



Sunday Church Bells

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

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**Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
February 9, 2014**

**Piąta Niedziela
w Okresie Zwykłym
9 Lutego 2014**



Radiant and Relentless Light, You shine forever and overwhelm all darkness. Thank you for the subtle and powerful ways You blaze within and among us. Thank you for trusting us to be your light and salt. Teach us never to create shadows where people live in darkness. Continue to challenge us with Your brilliant, piercing truth that only when we attend to the hungry, helpless, and homeless, will Your light truly shine within all your children. Only then, will Your victory be accomplished and Your glory shine! Help us to be comfortable with our own fragility and fears so that in desperation we not judge and imprison others in darkness. Humble us to rely only on your Crucified Power as our strength.

V Sunday in Ordinary Time, 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 (Isaiah 58:3a, 4)

Priest: “Why do we fast, and You do not see it? Afflict ourselves, and
You take no note of it?”

**All: Yes, your fast ends in quarreling and fighting, striking with
wicked claw. Would that today you might fast so as to make
your voice heard on high!**

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 58:7-10

GRADUAL (Psalm 102:2-3)

Priest: Lord, hear my prayer; let my cry come to You.

**All: Do not hide Your face from me now that I am in distress. Turn
Your ear to me; when I call, answer me quickly.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

ALLELUIA (Ephesians 5:8)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.
Live as children of light.

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16

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

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

Jesus said to his disciples: “You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before

others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection Questions:



1. Do salt, light, and a city set on a mountain have anything in common? Do they exist for themselves? What is Jesus saying to us with these metaphors? Did he ask us to be light and salt, or did he tell us we are light and salt? What do you think Jesus wants us to do that might be like these elements? Could they relate to social justice?
2. What determines the degree of saltiness or brightness? How would a person become more a person for others? Pope Francis says “If we live the faith in our daily life, then our work too becomes a chance to spread the joy of being a Christian.” How does this relate to this Gospel?

*Help us share our bread with the hungry,
shelter the homeless, the oppressed, and clothe the naked.
Let us do what salt does. Let us shine like the light.
Teach us to give, a little at first,
then all we have.*



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: ***Sirach 15:15-20***

Second Reading: ***1 Corinthians 2:6-10***

Gospel: ***Matthew 5:17-37***



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Parish Committee Meeting (Church by Laws): Monday, February 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- Polish Classes - every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- Friday, February 14 - Saint Valentine, Martyr (Title of our Church) - Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- Next Sunday, February 16 - Septuagesima - we will open a brief transitional season of our Liturgical Year: pre-Lent. That is also day of **61st Anniversary of death, s.p.** Prime Bishop Francis Hodur
- Parish Committee Meeting: Monday, February 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Cleaning of the Church (Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.): February 22



ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

March 15, 2014 at 5:00 pm

ST. VALENTINE'S POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH HALL

127 KING STREET

NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

TICKET COST: \$9/Person

RESERVATIONS:

Please call: Christine at 413-584-4531,

Diane at 413-527-7785 or Rectory at 413-584-0133

by March 11th

Spaghetti and Meat Sauce

Spaghetti and Meatless Sauce

Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad

Coffee/Tea/Milk, Desserts

Many Kinds of Raffles



Zapusty in Parish Hall of St. Valentine's Church

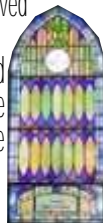


You are invited to dance Polka, sing, eat *paczki* & *chruściki*
on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 6:30 pm

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 \$575.00.

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:

Edward Antosz - 34 Hockanum Rd, Northampton, MA 01060

Helen Golec - 71 State Street, Apt. 130, Northampton, MA 01060

Shirley & 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

Alice Modrzakowski - 130 University Dr. Unit 133, Amherst, MA 01002

Rt. Rev. Stanley Bilinski - 9201 West Higgins Rd, Chicago, IL 60631

Rt. Rev. Thomas Gnat - 104 Naphin Hill Road, 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.