# Sunday Church Bells

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

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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Heritage Sunday* October 20, 2013

Dwudziesta Dziewiąta Niedziela w Okresie Zwykłym Niedziela Dziedzictwa 20 Października 2013



How many of you have seen this painting of an old burnt-down mountain shack? All that remains is the chimney - the charred debris of what was that family's sole possession. In front of the destroyed home stands an old grandfather-looking man dressed only in his dressing-gown with a small boy clutching a pair of patched overalls. The child is crying. Beneath the picture are written the words which the old man is speaking to the boy. They are simple words, yet they represent a profound sense of faith and hope. The words are, "Hush child, God ain't dead!" The man or woman of faith knows that "there are no hopeless situations; there are only people who have grown hopeless about their situations." Today's gospel presents us with another example, that of a woman of faith, a widow, and urges us never to grow hopeless about any situation in which we find ourselves, no matter how hopeless it may seem.

#### XXIX Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C - Heritage Sunday

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 31:24a, Sirach 51:11)

*Priest:* Love the Lord, all you faithful. The Lord protects the loyal.

All: I will ever praise Your name and be constant in my prayers to You. Thereupon the Lord heard my voice, He listened to my appeal.

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: Exodus 17:8-13

**GRADUAL** (Ephesians 6:18)

*Priest:* With all prayer and supplication, pray at every opportunity in the Spirit.

All: To that end, be watchful with all perseverance and supplication for all the holy ones.

**SECOND READING:** 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2

ALLELUIA (Job 27:10)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Priest:* Will he then delight in the Almighty and call upon Him constantly?

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

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

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God

then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 Second Reading: 2 *Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18* 

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

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#### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Collection: Outreach to Poland there is a basket in the vestibule for this collection.
- Parish Committee Meeting: Monday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- Polish Classes every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- Polish Heritage Committee Meeting: Wednesday, October 23 at 6:00 p.m. in our Parish Hall.
- Rosary to the BVM Wednesday, October 23 at 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, October 24 Raphael the Archangel Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday Holy Mass on October 27 is at 11:00 a.m.
- Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Meeting: Wednesday, October 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- Annual Polish Heritage Committee Harvest "Dozynki" Roast Beef Dinner and Dance - Saturday, November 2 (see flyer in the Church vestibule).
- Bishop's Paul Sobiechowski Parochial Visitation in our Parish Monday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, South Deerfield, MA - Sunday, November 17th at noon (see flyer in the Church vestibule).





In the box of Church Offering envelopes, you will find one with a special offering for All Souls Day. To your offering, please attach a list of names of your departed loved ones for whom we will pray on All Souls Day and every Sunday during the month of November. Every Sunday in November Holy Mass will be celebrated in memory of your dearly departed. After Holy Mass we will pray for them in Wypominki - reading a portion of the list of names,

praying with one mystery of the Rosary and special prayers for the departed.

#### Cleaning of the Church (Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.): October 26

#### 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 \$325.00.

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 - 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 Stanley Michalski - 1554 Rt. 106 N, Loudon, NH 03307 Rt. Rev. Thomas Gnat - 104 Naphin Hill Rd, 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.