



# *Sunday Church Bells*

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

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**Twentieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
August 18, 2013**

**Dwudziesta Niedziela  
w Okresie Zwykłym  
18 Sierpnia 2013**



We normally like to think of little Jesus, meek and mild; a man whose life was a complete 'yes' to the Father. And that's true. But to say a complete yes to the Father means saying 'No' to some other things. I remember a famous theologian once describing Jesus as "*God's NO to the world*". What he meant was that Jesus comes into this world not to congratulate it but to change it; not to deny the good that is in all creation but to oppose evil in all its forms. To say 'No' to the wrong done to another is the beginning of justice. To say 'No' to sickness and disease is the beginning of healing. To say 'No' to ignorance is the beginning of learning.

**Compassion**; real compassion as Jesus lived it - is a mixture in equal parts of love and anger. Anger, that some things in this world are wrong and the love not to destroy them, but to make them better. That is what Jesus came into the world to do.

*Don.*

## XIX Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

**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** (Psalm 139:7-8, 11-12a)

*Priest:* Where can I hide from Your Spirit? From Your presence, where can I flee? If I ascend to the heavens, You are there; if I lie down in Sheol, You are there too.

**All: Surely darkness shall hide me, and night shall be my light.**

**Darkness is not dark for You, and night shines as the day.**

*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:** Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

**GRADUAL** (Hebrews 4:12, Psalm 139:23-24)

*Priest:* Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.

**All: Probe me, God, know my heart, try me, know my concerns. See if my way is crooked, then lead me in the ancient paths.**

**SECOND READING:** Hebrews 12:1-4

**ALLELUIA** (Psalm 97:3-4)

*Priest:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

*Priest:* Fire goes before Him; everywhere it consumes the foes. Lightning illumines the world; the earth sees and trembles.

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

**GOSPEL:** Luke 12:49-53

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son

and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”


*Priest:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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## Reflection Questions:

1. According to this Gospel, what did Jesus come to earth to do? What does **he wish? What is the “fire” he wants the earth consumed with?** 
2. Do you think the kind of radical unconditional love that God has for us, together with the resistance to it that some people have, could cause divisions such as the ones Jesus mentions in this Gospel?

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*Jesus,*

*bring us from our sometimes love to always,  
from our maybe's and not today's to the unconditional love  
you have shown us in your every breath.*

*Breathe on us and let our spark make the earth blaze  
with your love.*



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## Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: **Isaiah 66:18-21**

Second Reading: **Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13**

Gospel: **Luke 13:22-30**



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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Annual Chicken BBO - Sunday, August 18, 2013, 12:00-1:00 p.m. - Holy Name of Jesus Parish, South Deerfield, MA. (see flyer in the vestibule)
- Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Meeting:  
Monday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- No Holy Masses from Tuesday, August 20 to Saturday, August 24 (included)
- Summer Concert - Sunday, August 25 at 3:00 p.m. (see next page)
- Dożynki - Polish Harvest Festival - Sunday, September 8, 2013 from 12:00 Noon until 5:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Parish, Westfield, MA. (see flyer in the vestibule)
- **October 27, 2013 - Save this date!!!**  
Bring your friends!!!  
Harvest Dinner in our Parish!!!



## 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.

**Thank you.  
Bóg zapłać!**



*The schedule of the cleaning of the Church (Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.):  
August 24, September 7*

## Summer Concert

A Tribute to the American Songbook

Sunday, August 25, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

St. Valentine's Church

127 King Street

Northampton, Massachusetts

### Featuring

Lisa Woods - Mezzo-Soprano

Teri LaFleur - Soprano

Jerry Noble - Piano

Special Guest - Bob Sparkman - Jazz Clarinet



General Admission: \$15

Seniors 60+: \$10

Children 12 and under \$5

## 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

**Rt. Rev. Thomas Gnat** - 104 Naphin Hill Rd, Dunmore, PA 18512

*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.