



Sunday Church Bells

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

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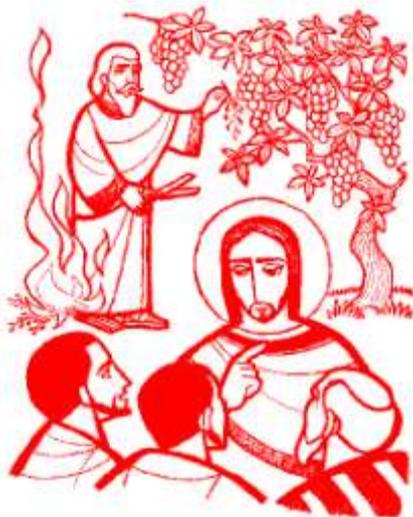
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**Fifth Sunday
of Easter**

May 3, 2015

**Piąta Niedziela
Wielkanocna**

3 Maja 2015



True Vine, we try to live alone, as if in our own disconnected, self-contained world. We want to be our own life-source. Thank You for being our Risen Lord and connecting us with the source of divine life that is our home and true energy. Thank You, Jesus, for being our vine, even when we rebel against the connection and dependence. As You rise in us, teach us again that God's heart is bigger and more expansive than ours. Continue to rise, Jesus, from the empty tombs we create in our human experience. InSpirit us as You did your early followers who learned to trust Saul even though they were suspicious and afraid. They embrace him with confidence because of Your love and inspiration. Help us not to live in empty tombs of suspicion, fear and mistrust. Embrace and inSpirit us with trust and genuine love which works for peace among all people. You planted Your Word deep within us - fertilize us to blossom because of Your presence. You truly are deep within us - help me believe that with confidence today.

5 Sunday of Easter

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 (Romans 7:4, Galatians 5:22-23)

Priest: In the same way, my brothers, you also were put to death to the law through the body of Christ, so that you might belong to another, to the One Who was raised from the dead in order that we might bear fruit for God. Alleluia.

All: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Alleluia.

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: Acts 9:26-31

GRADUAL (Jeremiah 17:10)

Priest: I, the Lord, alone probe the mind and test the heart. Alleluia.

All: To reward everyone according to his ways, according to the merit of his deeds. Alleluia.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:18-24

ALLELUIA (John 15:16a)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: It was not you who chose Me, but I Who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

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

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear

much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection Questions:



1. How could you use this Gospel to explain Paul's actions in the First Reading? You (the branches) remain in Jesus (the vine), whose life blood runs through you. How does his blood relate to your asking God for whatever you want and it being done for you?
2. “And every one that [bears fruit] he prunes so that it bears more fruit.” Have you ever felt like you were being “pruned?” At times do you have “dead wood” that needs to be pruned?



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: *Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48*

Second Reading: *1 John 4:7-10*

Gospel: *John 15:9-17*





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
- ◆ Monday, May 4 - Solemnity of Finding of the Holy Cross - Holy Mass at 10:00 am
- ◆ Also Monday, May 4 at 5:00 pm we will make cabbage pierogi for our Polish Dinner. Please, help us in preparations or support us by donations which will cover some dinner expenses
- ◆ May Devotion (in Polish) - every Tuesday during May at 6:30 pm
- ◆ Polish Classes - every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall
- ◆ Polish Heritage Committee Meeting with projection of movie "With Fire and Sword" based on the novel of Henryk Sienkiewicz: Wednesday, May 6 at 6:00 pm in our Parish Hall
- ◆ Visual Bible Study - every Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall



Coffee Hour Sponsors: Today - **Jean Gromacki**
Next Sunday - **Wallace Forman**





EIGHTH ANNUAL
POLISH DINNER
MAY 16, 2015



5 P.M.

ST. VALENTINE'S PNC CHURCH
PARISH HALL
127 KING STREET
NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

TICKET COST: \$15/PERSON

RESERVATIONS/TICKETS:

**PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY OFFICE AT
413-584-0133 BY MAY 12TH -TICKETS ARE LIMITED!**

MEAT: GOŁĄBI
CHEESE PIEROGI
CABBAGE PIEROGI
CABBAGE WITH SPAREBEE
RULADA
NAS

HORS D'OEUVRES
BEEF/EGG/BUTTER
HORSERADISH
PICKLES
COFFEE/TEA/MILK
DESSERT

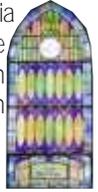
THE POLISH DANCE GROUP FROM ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, WESTFIELD, MA WILL ENTERTAIN WITH LIVELY TRADITIONAL POLISH DANCES.



Cleaning of the Church
Saturday, May 9 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 \$725.00. 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:

- 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
Very Rev. Fryderyk Banas - 61 Maple St, Ware, MA 01082
Rt. Rev. Stanley Bilinski - 9201 West Higgins Rd, Chicago, IL 60631
Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki - 529 East Locust St, Scranton, PA 18505
Rev. Henry Smolinski - 8 Mills Rd, Windsor, CT 06095
Karen Dragon - 1116 Xavier Court, Bloomington, MN 55437

*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 **Monday at 10:00 am** (except holidays - 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.