



Sunday Church Bells

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

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**Thirty First
Sunday
in Ordinary Time
November 2, 2014**

**Trzydziesta Pierwsza
Niedziela
w Okresie Zwykłym
2 Listopada 2014**



The culture in which we live promotes radical individualism. We are told to think of ourselves first, and to act always in our own best interest.

Jesus' message of solidarity challenges the individualism of our day. We are to think not of ourselves first, but God, and after Him, we are to think of our neighbor. Only when this order is kept intact in our lives do we experience the blessedness the Lord has in store for us. Selfishness and self-absorption have no place in the Kingdom, for the Kingdom is about love of God and neighbor.

XXXI Sunday in Ordinary Time, 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 departed from All Souls Day List.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Jeremiah 7:3)

Priest: Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel:

All: Reform your ways and your deeds, so that I may remain with you in this place.

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: Malachi 1:14b—2b, 8-10

GRADUAL (Proverbs 18:12; 15:33)

Priest: Before his downfall a man's heart is haughty, but humility goes before honor.

All: The fear of the Lord is training for wisdom, and humility goes before honors.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

ALLELUIA (Colossians 3:12)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 23:1-12

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

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.' As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on

earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection Questions:



1. Are we the new scribes and Pharisees?
2. Do we "tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others," while being too lazy to lift a finger?
3. Are we, by asking people to serve on committees, by expecting them to tithe, and, come on, let's face it, expecting them to save our churches, tying up heavy burdens?
4. Do we expect more from our congregants than we expect from ourselves?



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: *Wisdom 6:12-16*

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

Gospel: *Matthew 25:1-13*





PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 4 Today after Holy Mass will be Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Wypominki Prayers.
- 4 Collection for Missions - there is a basket in the vestibule for this collection.
- 4 Cemetery Service for All Souls (Holy Trinity Cemetery) - Sunday, November 2 at 2:00 pm. In case of inclement weather it will be at the Church
- 4 All Souls Day (translated) - Monday, November 3 - Holy Mass at 7:00 pm
- 4 Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Meeting: Monday, November 3 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
- 4 Polish Classes - every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
- 4 No Holy Mass on Wednesday, November 5 and Thursday, November 6 - Retreat and Clergy Conference
- 4 Thanksgiving Dinner - November 16 at noon - Holy Name of Jesus Parish, So Deerfield (call 413-665-2129)

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Today - **Danuta Czarnecka**

Next Sunday - **Fred Zimnoch**



Cleaning of the Church
Saturday, November 8 at 8:00 am

Starting Thursday,
November 13, 2014
at 6:30 pm
in the Parish Hall



*If you want to strengthen
your faith, know more
about the Holy Bible
through the movies
- join us!*

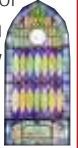
Any questions - call Fr. Adam at (413)584-0133

**Visual
Bible
Study**



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:

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

Rt. Rev. Stanley Bilinski - 9201 West Higgins Rd, Chicago, IL 60631

Rev. Henry Smolinski - 8 Mills Rd, Windsor, CT 06095

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.