



Sunday Church Bells

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

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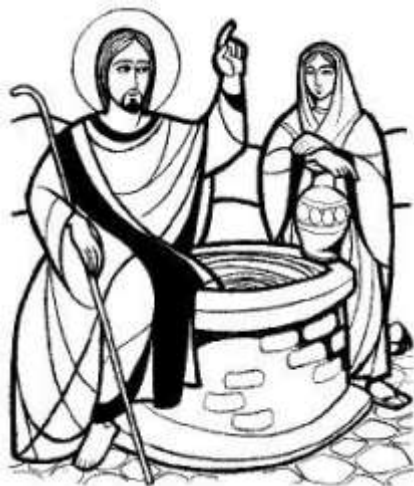
**Third Sunday
of Lent**

March 23, 2014

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You are Living Water, Who quenches the deepest thirst of the human heart! Like the exodus people, we sometimes grumble, when You don't immediately satisfy our needs. We don't trust when we are not sure where You are leading us - in the face of new challenges, when we don't know the result. Please be patient with us. Your absolute, unconditional love is our only hope - that You are present in our midst, and Jesus has justified us and paved the way. I'd love to be with you at the well with the Samaritan woman. Weren't you taking a risk even being seen with her? She stood her ground with you, Jesus. But you challenged her and us about living water that transforms our lives and relationships. Teach us to drink your life-giving water that enables us to worship in Spirit and Truth. Provide for us the food we need, not just our immediate hunger. Empower us to be as faithful to God on our exodus journey, as you are, Jesus. Be the living water and substantial food we need.

Third Sunday of Lent, Cycle A

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

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

Mass intention: In memory of Julian Misa - req. by Jackie Misa.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Psalm 42:2-3; Psalm 63:2)

Priest: As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for You,
O God. My being thirsts for God, the living God. When can I go
and see the face of God?

***All:* O God, You are my God - for You I long! For You my body
yearns; for You my soul thirsts like a land parched, lifeless, and
without water.**

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: Exodus 17:3-7

GRADUAL (Psalm 78:15-18)

Priest: He split rocks in the desert, gave water to drink, abounding as the
deep. He made streams flow from crags, drew out rivers of water.

***All:* But they went on sinning against Him, rebelling against the Most
High in the desert. They tested God in their hearts, demanding
the food they craved.**

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

TRACT (John 7:37-38)

Priest: On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood up and
exclaimed, "Let anyone who thirsts come to Me and drink.

***All:* Whoever believes in Me, as scripture says: 'Rivers of living
water will flow from within him.'**"

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

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

***All:* Glory be to You, Lord!**

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that
Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired
from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a
drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan
woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman,

for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.— Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you."

At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the

saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work."

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done." When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection Question:

1. The woman left her jar and went into town to tell everyone what had happened. Why did she do so? Does this part of the story have any significance for you? What does "living water" mean to you? For what do you thirst?



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: **1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13**

Second Reading: **Ephesians 5:8-14**

Gospel: **John 9:1-41**



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today after Holy Mass - Annual Parish Meeting in the Parish Hall
- Tuesday, March 25 - Annunciation of the BVM - Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- Polish Classes - every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- Polish Heritage Committee Meeting: Wednesday, March 26 at 6:00 p.m. in our Parish Hall
- Annual Polish Heritage Ham Dinner - Sunday, March 30 (see flyer in vestibule)
- Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Meeting - Monday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall



Coffee Hour Sponsors: Today - **Stephen Matusiewicz**
Next Sunday - **Karen Chalmers**



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



Song List

Third Sunday of Lent A
March 23, 2014

ENTRANCE HYMN:

Hymn of Faith
verses 1 + 4 (Mass Book, p. 13)

HOLY SPIRIT SONG:

Come, Holy Spirit
vs 1 + 2 (Blue Hymnal #145)

OFFERTORY HYMN:

The Old Rugged Cross
(duet - Eleanor & Lisa)

COMMUNION HYMN:

Ludu, Mój Ludu
vs 1 in Polish + 2 in English (Blue Hymnal #94)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN:

Bread of Heaven (Panis Angelicus)
(solo - Lisa)

DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

In the Cross of Christ I Glory
vs 1 + 2 (Green Hymnal #29)



SPRING CONCERT

Sunday, April 13, 2014 at 3 p.m.

St. Valentine's Church

127 King Street

Northampton, Massachusetts

Featuring

Lisa Woods, Mezzo-Soprano

Jerry Noble, Piano Accompanist

With special Guest Soprano -
Gabriella Totiaferro



General Admission - \$15

Seniors 60+ - \$10

Children 12 and under - \$5



Cleaning of the Church

(Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.): March 29

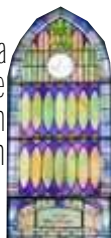
New Storm Windows

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

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.