



Sunday Church Bells

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

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**Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 27, 2013**

**Trzydziesta Niedziela
w Okresie Zwykłym
27 Października 2013**



We live nowadays in a culture of suspicion. There is a generalized suspicion that goodness is hypocritical. This clears the coast for anyone who wants to belittle others and what they do. The trouble is that there's a half-truth in it. A lot of 'virtues' actually come from the opposite of virtue; they are attempts to prove that I am not what I am. Cowards become daredevils; lonely people become gregarious, weak people look for ways of getting power. 'Virtues' can be over-reactions to the unpalatable truth of what I am. Everything hides its opposite within itself – that is, if there has been no real transformation, but only repression.

But what a dead-end this suspicion is! I may appear very clever if I am able to unmask false virtue, but if it means that I don't believe in virtue any more, then I am the real loser. What drives me now is not a passion for truth and honesty, but the Pharisee's self-congratulation: *"God, I thank you that I am not like other people."* *Don.*

XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

11:00 a.m. - Holy Mass - Traditional Rite - Mass Book, page 13.

Mass intention: For all parishioners living and dead.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Sirach 35:12-13)

Priest: For He is a God of justice, Who knows no favorites.

All: Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet He hears the cry of the oppressed.

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: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

GRADUAL (Sirach 35:1-2)

Priest: To keep the law is a great oblation, and he who observes the commandments sacrifices a peace offering.

All: In works of charity one offers fine flour, and when he gives alms he presents his sacrifice of praise.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

ALLELUIA (1 Peter 5:6)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: So humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

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

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity -- greedy, dishonest, adulterous -- or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be

humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection Questions:



1. If you were in God's place, what kind of prayers would you answer first? Of the two praying, which one has a sincere heart? Which one is humble? Is the Pharisee saying the prayer to God or to himself?
2. The Pharisee set himself off from the rest of humanity. Are you like him in any way? Do you set yourself apart from others? How? And are there ways you resemble the tax collector?



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: ***Wisdom 11:22—12:1***

Second Reading: ***2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2***

Gospel: ***Luke 19:1-10***



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Monday, October 28 - SS. Simon and Jude, Apostles - Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Meeting: Monday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- Polish Classes - every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- Polish Heritage Committee Meeting: Wednesday, October 30 at 6:00 p.m. in our Parish Hall.
- Rosary to the BVM - Wednesday, October 30 at 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, November 1 - All Saints - Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 2 - All Souls Day - Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- Cemetery Service for All Souls (Holy Trinity Cemetery) - Saturday, November 2 at 2:00 p.m. In case of inclement weather it will be at the Church.
- **Annual Polish Heritage Committee Harvest "Dozynki" Roast Beef Dinner and Dance** - Saturday, November 2 (see flyer in the Church vestibule).
- Next Sunday, November 3 - Daylight Saving Time ends.
- **Bishop's Paul Sobiechowski Parochial Visitation in our Parish** - Monday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, South Deerfield, MA - Sunday, November 17th at noon (see flyer in the Church vestibule).

Wypominki



In the box of Church Offering envelopes, you will find one with a special offering for All Souls Day. To your offering, please attach a list of names of your departed loved ones for whom we will pray on All Souls Day and every Sunday during the month of November. Every Sunday in November Holy Mass will be celebrated in memory of your dearly departed. After Holy Mass we will pray for them in Wypominki - reading a portion of the list of names, praying with one mystery of the Rosary and special prayers for the departed.

Cleaning of the Church (Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.): November 9

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 \$325.00.

Special thanks to Wallace Forman, Krystia 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 - 71 State Street, Apt. 130, Northampton, MA 01060

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

Stanley Michalski - 1554 Rt. 106 N, Loudon, NH 03307

Rt. Rev. Thomas Gnat - 104 Naphin Hill Rd, 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.