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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 29, 2013 Dwudziesta Piąta

## Niedziela w Okresie Zwykłym 29 Września 2013



"Setbacks, reversals, and disappointments are a fact of life." If we have not experienced some, we haven't lived very long. Even those who would lead us to believe their lives were charmed, have at some time or another felt the sting of disappointment – "a child gone astray, a business deal gone sour, the loss of a loved one." Some reversals we bring upon ourselves; others are completely out of our hands, and some are the work of God.

There is no single or simple answer as to why life is so full of reversals. A person seems to be living a charmed life when suddenly a devastating financial crisis comes. In the midst of this, a health problem arises. Then, as if this weren't enough, a son or daughter gets into trouble. Everyone will ask why, but there will only be partial answers; *"there has been a dramatic reversal of fortunes."* Cf. Jesus' parable about a dramatic reversal. *Don.* 

### XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

9:15 a.m. - Sunday Morning Prayer. 9:30 a.m. - Holy Mass - Traditional Rite - Mass Book, page 13. Mass intention: In memory of Parents and Brothers - req. by Danuta.

#### ENTRANCE HYMN (Psalm 146:9-10)

*Priest:* The Lord protects the stranger, sustains the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the way of the wicked.

All: The Lord shall reign forever; your God, Zion, through all generations.

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: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

GRADUAL (Psalm 146:5-7a)

- *Priest:* Happy those whose help is the Jacob's God, whose hope is in the Lord their God.
- *All:* The Maker of heaven and earth, the seas and all that is in them, Who keeps faith forever.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

ALLELUIA (Proverbs 21:13)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- *Priest:* He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor will himself also call and not be heard.
- All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

*Priest:* A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke *All:* Glory be to You, Lord!

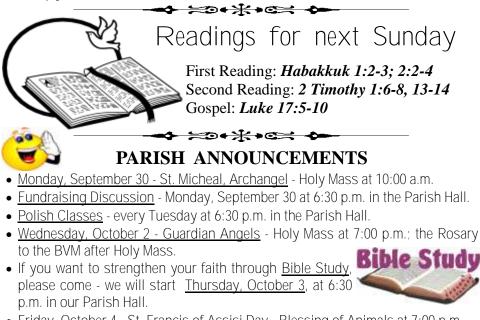
Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.' Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.' But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.''' *Priest:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Reflection Questions:



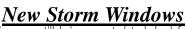
- 1. Where would you find Lazarus today? What would s/he look like? Do you recognize and care for him/her as God's beloved child, or do you want to roll up your window when you see him/her coming?
- 2. Why would Jesus tell us this parable? What does he want us to do? How does it help you to care for Lazarus?



- Friday, October 4 St. Francis of Assisi Day Blessing of Animals at 7:00 p.m.
- <u>Central Seniorate Annual Meeting</u> Saturday, October 5 at 1:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish in Ware, MA.



<u>Cleaning of the Church (</u>Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.): October 12 & 26 Cleaning of the kitchens: Wednesday, October 16 at 1:00 p.m.



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, 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 - 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.



## <u>Holy Mass Schedule:</u> 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.