



Sunday Church Bells

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

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**Fifteenth
Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 13, 2014**

**Piętnasta
Niedziela
w Okresie Zwykłym
13 Lipca 2014**



You are gardening again, God! You created one in the beginning and have not given up planting the garden of creation. You scatter Your seeds of life in the soil of our hearts and experience. I know that You intend each one to blossom and become fruitful. Your word-seeds are spoken to penetrate, permeate and transform. They are not life-less and unproductive. You are still planting Eden and birthing Your garden of life. Help us to be comfortable and patient with the growing/birthing process. Calm us not to be frightened by the labor pain of new birth, but to experience the pains as signs of hope dawning. We need your help to weed the garden and make our soil more receptive. Till us. Fertilize us. And help us yield the abundant fruits of your garden kingdom. Thank you for caring enough to plant in the soil of my life.

XV 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 (Hebrew 4:12; John 1:14)

Priest: Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.

***All:* And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.**

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 55:10-11

GRADUAL (1 Peter 1:23; Luke 11:28)

Priest: You have been born anew, not from perishable but from imperishable seed, through the living and abiding word of God.

***All:* "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:18-23

ALLELUIA (Luke 8:11b; 1 Thessalonians 2:13b)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Priest: The seed is the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-23

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

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

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on

rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”


The disciples approached him and said, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” He said to them in reply, “Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand. Isaiah’s prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: *You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them.*

“But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

“Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: **Wisdom 12:13, 16-19**

Second Reading: **Romans 8:26-27**

Gospel: **Matthew 13:24-43**





PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

4 ED Scout Camporee - Friday-Saturday, July 18-19 - Our Saviour Parish, Woonsocket, RI (see flyer) - no Holy Mass on Friday

4 **Msza Św. po polsku (Holy Mass in Polish)** - every Saturday at 7:00 pm

4 Special Parish Meeting (acceptance of funds from Golden Rule Scholarship Fund to the Church): Sunday, July 20 after Holy Mass

4 Parish Committee Meeting: Monday, July 21 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

4 Deacon Program Retreat - Saturday, August 2 - Our Saviour Parish, Woonsocket, RI (see flyer)

Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Today & Next Sunday

- **Church Provisions**



Cleaning of the Church

Saturday, July 26 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 \$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:

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

Diane Scott - 2 Admiral Street, Easthampton, MA 01027

Very Rev. Joseph Soltysiak - 73 Main Street, Westfield, MA 01085

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:

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.