



Sunday Church Bells

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

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**Solemnity
of the Baptism
of our Lord
January 11, 2015**

**Uroczystość
Chrztu Pańskiego
11 Stycznia 2015**



Embracing and Faithful God, from all eternity You have loved us and betrothed Yourself to us in fidelity. We are born of water and Your Spirit. You continue to penetrate our hearts and our world with freeing and enlightening justice. Just as Jesus was radically open to Your call and Your Spirit, let Your Spirit speak to us and penetrate our being. In Baptism, we are plunged into the death and life of Jesus - and his openness to You. You embraced him as Your beloved Son. Continue to hug him, and in the universal outreach of Your strong arms, embrace us as Your beloved daughters and sons. Your Baptism has given us a new destiny - a new identity - a new life. In Spirit us to continue the ongoing enfleshment of Your Son in our world. Shine within us as a light for others, revealing their dignity, and uplifting them from any oppression or darkness. Bathe us in Your favor.

Solemnity of the Baptism of our Lord, B

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 (Matthew 3:16-17; Psalm 72:13)

Priest: After Jesus was baptized, He came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened, [for Him], and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon Him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased.”

All: He shows pity to the needy and the poor and saves the lives of the poor.

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 42:1-4, 6-7

GRADUAL (Isaiah 2:4)

Priest: He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks;

All: One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-38

ALLELUIA (Psalm 114:3-4)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: The sea beheld and fled; the Jordan turned back. The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs of the flock.

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:7-11

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

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and

was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection Questions:



1. John the Baptist was a middleman. He pointed back to Isaiah and forward to Jesus, connecting the whole plan. What or who are the "middlemen" who connect you with God? In what way are you a middleman?
2. John saw "the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him." Compare and contrast this baptism scene with the Spirit hovering over the waters in Genesis 1:1. Does the Spirit ever "tear open" the barriers you create in order to tell you things? Explain.



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: **1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19**

Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20**

Gospel: **John 1:35-42**



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Potluck Brunch - today following Holy Mass
- ◆ Parish Committee Meeting: Monday, January 12 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
- ◆ Polish Classes - every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
- ◆ Visual Bible Study - every Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
- ◆ Sunday, January 18 - Holy Mass at 9:30 am in memory of loved ones and friends who have passed away and are represented by the crosses on the "Memory Tree."
- ◆ Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Meeting: Monday, January 19 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall



Coffee Hour Sponsors: Today - **Potluck Brunch**
Next Sunday - **Danuta Czarnecka**



Epiphany Visitations - I will make Epiphany Visits to parishioners who want to have their homes blessed. A traditionally prepared home for the pastoral visit displays a white cloth on a table, upon which is placed crucifix, two candles, the Bible, holy water and chalk. If you would like to have your home blessed, please notify me at Church or call the Rectory Office. - Fr. Adam

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 that 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 Czarnecki on Sunday, January 18, 2015 at 9:30 am**
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.

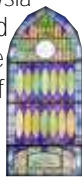
For the crosses contact: Krysia Newman (413) 584 - 4531;
Diane Scott (413) 527-7785; Rectory (413) 584-0133

Cleaning of the Church
Saturday, January 17 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 \$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 zapłaci!

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. Fryderyk Banas - 573 Granby Rd, South Hadley, MA 01075

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.