



Sunday Church Bells

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

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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.

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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?



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: *Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4*

Second Reading: *2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14*

Gospel: *Luke 17:5-10*





PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Monday, September 30 - St. Micheal, Archangel - Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- Fundraising Discussion - Monday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- Polish Classes - every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- Wednesday, October 2 - Guardian Angels - Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m.; the Rosary to the BVM after Holy Mass.
- If you want to strengthen your faith through Bible Study, please come - we will start Thursday, October 3, at 6:30 p.m. in our Parish Hall.
- Friday, October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi Day - Blessing of Animals at 7:00 p.m.
- Central Seniorate Annual Meeting - Saturday, October 5 at 1:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish in Ware, MA.

Bible Study



HARVEST DINNER* OCTOBER 27, 2013

12 NOON

ST. VALENTINE'S PNC CHURCH

PARISH HALL - 127 KING STREET
NORTHAMPTON, MA

TICKET COST: \$15/person

RESERVATIONS-PLEASE CALL:

RECTORY OFFICE AT 413-584-0133 OR
STACIA AT 413-327-6414 BY OCT.23rd

MENU: ROAST PORK, TURKEY, MASHED
POTATOES, STUFFING, SQUASH, CABBAGE,
MIXED VEGETABLES, ROLLS/BUTTER,
COFFEE/TEA/MILK, DESSERT

*PRIOR TO THE DINNER
HOLY MASS WILL BE
CELEBRATED AT 11 A.M.



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

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, 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.



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.