



Sunday Church Bells

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

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First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2015

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God of the Covenant, thank you for being faithful to us - for promising never to again overwhelm us so that we drown. Thank You for rainbows which announce Your faithful love and future promise. You have plucked us from the chaos of self- destruction and sin into the ark of Your salvation. Jesus is Your rainbow and He shines in us. Like him, we sometimes find ourselves in the desert wrestling with angelic and demonic urges and voices within and beyond us. Keep us faithful to Your voice and Your call. Empower us through this Lenten journey to believe, with even more conviction, that Your reign is at hand. Keep us faithful in this time of desert purification and bring us a deeper dose of Your life.

First Sunday of Lent, B

9:15 a.m. - Sunday Morning Prayer.

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

Mass intention: For God's blessings upon Rafal

- req. by parents, Danuta & Fr. Adam

ENTRANCE HYMN (Sirach 44:17-18)

Priest: Noah, found just and perfect, renewed the race in the time of devastation. Because of his worth there were survivors, and with a sign to him the deluge ended.

All: A lasting agreement was made with him, that never should all flesh be destroyed.

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: Genesis 9:8-15

GRADUAL (Isaiah 54:9-10)

Priest: This is for Me like the days of Noah, when I swore that the waters of Noah should never again deluge the earth; So I have sworn not to be angry with you, or to rebuke you.

All: Though the mountains leave their place, and the hills be shaken, My love never leave you, nor My covenant of peace be shaken, says the Lord, Who has mercy on you.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

TRACT (Sirach 43:11-12)

Priest: Behold the rainbow! Then bless its Maker, for majestic indeed is its splendor.

All: It spans the heavens with its glory, this bow bent by the mighty hand of God.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:12-15

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

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection Question:

1. "He was among the wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him." What are the "wild beasts" in your life? Who are the angels who minister to you? Where do you yourself minister?

*To the desert in the Spirit of God—
the will of your Father your only food—
you went.*

*Jesus, take our hand; lead us to your wilderness.
Protect us from our wild beasts within.*

*Let your self-giving there summon us to your revolution of tenderness.
Let it be our life-giving food for the fast.*



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: **Genesis 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18**

Second Reading: **Romans 8:31-34**

Gospel: **Mark 9:2-10**



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Annual Parish Meeting: Sunday, February 22 after Holy Mass, in the Parish Hall
- ◆ Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Meeting - Monday, February 23 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
- ◆ Tuesday, February 24 - Saint Matthias, Apostle - Holy Mass at 10:00 am
- ◆ Polish Classes - every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall
- ◆ Visual Bible Study - every Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
- ◆ Next Sunday, March 1 after Holy Mass will be Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Collection for Missions

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Today - **Fred Zimnoch**
Next Sunday - **Wallace Forman**



Gorzkie Zale (Bitter Lamentations) in Polish

- every Tuesday during Lent at 6:30 pm

*Keeping
a Holy Lent*

Stations of the Cross (Droga Krzyzowa) in English

- every Friday during Lent at 6:30 pm



Cleaning of the Church - Saturday, March 7 at 8:00 am



Sunday

**February 22, 2015
after Holy Mass**

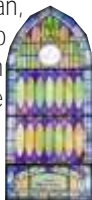
**Annual Parish
Meeting**

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:

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. Fryderyk Banas - 61 Maple St, Ware, MA 01082

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.