



Sunday Church Bells

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

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**Fourth Sunday
of Advent**

December 22, 2013

Czwarta Niedziela

Adwentu

22 Grudnia 2013



You are the Key of David. You open the doors to ancient dreams and promises! As the sun rises each day with its refreshing and familiar light, You continue to speak and act in refreshing and familiar ways. As Ahaz and the people were nervous, You promised that a young woman would be with child - and the kingdom was saved. As our people wait, You promise a virgin will be with child, and we are saved. As we draw close to celebrating the birth of Your Child, help us to trust the mysterious and surprising ways You come and work in our experience. Impregnate our virginity and mistrust with Your Key of Promise. Open ancient doors within us that we may walk through our experience, pregnant with Your Presence. May Your ancient ever-young Child not be exposed to shame by our mistrust and cynicism. In Him, we are Your beloved. In Him, we know You are Emmanuel! In Him, we have the key to Your Heart!

IV Sunday of Advent A

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 (John 11:27; Psalm 90:2)

Priest: Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God, the One Who is coming into the world.

All: Before the mountains were born, the earth and the world brought forth, from eternity to eternity You are God.

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: Isaiah 7:10-14

GRADUAL (Sirach 43:30, 28)

Priest: Awesome indeed is the Lord's majesty, and wonderful is His power.

All: More than this we need not add; let the last word be, He is all in all!

SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7

ALLELUIA (Revelation 22:16)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: I, Jesus, sent My angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the root and offspring of David, the bright morning star.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-24

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

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: *Behold, the virgin*

shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Readings for Midnight Mass

First Reading: *Isaiah 9:1-6*

Second Reading: *Titus 2:11-14*

Gospel: *Luke 2:1-14*



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today - Christmas Church Decorating - after Holy Mass.
- Tuesday, December 24 - Midnight - Christmas Eve (Pasterka/Shepherds Mass) - Holy Mass will begin with a Concert of Carols in Polish and English by the Parish Choir at 11:45 pm
- Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day - Holy Mass at 9:30 am
- Thursday, December 26 - St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr - Holy Mass at 7:00 pm
- Friday, December 27 - St. Jonh, 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)

The Christmas Concert held December 5th in our Church can be viewed on the Northampton Cable TV Access Channel (NCTV) this coming week (for those of you living in Northampton). It will be aired Sunday, December 22 @ 6:30 p.m. Please check the NCTV program schedule for other airing dates. If you are interested in obtaining a CD of the performance, please notify Krysia Newman at 584-4531.



Opłatki

Christmas Wafers

were blessed and they are available to our parishioners and friends following the liturgy. A free-will offering will be appreciated.


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.

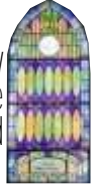


New Storm Windows

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.