

*Edward S. Kempisty, father of our dear parishioner Diane Scott, passed away Tuesday, February 26, 2013. Our sincere sympathy is extended to her family.*

*May he rest in peace.*

**The schedule of the cleaning of the Church (Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.):  
March 16th & March 23rd**

### **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 name mentioned in the bulletin.

***Thank you. Bóg zapłać!***

\$ 50.00 - in memory of Franciszek & Janina Kurtyka from son **Walter S. Kurtyka**.

### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

**Joan Forman** - P.O. Box 303, Hadley, MA 01035

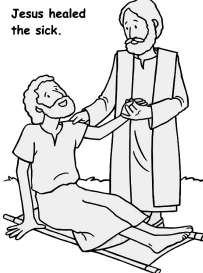
**Helen Golec** - 71 State Street, Apt. 130, Northampton, MA 01060

**John Lenkowski** - 31 Denise Court, Northampton, MA 01060

**Grace Mackiewicz** - 9 Chestnut Street, #6, Amherst, MA 01002

**Rt. Rev. Thomas Gnat** - 104 Naphin Hill Rd, Dunmore, PA 18512

*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 6:00 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.



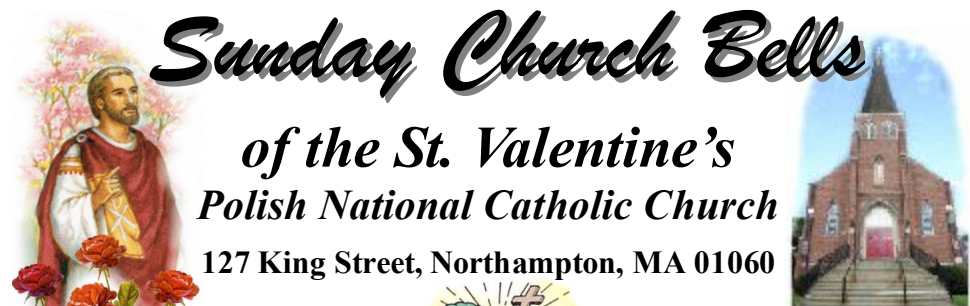
### **Holy Mass Schedule:**

**Sunday - 9:30 a.m.**

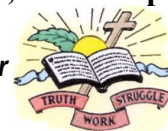
**Solemnities & Feasts - see bulletins**

**Daily - 10:00 a.m.**

For Holy Mass intentions contact Fr. Adam after Sunday Holy Mass or anytime by phone (413) 584-0133.



**Fr. Adam Czarnecki, Administrator**  
Phone: (413)584-0133



**Christine Newman, Chairperson**  
Phone: (413)584-4531

[www.stvalentinespncc.com](http://www.stvalentinespncc.com)

## **Third Sunday of Lent March 3, 2013**

## **Trzecia Niedziela Wielkiego Postu 3 Marca 2013**



*"Yahweh, You are One Who is! You are the ground of our being. Like Moses, we take off our shoes and all that prevents us from being in close, intimate contact with You. Holy One, help us not to be afraid to walk barefoot in the holy ground of our lives, and experience You as the support and foundation of our journey. Walking naked, may we feel Your presence between our toes as we experience Your fire burning in our hearts.*

*As we hear Your voice and Name, help us to be still in Your awesome, fiery presence, and not to run away. Empower us to speak Your Word of freedom to all exiles in the bondage of oppression. Enable us to run where You call and send us. Teach us to drink from the rocky challenges and trust that You are the nourishment of life. May Your fiery presence clarify for us that tragedies are not moral evil and we are not always to blame for the travails of our life. Your journey in us has painful turns and terrifying detours, but You are faithful. Like the fig tree, give us another chance, another year to blossom, because of Your patience, nourishment and faithful tending. Here I am, Lord! Thank You for being here with me!"*

## Third Sunday of Lent, Cycle C

**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** (Habakkuk 3:17a,18; Isaiah 3:10)

*Priest:* For though the fig tree blossom not, nor fruit be on the vines, yet will I rejoice in the Lord and exult in my saving God.

**All: Happy the just, for it will be well with them, the fruit of their works they will eat.**

*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 3:1-8a,13-15

**GRADUAL** (Lamentations 5:19-21)

*Priest:* You, O Lord, are enthroned forever; Your throne stands from age to age. Why, then, should You forget us, abandon us so long a time?

**All: Lead us back to You, O Lord, that we may be restored: give us anew such days as we had of old.**

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

**TRACT** (Ezekiel 18:30b-31)

*Priest:* Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin.

**All: Cast away from you all transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit.**

**GOSPEL:** Luke 13:1-9

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

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

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them — do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in

Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!”

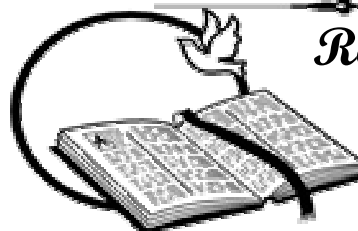
And he told them this parable: “There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?’ He said to him in reply, ‘Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.’”

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

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

### *Reflection Question:*

1. In the book *Diary of a Country Priest*, George Bernanos wrote, “Grace is everywhere.” What does that statement mean to you? Do you always cooperate with such grace? Could you cooperate to a greater degree? How?
2. Do you give people another chance after they make a mistake? Does God use people as “gardeners” to help cultivate and fertilize others with grace? Does God use you in this way? Has God used others to help you bear fruit?



### *Readings for next Sunday*

First Reading: *Wisdom 5:1-5*

Second Reading: *1 Timothy 4:1-5*

Gospel: *John 15:1-8*



### **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.
- Polish Heritage Committee Meeting: Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m. in our Parish Hall.
- Gorzkie Zale (Bitter Lamentations) in Polish - every Wednesday during Lent at 7:00 p.m.
- Polish Classes - every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- Stations of the Cross (Droga Krzyzowa) in English - every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m.
- Central Seniorate Meeting: Saturday, March 9 at 1:00 p.m. in our Parish Hall.
- **!!! Remember !!!** - next Sunday, March 10 - Daylight Savings Time begins!!!
- Annual Polish Heritage Ham Dinner - Sunday, March 10 (see flyer in vestibule).
- Parish Committee Meeting: Monday, March 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- Central Seniorate “Meal in the Upper Room” - Sunday, March 17 at 4:00 p.m. in our Church and Parish Hall.