



Sunday Church Bells

of the St. Valentine's
Polish National Catholic Church

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**Twenty Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 1, 2013**

**Dwudziesta Druga
Niedziela
w Okresie Zwykłym
1 Września 2013**



‘Those people are worth a lot of money,’ someone said of a rich couple. *‘No,’* said someone else, *‘they have a lot of money.’* The point is taken: human beings are not worth a penny, because they are priceless. Their intrinsic worth cannot be expressed in financial terms. *‘Be on your guard against all kinds of greed for life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’* (Lk 12:15).

In our world, we put great importance in the social, political, religious and personal *“pecking order.”* We like to be invited to the *“right parties.”* We revel in considering ourselves members of the *“A Group.”* We all love to be in places of honor. Jesus had a revolutionary idea for how to achieve this. He suggested that *‘we go to the end of the line – socially, politically, religiously and personally.’*

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XXII 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 the students who start with new academic year.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Zephaniah 2:3a; Psalm 149:40)

Priest: Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who have observed
His law; seek justice, seek humility.

**All: For the Lord takes delight in His people, honors the poor with
victory.**

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: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

GRADUAL (Isaiah 30:15a; Sirach 23:4)

Priest: For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: By waiting
and by calm you shall be saved, in quiet and in trust your strength
lies.

**All: Lord, Father and God of my life, abandon me not into their
control.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

ALLELUIA (Sirach 3:28)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is
the wise man's joy.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

On a Sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading
Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully.

He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were
choosing the places of honor at the table. "When you are invited by
someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of
honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by
him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say,
'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with

embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection Questions:



1. Jesus told a parable to the people who were guests at the Pharisee's house. It said to invite the crippled, the blind and the poor instead of wealthy neighbors, etc to your table. Besides this, what else could you do for these valued persons?
2. Does anything cripple you, or sometimes make you blind? Discuss the fact that Jesus experienced our human pain along with us in order to help us get to the banquet. Do you feel any responsibility to have a place within the body of Christ and thus help other people get to the banquet?



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: *Prov. 3:21-25 or Jer. 31:31-34*

Second Reading: *1 John 4:17-21*

Gospel: *Luke 10:25-37*





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.
- No Masses from Wednesday, September 4 to Saturday, September 7 (included)
- Dożynki - Polish Harvest Festival - Sunday, September 8, 3013 from 12:00 Noon until 5:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Parish, Westfield, MA. (see flyer in the vestibule)



To have another language is to possess a second soul. - Charlemagne

*We start again Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Join us!!! Contact Fr. Adam.*



October 27, 2013 - Save this date!!!

Bring your friends!!!
Harvest Dinner in our Parish!!!



The schedule of the cleaning of the Church (Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.): September 7 and 21

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 \$225.00.

Thank you. Bóg zapłać!



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

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.