



Sunday Church Bells

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

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Seventeenth

Sunday

in Ordinary Time

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Niedziela

w Okresie Zwykłym

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Giver of All Gifts, we echo the prayer of Solomon for wise and understanding hearts. We are so sensitive to so many vibrations and sounds from within, that we need Your help and Your eternal voice. Refine us to listen carefully and discern what is good. Continue to conform us to the image of Your Son Jesus, who is Your human image. Gift us with passion for your reign. Whether we seek buried treasure, fine pearls, cast nets or gather old and new, may we be searching people, motivated and empowered by Your reign. Touch us with Your passion so understanding and listening hearts and searching and active minds seek Your reigning presence among us. Calm us so that we can listen and understand!

XVII Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

9:15 a.m. - Sunday Morning Prayer

9:30 a.m. - Holy Mass - Traditional Rite - Mass Book, page 13.

Mass intention: For the recovery of Ada, Zuzia and a lady who were injured in a car accident.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Proverbs 2:6-7; Wisdom 7:7)

Priest: For the Lord gives wisdom, from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; He has counsel in store for the upright, He is the shield of those who walk honestly.

All: Therefore, I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.

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: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

GRADUAL (Proverbs 8:12, 14; 3:13-14)

Priest: I, Wisdom, dwell with experience, and judicious knowledge attain. Mine are counsel and advice; mine is strength; I am understanding!

All: Happy the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding! For her profit is better than profit in silver, and better than gold is her revenue!

SECOND READING: Romans 8:28-30

ALLELUIA (Psalm 49:4)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: My mouth shall speak wisdom, my heart shall offer insight.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44-52

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

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind.

When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

“Do you understand all these things?” They answered, “Yes.” And he replied, “Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.”

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection Question:



1. Did the pearl-finder and the merchant have to be shrewd about obtaining their treasures? What about you? Are you shrewd about recognizing the “treasure” or the kingdom of God in your life? Do you notice when God is “whispering,” or only when God is “shouting” in your life? Think of some times that you have experienced the glory of the kingdom of God to whatever degree.
2. Is there any treasure that is worth the investment of everything you have? Discuss the following remark on this Gospel made by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran theologian: *Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field ... the pearl of great price ... the call of Jesus Christ, at which the disciple leaves his nets and follows Him. Costly grace is the Gospel which must be sought again and again, [and] it is costly because it cost God the life of His son—‘Ye were bought at a great price’—and what has cost God much, cannot be cheap for us.*

Lord, what is the pearl of great price?

A Mercedes? Portfolios, oil wells?

Honor and praise and awards?

Kingship over everything we survey?

Or could it be neighbor serving neighbor?

Dinner with friends? A kind word? An opening to your love?

Give us your wisdom to know your true treasure.



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: ***Isaiah 55:1-3***

Second Reading: ***Romans 8:35-39***

Gospel: ***Matthew 14:13-21***



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

4 **Msza Św. po polsku (Holy Mass in Polish)** - every Saturday at 7:00 pm



- 4 Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Meeting: Monday, July 28 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
- 4 Deacon Program Retreat - Saturday, August 2 - Our Saviour Parish, Woonsocket, RI (see flyer)
- 4 Annual Chicken BBO - August 17, 2014 - 12:00-1:00 p.m. - Holy Name of Jesus Parish, South Deerfield, MA (see flyer)
- 4 ED Youth Retreat - August 17—21 - Camp Howe in Goshen, MA (see flyer)
- 4 Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, NH - Annual Prayer Service - Sunday, August 24, 2014 at 3:30 pm

Coffee Hour Sponsors:



Today & Next Sunday
- **Church Provisions**



Cleaning of the Church

Saturday, August 2 at 8:00 am

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 \$675.00.

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

Very Rev. Joseph Soltysiak - 73 Main Street, Westfield, MA 01085

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:

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.