



Sunday Church Bells

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

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**Second Sunday
of Advent**

December 7, 2014

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Adwentu**

7 Grudnia 2014



God beyond and God within, You speak so tenderly, You speak so powerfully! Your voice plows through the hills and valleys of life to clear a straight path to You. We need clear, focused paths, because we get lost in the confusion and multiple expectations of our lives. Gather us on Your shoulders like young, lost lambs. We will see better and be comforted by your embracing arms and strong shoulders. Run with us along straight paths to the pastures of your new heaven and earth. InSpirit us with humility to know that it is You Who are carrying us, and to hear Your message in the prophets of our times. Teach us patience as You run, plow and speak through our human experience, creating the fullness of day!

Second 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: For all parishioners living and dead.

ENTRANCE HYMN (John 1:6-8)

Priest: A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

All: He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

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 40:1-5, 9-11

GRADUAL (Psalm 20:3; 85:10)

Priest: Our God comes and will not be silent! Devouring fire precedes, storming fiercely round about.

All: Near indeed is his salvation for the loyal; prosperity will fill our land.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-14

ALLELUIA (Nahum 2:1)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: See, upon the mountains there advances the bearer of good news, announcing peace!

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

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

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."* John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with

the Holy Spirit.”

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Question:



- How do you share John the Baptist's mission to proclaim Christ's coming into the world? Do you do this with words or by the way you live?



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: *Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11*

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

Gospel: *John 1:6-8, 19-28*



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Today after Holy Mass will be Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- ◆ Collection for Missions - there is a basket in the vestibule for this collection
- ◆ Conception of the BVM - Monday, December 8 - Holy Mass at 7:00 pm
- ◆ Polish Classes - every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
- ◆ Rorate Holy Mass - every Wednesday at 7:00 pm
- ◆ Visual Bible Study - every Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
- ◆ Parish Committee Meeting: Monday, December 15 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

 **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) 



Coffee Hour Sponsors: Today - **Danuta Czarnecka**
 Next Sunday - **Fred Zimnoch**



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 13 at 8:00 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.