

- **Monday, June 24 - Saint John the Baptist** - Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, June 29 - Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles** - Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- **Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, New Hampshire - Annual Prayer Service** - July 7, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. This year's gathering honors First Responders, with a special focus on the Sandy Hook School massacre in Newtown, CT and the Boston Marathon bombings. Following the service, a repast will take place. Please notify Fr. Senior Joseph Soltysiak with your checks by Monday, July 1, 2013 in order that a count for the meal may be made (more information in the latest "The Messenger").

**The schedule of the cleaning
of the Church (Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.):
July 6 & 20.**

New Storm Windows

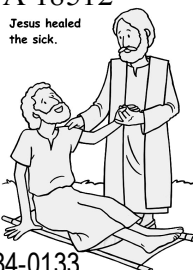
Donations are still being accepted to help defray the cost of the storm windows which were recently purchased for the church. Any amount will be gratefully appreciated. Your donation will be acknowledged in our Church bulletin. Please notify us if you do not want to have your named mentioned in the bulletin.

Thank you. Bóg zapłać!



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Joan Forman - P.O. Box 303, Hadley, MA 01035
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

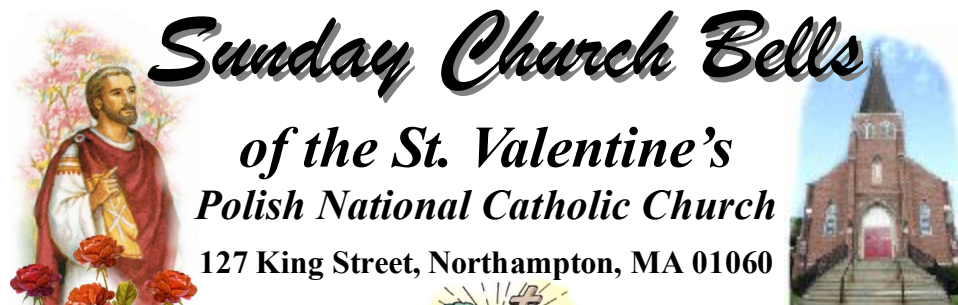
If you have a family member or friend at hospital or home unable to take part in Holy Mass and Sacraments, please notify Fr. Adam at 584-0133.



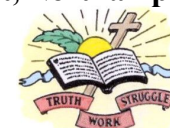
Holy Mass Schedule:

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.



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**Twelfth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
June 23, 2013**

**Dwunasta Niedziela
w Okresie Zwykłym
23 Czerwca 2013**



"God, You truly are our father. You sent Your only Son to embrace us, but we destroyed him. We did not believe who he was. But You lifted us up and have made us Your daughters and sons. In Jesus, our brother, You have broken down all false categories that divide us. Make us one, Lord Jesus. Help us not to blink when you look us in the eye today and ask us who you are. In Spirit us to know, see and embrace you as Messiah, Savior, Brother and Compassion of God for us. Empower us not to mourn the losses nor count the cost of following you and working for your reign. "

XII 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 (Revelation 21:6b; 22:17b)

Priest: I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water.

All: Let the one who thirsts come forward, and the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water.

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: Zechariah 12:10-11

GRADUAL (Job 12:13-15; Psalm 63:2)

Priest: With Him are wisdom and might; His are counsel and understanding. If He breaks a thing down, there is no rebuilding; if imprisons a man, there is no release. He holds back the waters and there is drought; He sends them forth and they overwhelm the land.

All: O God, You are my God - for You I long! For You my body yearns; for You my soul thirsts, like a land parched, lifeless, and without water.

SECOND READING: Galatians 3:26-29

ALLELUIA (John 19:34)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: One soldier thrust his lance into His side, and immediately blood and water flowed out.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:18-24

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

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

Once when Jesus was praying in solitude, and the disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, 'One of the ancient prophets has arisen.'" Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said in reply, "The Christ of God." He rebuked them and

directed them not to tell this to anyone.

He said, "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised." Then he said to all, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection Questions:



1. By asking his disciples who they thought he was, Jesus used the opportunity to reveal his mission to them: to be rejected, to die and to rise. Do you think the disciples understood at the time? What do you think about "rejection" having the same importance as "dying and rising?" What did he say they had to do if they were going to follow him?
2. Are there any implications for you if you know who Christ is and what his mission is about? If picking up your cross is a formidable task, do you have to think of all the years to come, or could you just pick up today's cross?

Jesus, you ask us, "Who do you say I am?"

Help us say it.

With mouths speaking justice for the poor.

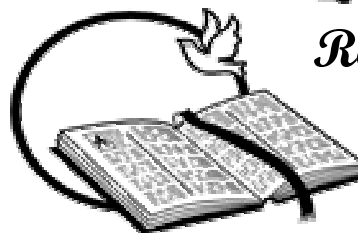
With feet rushing to those in need.

Hands picking up our crosses.

Trust that shatters fear.

O Lord, with hearts loving you and others in you.

Help us say it. And do it.



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: **1 King 19:16b, 19-21**

Second Reading: **Galatians 5:1, 13-18**

Gospel: **Luke 9:51-62**



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **"Beyond the Band-Aid"** (Addressing the causes of hunger, homelessness, poverty, and unemployment in the world's richest nation) - First Churches will be holding a panel on Sunday, June 23 at 6:00 p.m., featuring U.S. Congressman James McGovern as the keynote speaker (see flyer in the vestibule).