



Sunday Church Bells

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

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Septuagesima

Sunday

February 16, 2014

Niedziela

Siedemdziesiątnicy

16 Lutego 2014



God of wisdom, You are the God of fire and water. You have expectations of us, born of Your love and choice of us as Your people. Help us to use our freedom to make choices which quench and nourish, rather than burn and destroy ourselves and others. Keep us faithful to Your law of love by the power of Your Spirit Who sees all - of You and of us! Washed in the water of Baptism and fired by Your Spirit, help us to see your heightened expectations of fidelity, obedience, reverence and forgiveness. As You are unconditionally generous, help us to have generous hearts in the way we observe Your law - and not take a minimalist approach. You don't like petty, rigid hearts, do You? Humble us not to scandalize others and compromise their innocence. In Spirit us not to invite others to lower Your expectations and take easy ways out.

Septuagesima Sunday, Cycle A

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 34:15-16)

Priest: Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

All: The Lord has eyes for the just and ears for their cry.

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: Sirach 15:15-20

GRADUAL (James 1:13-14)

Priest: No one experiencing temptation should say, "I am being tempted by God"; for God is not subject to temptation to evil, and He Himself tempts no one.

All: Rather, each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

VERSE BEFORE GOSPEL (Psalm 84:13)

Priest: If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:17-37

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

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; and whoever says to his brother, 'Raga,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and

then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna.

"It was also said, Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce. But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife - unless the marriage is unlawful - causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection Question:

1. Jesus is critical of the Pharisees' type of righteousness, which focuses on externals. They make sure everyone sees when they fast, pray on street corners, wash their hands, etc. How do these things relate to the inner spirit of the law? How do they relate to loving God and neighbor?



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: ***Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18***

Second Reading: ***1 Corinthians 3:16-23***

Gospel: ***Matthew 5:38-48***



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Today 61st Anniversary of death, s.p. Prime Bishop Francis Hodur**
- Parish Committee Meeting: Monday, February 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- Polish Classes - every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Meeting:
Monday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Cleaning of the Church (Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.): February 22



**ANNUAL
SPAGHETTI DINNER**

March 15, 2014 at 5:00 pm

ST. VALENTINE'S POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH HALL

127 KING STREET

NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

TICKET COST: \$9/Person

RESERVATIONS:

Please call: Christine at 413-584-4531,

Diane at 413-527-7785 or Rectory at 413-584-0133

by March 11th

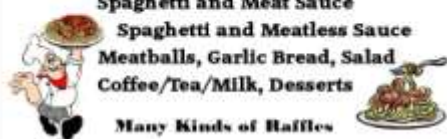
Spaghetti and Meat Sauce

Spaghetti and Meatless Sauce

Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad

Coffee/Tea/Milk, Desserts

Many Kinds of Raffles



***Zapusty in Parish Hall
of St. Valentine's Church***

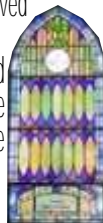


**You are invited to dance Polka, sing, eat *paczki* & *chruściki*
on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 6:30 pm**

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 \$575.00.

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:

Edward Antosz - 34 Hockanum Rd, Northampton, MA 01060

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

Shirley & 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

Alice Modrzakowski - 130 University Dr. Unit 133, Amherst, MA 01002

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

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