



Sunday Church Bells

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

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Nativity
of our Lord
December 25, 2013

Narodzenie
Pańskie
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One Christmas day during World War II a young family was outside making a snow man. Suddenly a plane flew-by overhead. After it had passed, the youngest child turned to her father and said, "Daddy, how do people climb up to the sky to get into planes?" Her father explained that passengers didn't have to climb up to the sky to get into the planes. The planes came down from the sky to get the passengers.

The child's question helps to illustrate the mystery of Christmas. It celebrates the fact that I don't have to climb to the sky to get to God. God has come down to earth to me. Where do I meet God easiest on earth? An English writer and social critic, Charles Dickens once wrote, "It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas."

"Where is God? Does God really care about me? How could God possibly know what we have to suffer?" These are questions that we may ask sometimes, especially in moments of pain. The answer to these questions is, "God does really care, God is closer than your own heart and God does indeed understand your suffering."

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Beloved in Christ,

As we celebrate Christmas, the Church calls for us to rejoice because Jesus, the Promised One, the Messiah, has come! Let us sing praises to the Lord! Let us rejoice with every Christmas carol we sing.

May this Christmas be one that is filled with the blessings of the Christ Child and may our hearts be filled with love, dedication, sacrifice and devotion to Christ and our Church. Let us give thanks to God for His abundant blessings during this past year and especially for all of the good things that have been accomplished through and in our Holy Church. May the hope, love, peace and joy of Christ be yours at Christmas and throughout the New Year 2014.

With prayers

- Fr. Adam and Danuta



Umiłowani w Chrystusie,

Gdy świętujemy Boże Narodzenie, Kościół wzywa nas abyśmy się radowali gdyż narodził się nam Jezus, Obiecany Mesjasz! Wychwalajmy Pana! Radujmy się z każdą śpiewaną Kolędą! Niech to Boże Narodzenie obfituje we wszelkie błogostawieństwa od Dzieciątka Jezus i niech nasze serca wypełniają miłość, ofiarność, poświęcenie i oddanie Chrystusowi i Jego Kościołowi. Złóżmy Bogu dzięki za obfite błogostawieństwa, które otrzymaliśmy zeszłego roku, a zwłaszcza za te wszystkie dobre dzieła dokonane poprzez i w naszym Świętym Kościele. Niech Chrystusowe nadzieja, miłość, pokój i radość będą Waszą w to Boże Narodzenie i poprzez cały Nowy 2014 Rok.

Z pamięcią modlitewną

- ks. Adam i Danuta

We thank you for the beautiful cards, prayers and gifts sent to us during this holy season of Christ's Nativity.

E very courtesy extended to us by you is most appreciated. G od bless you now and always.

Fr. Adam and Danuta



Christmas Greetings from the Parish Committee

The past year has been very eventful for our Parish. We have been busy with many dinner and concert events, Zapusy celebration, Pulaski Day Parade, Polish Christmas Carol Sing and Polish Classes. Most important was the installation of Fr. Adam as our Pastor in March – a glorious day for St.

Valentine's Parish.

On behalf of the Parish Committee, I wish you and your family a very joyous and blessed Christmas and may the New Year bring you much happiness and good health. Thank you for your continued support.

Christine Newman, Chairperson



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thursday, December 26 - St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr - Holy Mass at 7:00 pm
- Friday, December 27 - St. John, Apostle & Evangelist - Holy Mass (with Blessing and Distribution of Wine) at 7:00 pm
- Saturday, December 28 - Holy Innocents - Holy Mass at 10:00 am
- Sunday, December 29 - Solemnity of Humble Shepherds - Holy Mass at 9:30 am (second collection for the Seminary)



Polskie Koledy

Polish Christmas Carol Sing Along

Sponsored by the Polish Heritage Committee

**January 5, 2014 - 2 p.m.**

at
St. Valentine's Polish National Catholic Church
127 King Street
Northampton, MA



All friends of Polonia are cordially invited to attend a Polish Christmas Carol Sing Along. The carols will be led by singers from area church choirs. An afternoon of music and fellowship is surely to be enjoyed by all.

Please Join Us!
Refreshments will follow the Sing Along
(in the Parish Hall)



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 who 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 in January 19, 2014, Sunday at 9:30 a.m. 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 ANS Ladies.



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 \$325.00.

Special thanks to Wallace Forman, Kryisia 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 - 71 State Street, Apt. 130, Northampton, MA 01060

Paul Krawczynski - 18 Dickinson Street, Northampton, MA 01060

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

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

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

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.