Sunday Church Bells

of the St. Valentine's Polish National Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2014

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O Flower of Jesse's stem, you are raised up as a sign for all peoples. Rulers, nations and peoples stand silent in your presence and worship you. Come, and let nothing keep you from blossoming and coming to our aid. Monoah's wife and Elizabeth speak of your strong initiation coming to our sterility and powerlessness. In Samson and John the Baptist, we see your strong life budding forth from barrenness, when impregnated by faith and available in hope. Teach us today, not to stand in speechless disbelief, but in awe of the power of your initiating love. You are awesome, Promise of the Nations, the way You bloom among us. Jesus will be our vine and connect us to the Source of Life. Plant and root yourself deep within us.

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Cycle B

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 (Luke 1:28, 42; Judith 15:9b)

Priest: Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you. Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

All: You are the glory of Jerusalem, the surpassing joy of Israel! You are the splendid boast of our people.

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: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

GRADUAL (Matthew 1:18; Galatians 4:4)

Priest: Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the holy Spirit.

All: But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law.

SECOND READING: Romans 16:25-27

ALLELUIA (Jeremiah 32:27)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: I am the Lord, the God of all mankind! Is anything impossible to Me?

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-28

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

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High,

and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Readings for Pasterka

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-6 Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14 Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Christmas Eve Pasterka/ Shepherds Mass - Wednesday, December 24 at Midnight - Holy Mass will begin with a Concert of Carols by the Parish Choir at 11:45 pm
- ◆ Nativity of our Lord Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25 -Holy Mass at 9:30 am
- ◆ Saint Stephen, Proto-Martyr -Friday, December 26 - Holy Mass at 7:00 pm
- Saturday, December 27 Holy Mass at 7:00 pm (after Holy Mass - Blessing and





◆ Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist Distribution of Wine).

> Today - Isaac Scott Next Sunday - Jean Gromacki

Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Polskie Koledy Polish Christmas Carol Sing along Sponsored by the Polish Heritage Committee January 4, 2015 - 2 p.m St. Valentine's Polish National Catholic Church 127 King Street Northampton, MA

> All friends of Polonia are cordially invited to attend a Polish Christmas Carol Sing along. The earols will be led by singers from area church choirs. An afternoon of music and fellowship is surely to be anjoyed by all

Please Join Us! Refreshments will follow the Bing Blong (in the Parish Hall)



Cleaning of the Church Monday, December 22 at 9:00 am

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 Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki - 529 East Locust St, Scranton, PA 18505 Rev. Henry Smolinski - 8 Mills Rd, Windsor, CT 06095

Karen Dragon - 1116 Xavier Court, Bloomington, MN 55437

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 <u>Holy Mass intentions</u> contact Fr. Adam after Sunday Holy Mass or anytime by phone (413) 584-0133.