



Sunday Church Bells

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

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Twenty Fifth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Spójnia Sunday

September 22, 2013



Dwudziesta Piąta Niedziela

w Okresie Zwykłym

Niedziela Spójnii

22 Września 2013

There are many economic realities we can learn from the world and translate to the realm of our faith. Both are systems of thought and action that help us deal with the unknown. Even from corrupt and evil people, we can learn ways to deal with life that are acceptable. This could be called the *“Economics of the Kingdom.”*

It has been said *“God can draw straight lines with a crooked pencil.”* This does not only apply to the crook in our story today, but to you and to me. If we are willing to place our imperfect lives in God’s hands, He can teach us his ways and can accomplish good through us. Wisdom is good wherever we find it. Sir Alec Douglas-Home, (one of the most widely respected and trusted British statesmen) when he was prime minister said, *“There are two problems in my life; the political ones are insoluble and the economical ones are incomprehensible.”*

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XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C - Spójnia Sunday

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

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

Mass intention: For all the Members of Spójnia, living and dead.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Psalm 113:1-2)

Priest: Praise, you servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord both now and forever.

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: Amos 8:4-7

GRADUAL (Deuteronomy 25:13-14,16)

Priest: You shall not keep two differing weights in your bag, one large and the other small; nor shall you keep two different measures in your house, one large and the other small.

All: Everyone who is dishonest in any of these matters is an abomination to the Lord, your God.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

ALLELUIA (Sirach 29:11)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: Dispose of your treasure as the Most High commands, for that will profit you more than the gold.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

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

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.' The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.' He called in his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.'

Then to another the steward said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.' The steward said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.' And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. "For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection Questions:

1. Was the unjust steward dishonest or just clever? How would the kingdom of God benefit if you were more resourceful about promoting it here on earth?
2. Can you think of one way you can be more resourceful or even clever in your spiritual life?





Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: *Amos 6:1a, 4-7*

Second Reading: *1 Timothy 6:11-16*

Gospel: *Luke 16:19-31*





PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Meeting:
Monday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- Polish Classes - Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- Pulaski Day Parade - Monday, October 14 (see Monthly Bulletin).
- Bishop's Paul Sobiechowski Parochial Visitation in our Parish - Monday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

October 27, 2013 - Save this date!!!

Bring your friends!!!
Harvest Dinner in our Parish!!!



Bible Study



If you want to strengthen your faith through Bible Study, please come. **We will start Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in our Parish Hall.**
If you have any questions - call Fr. Adam at 584-0133

The schedule of the cleaning of the Church (Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.): September 28

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.

Donation of \$100.00 received from Diane Scott.

The amount received thus far \$325.00.

Thank you. Bóg zapłać!



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Helen Golec - 71 State Street, Apt. 130, Northampton, MA 01060

Paul Krawczynski - 18 Dickinson Street, Northampton, MA 01060

John Lenkowski - 31 Denise Court, Northampton, MA 01060

Grace Mackiewicz - 9 Chestnut Street, #6, Amherst, MA 01002

Stanley Michalski - 1554 Rt. 106 N, Loudon, NH 03307

Rt. Rev. Thomas Gnat - 104 Naphin Hill Rd, 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.