



Sunday Church Bells

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

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**Second Sunday
of Advent**

December 8, 2013

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A lot has changed since last Advent, and not just in the financial and housing markets. Some names have been dropped from our Christmas card list, because of death or a broken relationship. There are new-borns in our family. We have ailments we didn't used to have. There have also been a series of firsts: first days at a new school; first dates; first days on a new job; first loss of a job; first days of married life, etc. We have been reminded again this year that events are not predictable; life is always changing and often life catches us by surprise. One day's security can lead to the next day's insecurity.

John the Baptist's voice reaches us from across the ages, from another time and another land. He reminds us of a wisdom we already know, but may have been ignoring: God alone is our security. God doesn't wear out on us; doesn't grow rusty and useless; doesn't grow outdated, like the last computer we owned. When the old securities fail us, God is and will be there for us. God is the rock we stand on when all around us is sand.

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II Sunday of Advent A

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

9:30 a.m. - Holy Mass (with Advent Penitential Service) - Traditional Rite - Mass Book, page 13.

Mass intention: For all parishioners living and dead.

ENTRANCE HYMN (John 1:6-8)

Priest: A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through Him.

All: He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

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: Isaiah 11:1-10

GRADUAL (Jeremiah 23:5-6)

Priest: Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David; As king He shall reign and govern wisely, He shall do what is just and right in the land.

All: In His days Judah shall be saved, Israel shall dwell in security. This is the name they give Him: "The Lord our justice."

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-9

ALLELUIA (Sirach 2:18)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: Let us fall into the hands of the Lord and not into the hands of men, for equal to His majesty is the mercy that He shows.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

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

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

A voice of one crying out in the desert,

Prepare the way of the Lord,

make straight his paths.

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem,

all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: *Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10*

Second Reading: *James 5:7-10*

Gospel: *Matthew 11:2-11*



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Organizational Meeting for Polskie Koledy Sing-along - Monday, December 9 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.
- Monday, December 9 - Conception of the BVM - Holy Mass at 7:00 pm
- Polish Classes - every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- Rorate Holy Mass - every Wednesday at 7:00 pm
- Parish Committee Meeting: Monday, December 16 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.
- Sunday, December 22 - Christmas Church Decorating - after Holy Mass.
- Tuesday, December 24 - Midnight - Christmas Eve (Pasterka/Shepherd's Mass) - Holy Mass will begin with a Concert of Carols in Polish and English by the Parish Choir at 11:45 pm
- Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day - Holy Mass at 9:30 am



Keep Christ In Christmas

Jesus is the Reason for the Season

Oplatki / Christmas Wafers
were blessed and they are available to our parishioners and friends following the liturgy. A free-will offering will be appreciated.



Memory Tree

The ANS Society of the St. Valentine's PNC Church will sponsor the "Memory Tree" project. Hand made miniature crosses will represent loved ones and friends who have passed away. Suggested donation for each cross is \$ 2.00 for one name, or for one family.

A Holy Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated by Fr. Adam in January 19, 2014, Sunday at 9:30 a.m. At this celebration each name will be read and later inscribed in the Memory Book. The Memory Tree will be displayed in December and January. For the crosses contact ANS Ladies.

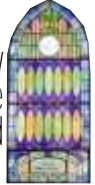


New Storm Windows

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 \$325.00.

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

Paul Krawczynski - 18 Dickinson Street, 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

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

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

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.