



Sunday Church Bells

of the St. Valentine's
Polish National Catholic Church

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Twenty Fourth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

September 15, 2013

Dwudziesta Czwarta

Niedziela

w Okresie Zwykłym

15 Września 2013



A woman was divorced and found herself struggling with an increasingly rebellious teenage daughter. It all came to a head late one night when the police called her to pick up her daughter who'd been arrested for drunk driving. The two of them didn't speak on the way home or next day either, till mom broke the tension by giving her daughter a small, gift-wrapped package. The girl opened it with an air of indifference and found inside a small rock. *"Well, that's cute, Mom. What is it?"*

"Read the card, dear." As the girl did so, tears began to trickle down her cheeks, and she gave her mom a hug as the card fell to the floor. On the card her mother had written: *"This rock is more than 200 million years old. That's how long it'll take before I give up on you."* That's what Jesus is telling us about God: *"He never gives up on us."*

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XXIV 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 parishioners living and dead.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Psalm 79:9,8)

Priest: Help us, God our savior, for the glory of Your Name. Deliver us, pardon our sins for Your Name's sake.

All: Do not hold past iniquities against us; may Your compassion come quickly, for we have been brought very low.

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: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14

GRADUAL (Psalm 78:38-39)

Priest: But God is merciful and forgave their sin; He did not utterly destroy them. Time and again He turned back His anger, unwilling to unleash all His rage.

All: He was mindful that they were flesh, a breath that passes and does not return.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

ALLELUIA (1 Timothy 2:5-6a)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and the human race, Christ Jesus, Himself human, Who gave Himself as ransom for all.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

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

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them he addressed this parable. "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and

neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.

"Or what woman having ten coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it? And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.' In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection Questions:

1. "While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." Why did he not punish the young man? Will this encourage the son to run away again? Where is God's mercy in this parable?
2. Imagine a continuum with the father's welcome at one end and the older son's reluctance at the other. Where does your way of welcoming fall?





Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: *Amos 8:4-7*

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

Gospel: *Luke 16:1-13*






PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Monday, September 16 - Holy Mother of Sorrows - Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- Parish Committee Meeting: Monday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- Saturday, September 21 - St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist - Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- Next Sunday - Spojnia Sunday - Holy Mass for all the Members of Spojnia.
- Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Meeting:
Monday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.





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.*



Bible Study



If you want to strengthen your faith through Bible Study, please come. **We will start Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in our Parish Hall.**
If you have any questions - call Fr. Adam at 584-0133

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 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 name 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

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.