psalm 26:2-3)

Priest: "Do not be afraid, for God has come to you only to test you and put fear upon you, lest you should sin."

All: Test me, Lord, and try me; search my heart and mind. Your love is before my eyes; I walk guided by Your faithfulness.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

TRACT (1 Corinthians 10:13b; Matthew 6:13)

Priest: God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial He will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it.

All: Do not subject us to the final test, but deliver us from the evil one.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

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

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: *One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*"

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*" Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*" Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: *The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.*"



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: ***Genesis 12:1-4***

Second Reading: ***2 Timothy 1:8-10***

Gospel: ***Matthew 17:1-9***



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Collection for National Church Center - a basket for this collection is in the vestibule
- Polish Classes - every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- Polish Heritage Committee Meeting: Wednesday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m. in our Parish Hall
- Parish Committee Meeting: Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- Annual Parish Meeting: Sunday, March 23 after Holy Mass, in the Parish Hall



Coffee Hour Sponsors: Today - ***Danuta Czarnecka***

Next Sunday - ***Krysia Newman***



Gorzkie Zale (Bitter Lamentations) in Polish

- every Tuesday during Lent at 6:30 pm

*Keeping
a Holy Lent*

Stations of the Cross (Droga Krzyzowa) in English

- every Friday during Lent at 6:30 pm

Our dear Parishioner, *John Dryzgula*, died on Sunday, March 2, 2014. Funeral Holy Mass was on Friday, March 7 at 10:00 a.m. in our Church, followed by burial on the Holy Trinity Cemetery. Our sincere sympathy is extended to our Parishioner, Carol, his wife and to whole family. May he rest in peace. Amen.





**ANNUAL
SPAGHETTI DINNER**

March 15, 2014 at 5:00 pm



**ST. VALENTINE'S POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH HALL
127 KING STREET
NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

TICKET COST: \$9/Person

RESERVATIONS:

Please call: Christine at 413-584-4531,
Diane at 413-527-7785 or Rectory at 413-584-0133
by March 11th

**Spaghetti and Meat Sauce
Spaghetti and Meatless Sauce
Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad
Coffee/Tea/Milk, Desserts
Many Kinds of Raffles**



**Cleaning of the Parish Hall &
Preparing for Spaghetti Dinner**

Thursday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m.

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 \$575.00.

Special thanks to Wallace Forman, Kryisia 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:

- Edward Antosz** - 34 Hockanum Rd, Northampton, MA 01060
- Helen Golec** - 71 State Street, Apt. 130, Northampton, MA 01060
- 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
- Alice Modrzakowski** - 130 University Dr. Unit 133, Amherst, MA 01002
- Diane Scott** - 2 Admiral Street, Easthampton, MA 01027
- 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.

Jesus healed the sick.



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.