



Sunday Church Bells

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

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Second Sunday of Lent

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God Who is Place and God Who is Journey, like Abram and Sarah, You keep calling us from our comfortable settled places onto unsettling and challenging journeys. You are calling us closer to You, and to be more flexible and open to being Your transfiguring blessing in the world. Continue to free us to be instruments of Your covenant and promise. Keep us faithful to the pilgrimage of faith so that we can follow and live the paschal mystery of Jesus. Be our strength in the hard times. Take us through the clouds of self-doubt and pre-occupation to Your holy mountain, where we can see Your glory and presence. Transfigure our cloudy and confused spirits so that we are not afraid to follow Jesus through the times of trial, tribulation and stretching. Even though we want to camp and pitch tents where we are, You tell us to move! Be our strength and the light during and at the end of the journey.

Second Sunday of Lent, 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 (cf. Philippians 3:9)

Priest: I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the righteousness of my own based on the law,

***All:* But that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith.**

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: Genesis 12:1-4

GRADUAL (Galatians 3:6-7, 9)

Priest: Thus Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness. Realize then that it is those who have faith who are children of Abraham.

***All:* Consequently, those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham who had faith.**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

TRACT (James 2:14, 17, 24, 26b)

Priest: What good is it my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

***All:* See how a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. So also faith without works is dead.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

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

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

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for

Elijah.” While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and do not be afraid.” And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, “Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”


Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection Question:

1. The voice in the “bright cloud” said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” Do you think you listen well to him? Can you relate to Peter, James and John when they fall to the ground and are very much afraid? Why?



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: *Exodus 17:3-7*

Second Reading: *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*

Gospel: *John 4:5-42*



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Polish Classes - every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- Wednesday, March 19 - St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM - Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- Parish Committee Meeting: Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- Annual Parish Meeting: Sunday, March 23 after Holy Mass, in the Parish Hall



Coffee Hour Sponsors: Today - **Krysia Newman**
Next Sunday - **Stephen Matusiewicz**

Gorzkie Zale (Bitter Lamentations) in Polish

- every Tuesday during Lent at 6:30 pm



*Keeping
a Holy Lent*

Stations of the Cross (Droga Krzyzowa) in English

- every Friday during Lent at 6:30 pm

Thank you to all who worked so hard to prepare our Spaghetti Dinner which was very successful.





SPRING CONCERT

Sunday, April 13, 2014 at 3 p.m.

St. Valentine's Church

127 King Street

Northampton, Massachusetts

Featuring

Lisa Woods, Mezzo-Soprano

Jeery Noble, Piano Accompanist

With special Guest Soprano -
Gabriella Toliaferro



General Admission - \$16

Seniors 60+ - \$10

Children 12 and under - \$5



Cleaning of the Church

(Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.): March 29

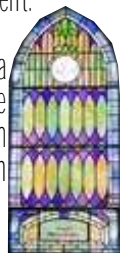
New Storm Windows

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.

Donation of \$100.00 received from Kathy Tefft.

The amount received thus far \$675.00.

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 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

Diane Scott - 2 Admiral Street, Easthampton, MA 01027

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.