



Sunday Church Bells

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

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The Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2014

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Jealous God, You want everything. You especially want Your first born Son. You must have been moved as Mary and Joseph obediently offered their son to You at the Temple. What a price they would pay for handing him over! We rejoice that Jesus became one of us. All humanity and our human experience is made holy because You embraced us in the person of Jesus. We are offered as he offered. We are holy by his presence among us. He brings and is light to the darkness of our lives. He is fire burning when our ashes are cold. It is interesting that only two old people even seem to notice. There is an old, cynical and jaded part of us that doesn't even expect you to be present and keeps you distant. Rekindle the fire within me that I might pray like Simeon and Anna, knowing that you are present in the temple of my life experience - that you are glory and light, even when I walk in darkness - when your presence and actions break my heart - and when you are a sign of contradiction for me. Be light and glory, Holy God. I am yours, because Jesus came into my world!

Solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord

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 (Luke 1:46-48; Psalm 29:11)

Priest: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

***All:* For He has looked upon His handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. May the Lord give might to His people; may the Lord bless His people with peace.**

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: Malachi 3:1-4

GRADUAL (Psalm 48:10-11)

Priest: O God, within Your temple we ponder Your steadfast love.

***All:* Like Your name, O God, Your praise reaches the ends of the earth. Your right hand is fully victorious.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18

ALLELUIA (Isaiah 49:6b)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia.

***All:* Alleluia, alleluia.**

Priest: I will make you a light to the nations, that My salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

***All:* Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

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

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

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy

Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted - and you yourself a sword will pierce - so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection Question:

1. As the firstborn son, Jesus was to be consecrated to God as the law required, and so Mary and Joseph presented him in the temple. But why would Jesus need any further consecration than just being who he was, the Son of God?



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: *Isaiah 58:7-10*

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

Gospel: *Matthew 5:13-16*



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today after Holy Mass will be Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Blessing of throats in anticipation of St. Blaise of Sebastea Day - February 3.

- Collection for Missions - there is a basket in the vestibule for this collection.
- Parish Committee Meeting (Church by Laws): Monday, February 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- Polish Classes - every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Cleaning of the Church (Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.): February 8

Epiphany Visitations

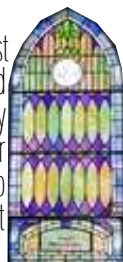
I will make Epiphany Visits to our parishioners. A traditionally prepared home for the pastoral visit displays a white cloth on a table, upon which is placed crucifix, two candles, the Bible, holy water and chalk. If you would like to have your home blessed, please notify me at Church or call the Rectory Office.

- Fr. Adam

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, 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:

Edward Antosz - 34 Hockanum Rd, Northampton, MA 01060

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

Shirley & 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

Alice Modrzakowski - 130 University Dr. Unit 133, Amherst, MA 01002

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.



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.