



Sunday Church Bells

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

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Solemnity of the Holy Family

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Uroczystość Świętej Rodziny

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Eternal God, You are a family - Father, Son and Spirit. As You created us in Your divine image, You created us in families. Help us to reverence the people You chose for us - our Mom and Dad - brothers and sisters. Sometimes it is easier to deal with friends I choose rather than family You choose for me. Help us to work our salvation by loving these people You gifted us with. Just as Jesus caused painful hurt in his Mom and Dad, sometimes the blood connection of love is more complicated because of its depth. Thank you for the family You chose for me - even if they were not all I wished they could be or all that I need, gift me with the insight and acceptance to know that they are doing their best, as I am, and to reverence them for who they are: expressions of Your affirming and challenging love. The Holy Family looks so innocent and easy in plaster statues in the manger. Didn't they have fights, misunderstandings, and angry moments? As they were faithful to each other in the tough and confusing times, help us to be faithful and loving, as You are, Creator God, Eternal Son, and Spirit of Love.

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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 2:15b-16)

Priest: The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

All: So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in the manger.

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 3:2-6, 12-14

GRADUAL (Psalm 27:4a; 84:5)

Priest: One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: to dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my life.

All: Happy are those who dwell in Your house! They never cease to praise You.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-21

ALLELUIA (Isaiah 45:15)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: Truly with you God is hidden, the God of Israel, the Savior!

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, They took him 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 death 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 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.



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: ***Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7***

Second Reading: ***Acts 10:34-38***

Gospel: ***Mark 1:7-11***



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
- ◆ Today - Polish Christmas Carol Sing Along at 2:00 pm
- ◆ Tuesday, January 6 - Epiphany of our Lord - Holy Mass at 7:00 pm (with Blessing of incense and chalk)
- ◆ Visual Bible Study - every Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
- ◆ Parish Committee Meeting: Monday, January 12 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall



Coffee Hour Sponsors: Today - ***Wallace Forman***

Next Sunday - ***Potluck Brunch***



Memory Tree

The ANS Society
of the
St. Valentine's
PNC Church
will sponsor the
"Memory Tree"
project



Hand made miniature crosses will represent loved ones
and friends that have passed away

Suggested donation for each cross
is \$2.00 for one name or for one family

A Holy Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated by
Fr. Adam Czarnecki on Sunday, January 18, 2015 at 9:30 am
At this celebration each name will be read and later inscribed in the Memory Book.

The Memory Tree will be displayed in December and January
For the crosses contact: Krysia Newman (413) 584 - 4531;
Diane Scott (413) 527-7785; Rectory (413) 584-0133

Cleaning of the Church
Monday, January 5 at 6:00 pm

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 \$725.00.

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:

Helen Golec - Orchard Valley, 2387 Boston Rd, Wilbraham, MA 01095

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

Rt. Rev. Stanley Bilinski - 9201 West Higgins Rd, Chicago, IL 60631

Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki - 529 East Locust St, Scranton, PA 18505

Rev. Henry Smolinski - 8 Mills Rd, Windsor, CT 06095

Karen Dragon - 1116 Xavier Court, Bloomington, MN 55437

*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 **Monday at 10:00 am** (except holidays - 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:

Saturday - 7:00 pm (in Polish)

Sunday - 9:30 am (in English)

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.