



Sunday Church Bells

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

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

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God of Light, You are always dawning on us! You invite us beyond the darkness that scares, demeans and envelops us. You enlighten us that darkness, disease and disasters are not punishments, but rather paths for Your glory to shine. Cure our blindness as we grope our way. In Spirit us not to be so blinded by the darkness that we cannot see light. Humble us not to impose shadows on others in our judgments about them. I love the drama of Samuel seeking Your new King. Why did he finally pick David? - because he was good looking? - or the youngest? - or a shepherd? You work in strange ways, Lightning God. Your Spirit ignites who and what You will. Touch our blindness with your living water and anoint us with your shepherding Spirit. Lead us to seek the light as we continue our journey through Lent.

Fourth 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: For all parishioners living and dead.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Isaiah 43:8-9a; Jeremiah 5:21-22a)

Priest: Lead out the people who are blind though they have eyes; who are deaf though they have ears. Let all the nations gather together, let the people assemble!

***All:* Pay attention to this, foolish and senseless people who have eyes and see not, who have ears and hear not. Should you not fear Me, says the Lord, should you not tremble before Me?**

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: 1 Samuel 16:6-7, 10-13

GRADUAL (Isaiah 42:18, 20; Psalm 146:8; Isaiah 2:5b)

Priest: You who are deaf, listen, you who are blind, look and see! You see many things without taking note; your ears are open, but without hearing.

***All:* The Lord gives sight to the blind. The Lord raises up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves righteousness. Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

TRACT (Psalm 36:9-10)

Priest: We feast on the rich food of your house; from Your delightful stream You give us drink.

***All:* For with You is the fountain of life, and in Your light we see light.**

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

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

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

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no

one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” —which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.” So they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?” He replied, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went there and washed and was able to see.” And they said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I don’t know.”

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a sinful man do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, “What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?” His parents answered and said, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, “He is of age; question him.”

So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner.” He replied, “If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see.” So they said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?” They ridiculed him and said, “You are that man’s disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from.” The man answered and said to them, “This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not

listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything.” They answered and said to him, “You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?” Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered and said, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind.”

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not also blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, ‘We see,’ so your sin remains.

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: ***Ezekiel 37:12-14***

Second Reading: ***Romans 8:8-11***

Gospel: ***John 11:1-45***



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today - Annual Polish Heritage Ham Dinner (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
- April 1 - Birth of Bp. Francis Hodur (1866) - Holy Mass at 10:00 am
- Polish Classes - every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- Passion Sunday, April 6 - Holy Mass with Lenten Penitential Service and Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Collection for Missions
- Palm Sunday, April 13 - Blessing with Distribution of Palms, Procession and Holy Mass at 9:30 am - Spring Concert at 3:00 pm



Coffee Hour Sponsors: Today - ***Karen Chalmers***
Next Sunday - ***Jan Duffe***



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

Fourth Sunday of Lent A

March 30, 2014

ENTRANCE HYMN:

Hymn of Faith

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

HOLY SPIRIT SONG:

Holy Spirit, Light Divine

(Blue Hymnal #140)

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Amazing Grace

verses 1 + 5 (Blue Hymnal #224)

COMMUNION HYMN:

Bądźże Pozdrowiona

vs 1 in Polish + 2 in English (Blue Hymnal #155)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN:

Were You There?

(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:

Pod Twą Obronę

vs 1 in Polish + 2 in English (Green Hymnal #210)



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 Toliaferro



General Admission - \$15

Seniors 60+ - \$10

Children 12 and under - \$5



Cleaning of the Church

(Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.): April 12

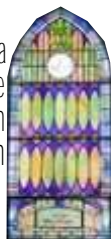
New Storm Windows

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.