



# *Sunday Church Bells*

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

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**Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
January 26, 2014**

**Trzecia Niedziela  
w Okresie Zwykłym  
26 Stycznia 2014**



*You are radiant Light, Who dispels the darkness. You lighten all heavy burdens and lift the gloom. In Jesus, You shine throughout the holy landscape of our soul. Call us today, as you called the fishermen of Galilee to spread your gathering net of light over all people swimming in the sea of our human experience. Give us the light to Christ and see him as the unity. Transform and heal the divisions which tear apart your Church by conflicting ideologies. The darkness of self-interest so subtly masquerades as your Gospel of Light. May your love in Christ be our unifying power and the only light we pursue.*

### **III 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 (Psalm 27:1)**

*Priest:* The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom do I fear?

***All:* The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom am I afraid?**

*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 8:23—9:3**

#### **GRADUAL (Psalm 22:27-28)**

*Priest:* The poor will eat their fill; those who seek the Lord will offer praise. May your hearts enjoy life forever!

***All:* All the ends of the earth will worship and turn to the Lord; All the families of nations will bow low before You.**

#### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17**

#### **ALLELUIA (Psalm 126:3)**

*Priest:* Alleluia, alleluia.

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

*Priest:* The Lord had done great things for us; Oh, how happy we were!

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

#### **GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23**

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

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: *Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.* From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you

fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

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

**All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Reflection Questions:



1. As soon as Jesus heard that John was arrested he immediately moved into Herod's territory and began an intense program teaching, healing and preaching repentance. What would cause Jesus to make such a dangerous move? Are you able to stand up for what is right when you know you will suffer pain or loss when you do? What do you think of Jesus when he acts like this?
2. Do you think Jesus needed friends? “At once they left their nets and followed him.” How long did it take Peter and Andrew to respond to his invitation? What do you think was going on in their heads and hearts?

*“Come with me,” you, said.*

*They dropped their nets and followed the deep desires of their hearts.*

*They learned to heal, to love. You taught them to seek out your people.*

*You know the beauty and the blindness of us, the warmth and the cold of us.*

*Thank you for accepting it all, for calling us.*

*Heal us. Teach us to love, to leave our own selves and to come and follow you.*



## Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: **Malachi 3:1-4**

Second Reading: **Hebrews 2:14-18**

Gospel: **Luke 2:22-40**



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Collection for Music Scholarships - there is a basket in the vestibule for this collection.
- Potluck Brunch - today following Holy Mass.
- Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Meeting: Monday, January 27 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.
- Polish Classes - every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- Sunday, February 2, Solemnity of Presentation of the Lord in the Temple - Holy Mass with Blessing of Candles at 9:30 am. After Holy Mass - Exposition of the Most

Blessed Sacrament and Blessing of throats in anticipation of St. Blaise of Sebastea Day - February 3. Collection for Missions.

- Parish Committee Meeting (Church by Laws): Monday, February 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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

#### **Epiphany Visitations**

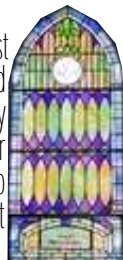
I will make Epiphany Visits to our parishioners. A traditionally prepared home for the pastoral visit displays a white cloth on a table, upon which is placed crucifix, two candles, the Bible, holy water and chalk. If you would like to have your home blessed, please notify me at Church or call the Rectory Office.

- Fr. Adam

#### **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.