



Sunday Church Bells

of the St. Valentine's Polish National Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2014

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You are coming closer, yet we seem lost in Christmas shopping and cards. Reveal Yourself amidst the festivities and decorations of this season. Isn't this the Isaiah reading Jesus did in the Nazareth synagogue, which got them upset, because they wanted someone more? Jesus, we need you to come with glad tidings, healing, uplifting and freedom. You are the light penetrating us and our human experience, making everything holy and clothed in brilliance. You are blossoming in our midst and shining among us, even if we are lost in darkness, wondering just where you are and how you fit into this all. Baptize us again in Your Spirit so that we are never again confused about who you are and where you are in our lives. In this covenant betrothal, I'm sorry that I miss you, my bride and bridegroom. Keep me focused. Give me the humility of John to know that You are the important One - you are God's anointed, and I only share in your glory, despite how messianic I feel!

Third Sunday of Advent, Cycle A

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

9:30 a.m. - Holy Mass - Traditional Rite - Mass Book, page 13.

Mass intention: In memory of Edward J. Zimnoch

- req. by Frederyk S. Zimnoch.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Philippians 4:4-5; Psalm 119:151, 162)

Priest: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near .

***All:* You are near, O Lord; by Your edict give me life. I rejoice at Your promise, as on who has found rich spoil.**

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 61:1-2, 10-11

GRADUAL (Psalm 33:1, 21-22)

Priest: Rejoice, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.

***All:* For in God our hearts rejoice; in Your holy name we trust. May Your kindness, Lord, be upon us; we have put our hope in You.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

ALLELUIA (Isaiah 62:5b)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Priest: And as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so shall your God rejoice in you.

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

GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

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

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for

yourself?" He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Readings for next Sunday

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

Second Reading: **Romans 16:25-27**

Gospel: **Luke 1:26-28**



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Polish Classes - Tuesday, December 16 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
- ◆ Polskie Koledy Sing Along Choir Practice - Thursday, December 18 at 6:30 pm
- ◆ Parish Committee Meeting: Friday, December 19 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
- ◆ Christmas Eve - Pasterka/Shepherds Mass - Wednesday, December 24 at Midnight - Holy Mass will begin with a Concert of Carols in Polish and English by the Parish Choir at 11:45 pm
- ◆ Nativity of our Lord - Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25 - Holy Mass at 9:30 am



Coffee Hour Sponsors:
Today - **Fred Zimnoch**
Next Sunday - **Isaac Scott**





Polskie Koledy

Polish Christmas Carol Sing Along
Sponsored by the Polish Heritage Committee

 **January 4, 2015 - 2 p.m.** 

at
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 carols will be led by singers from area church choirs. An afternoon of music and fellowship is surely to be enjoyed by all.

Please Join Us!
Refreshments will follow the Sing Along
(in the Parish Hall) 

No Christ - No Christmas

**Know
Christ
Know
Christmas**

Jesus is Lord



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 that 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 Czarnecki on Sunday, January 18, 2015 at 9:30 am
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: Krysia Newman (413) 584 - 4531;
Diane Scott (413) 527-7785; Rectory (413) 584-0133

Cleaning of the Church

Saturday, 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

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