



Sunday Church Bells

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

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday
April 26, 2015

**Czwarta Niedziela
Wielkanocna**

Niedziela Dobrego Pasterza
26 Kwietnia 2015



Good Shepherd, I love you! Gentle Shepherd, I need you! Strong Shepherd, I need your muscular, caring shoulders to rest on! Because you lay down your life, I live! Thank you! Your love overwhelms and saves me. I'm lost and crippled sometimes, Jesus. You are the cornerstone and builder, even as I try to create my own kingdoms of darkness, built on bricks of cynicism, disillusionment, darkness and disbelief. Lifted on your shoulders, life feels so much lighter, Lord, and the vision seems brighter. I don't feel so lost and disoriented. I feel like God's child, because of your Shepherd embrace! From this cozy and uplifting seat upon your Shepherd shoulders, help me to see the whole flock as yours and connected, and embrace them as my sisters and brothers. Yes, the ride is smoother sitting on your strong shoulders, Good Shepherd. Thank you!

4 Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd 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 (Ezekiel 34:31, Psalm 79:13)

Priest: You, My sheep, you are the sheep of My pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God. Alleluia.

***All:* Then we, Your people and the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; through all generations we will declare Your praise. 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 4:8-12

GRADUAL (Isaiah 40:11)

Priest: Like a shepherd He feeds His flock; in His arms He gathers the lambs. Alleluia.

***All:* Carrying them in His bosom, and leading the ewes with care. Alleluia.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-2

ALLELUIA (1 Peter 5:4; Psalm 95:7)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***All:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Priest: When the Chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. For He is our God, and we are the people He shepherds, the flock He guides.

***All:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

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

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

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not

belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father.”

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection Question:

1. Jesus said, “I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.” Jesus applies the Trinitarian love-recognition between him and his Father to the recognition between himself and his own. What does this tell you about how well you are known and how much you are loved? For whom will you lay down your life?

The Good Shepherd knows his sheep and calls each one by name.

They listen, they wait for the glow of his voice.

We are so like them.

O Jesus, Shepherd, we long to hear you call our names.

Hold us in your arms for a while.

*Then help us lay our lives
down for each other.*



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: **Acts 9:26-31**

Second Reading: **1 John 3:18-24**

Gospel: **John 15:1-8**



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Thursday, April 30 - Saint Joseph the Workman - Holy Mass at 10:00 am
- ◆ Friday, May 1 - Saints Philip & James, Apostles - Holy Mass at 7:00 pm
- ◆ Next Sunday, May 3 after Holy Mass will be Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Collection for Missions. ***Polish Constitution Day***

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Today - ***Krysia Newman***

Next Sunday - ***Jean Gromacki***





EIGHTH ANNUAL
POLISH DINNER
MAY 16, 2015



5 P.M.

ST. VALENTINE'S PNC CHURCH
PARISH HALL
127 KING STREET
NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

TICKET COST: \$15/PERSON

RESERVATIONS/TICKETS:

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY OFFICE AT
413-584-0133 BY MAY 12TH -TICKETS ARE LIMITED!

MEAT: GOLABKI
CHEESE PIEROGI
CABBAGE PIEROGI
CABBAGE WITH SPARERIBS
RULADA
HAM

HOMESPICES
SPYGLAD/BUTTER
HORSERADISH
PICKLES
COFFEE/TEA/HIGH
DESSERT

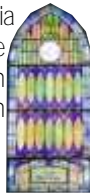
THE POLISH DANCE GROUP FROM ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, WESTFIELD, MA WILL
ENTERTAIN WITH LIVELY TRADITIONAL POLISH DANCES.



Cleaning of the Church
Saturday, May 9 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 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

Jim Gebo - 183 Mallowhill Rd, Springfield, MA 01129

*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.