



Sunday Church Bells

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

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**Second Sunday
of Easter
April 27, 2014**

**Druga Niedziela
Wielkanocna
27 Kwietnia 2014**



"Risen Lord, it is so exciting that you are still alive and come to us in our fears. Sometimes, like Thomas, I just cannot believe. Continue to pour forth your Spirit among us so that we can strive for the original unity and idyllic generosity of your first followers. You give us a new birth - new life - new energy. Yet, sometimes, like Thomas, I want proof it will work before I'll follow you and believe in your risen presence. In new ways beyond our imagining, we are connected in you. You empower us to transcend ourselves and remain faithful to the end. Sometimes I get uncomfortable with the hot breath of Your Spirit - you give us the keys to your heart - to forgive and free - to unlock heavy burdens and imprisoning darkness. Your presence is stretching us and expanding our hearts and outreach beyond. Continue to be our hope and strength so that we do not break or fall into disbelief."

2 Sunday Easter of Easter - Low Sunday

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 40:2-4)

Priest: I waited, waited for the Lord; who bent down and heard my cry,
drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the
swamp, set my feet upon rock, steadied my steps. Alleluia.

**All: And I put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many
shall look on in awe and they shall trust in the Lord. Alleluia.**

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: Acts 2:42-47

GRADUAL (Psalm 116:15-16)

Priest: Too costly in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His faithful.
Alleluia.

**All: Lord, I am Your servant, the child of Your maidservant; You
have loosed my bonds. Alleluia.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

ALLELUIA (Psalm 30:2, 4)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: I praise You, Lord, for You raised me up and did not let my
enemies rejoice over me. Lord, You brought me up from Sheol;
You kept me from going down to the pit.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

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

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection Question:

1. No doors can be locked tight enough to keep Christ out. Do you have "locked doors"? If sin is what separates God from the world and people from one another, what do you do about your own sins? How is peace connected with forgiveness of sins?



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: **Acts 2:14, 22-28**

Second Reading: **1 Peter 1:17-21**

Gospel: **Luke 24:13-35**



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Meeting
- Monday, April 28 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
- Polish Classes - every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
- Wednesday, April 30 - Joseph the Workman - Holy Mass at 7:00 pm
- Thursday, May 1 - Philip & James, Apostles - Holy Mass at 7:00 pm
- Saturday, May 3 - Finding of the Holy Cross; Holy Mother, Queen of Poland; Polish Constitution Day - Holy Mass at 10:00 am
- Next Sunday, May 4 - after Holy Mass will be Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Collection for Missions



Coffee Hour Sponsors: Today - **Kathy Tefft**

Next Sunday - **Fred Zimnoch**



SEVENTH ANNUAL
POLISH DINNER*
MAY 25, 2014

12 NOON
ST. VALENTINE'S POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH HALL
127 KING STREET
NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

TICKET COST: \$15/PERSON

RESERVATIONS: PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY OFFICE AT
413-584-0133 BY MAY 15TH
TICKETS ARE LIMITED!

MEAT: GOLASH CHEESE PEROGI CABBAGE PEROGI CABBAGE WITH SPANISH RELISH RICE	SOUP: RYBIEK RYBIEK RYBIEK RYBIEK RYBIEK RYBIEK
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THE POLISH DANCE GROUP FROM ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, WESTFIELD, MA WILL
ENTERTAIN WITH LIVELY TRADITIONAL POLISH DANCES.

*PRIOR TO THE POLISH DINNER, HOLY MASS WILL BE HELD
AT 9:00 A.M.

Cleaning of the Church
Saturday, May 3 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 name mentioned in the bulletin.

Donation of \$100.00 received from Kathy Tefft.
The amount received thus far \$675.00.

Special thanks to Wallace Forman, Kryssia 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
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
Diane Scott - 2 Admiral Street, Easthampton, MA 01027
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:

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.