



# *Sunday Church Bells*

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

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**Fourth Sunday**

**of Easter**

***Good Shepherd Sunday***

**April 17, 2016**

**Czwarta Niedziela**

**Wielkanocna**

***Niedziela Dobrego Pasterza***

**17 Kwietnia 2016**



*Good Shepherd, you are so powerful! You are so gentle! You are the temple of God and invite us into pasture of the divine Presence. Your call reaches more and more, even though those who were supposed to know your voice seem to ignore it. Save us from the narrowness of our own righteousness. You reveal eternal life in the land of promise, where the deserts of persecution and misunderstanding will be refreshed and blossom by the springs of life-giving waters which flow from your presence. We will be enthroned in your presence and tears will never again sadden our hearts. Teach us never to be jealous of the success of others, especially those who don't understand. In Spirit us never to destroy, diminish or darken. Make us your light which brightens others, created in your image and baptized in your Spirit.*

## 4 Sunday of Easter, Cycle C

**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** (Ezekiel 34:31, Psalm 79:13)

*Priest:* You, My sheep, you are the sheep of My pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God. Alleluia.

**All: Then we, Your people and the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; through all generations we will declare Your praise. 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 13:14, 43-52

**GRADUAL** (Isaiah 40:11)

*Priest:* Like a shepherd He feeds His flock; in His arms He gathers the lambs. Alleluia.

**All: Carrying them in His bosom, and leading the ewes with care. Alleluia.**

**SECOND READING:** Revelation 7;9, 14-17

**ALLELUIA** (1 Peter 5:4)

*Priest:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

*Priest:* When the Chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

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

**GOSPEL:** John 10:27-30

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

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

Jesus said:

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

*Priest:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

# Reflection Questions:



1. "Jesus said: I know them." What does the Good Shepherd know about you? Jesus says twice that no one can take the sheep out of his or the Father's hands and that they will have eternal life and never perish. What's the only thing the sheep have to do in this Gospel?
2. "No one can take them out of my hands... or the Father's hands." The sheep are safely kept. Are there forces today that try to take the sheep out of Jesus' hand? What are they? Do they sometimes take you too? When will you be free from struggle? Do you try to escape your struggles or sanctify them?



*Good Shepherd, let us hear you in the beauty of your world,  
in your poor and in one another, on the rocky and rough roads we travel.*

*Please pick us up.*

*When our legs can walk no more.*

*Pull us from the brambles that snarl us.*

*Good Shepherd, hold us close, in your arms.*

*Speak to our hearts.*



## Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: **Acts 14:21-27**

Second Reading: **Revelation 21:1-5**

Gospel: **John 13:31-33a, 34-35**



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Parish Committee Meeting: Monday, April 18 at 6:15 pm in the Parish Hall
- ◆ Polish Classes - every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
- ◆ Visual Bible Study - every Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
- ◆ Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Meeting - Monday, April 25 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
- ◆ Tag Sale - Saturday, April 30 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm



Coffee Hour Sponsors: Today - **Fred Zimnoch**  
next Sunday - **Fr. Adam**



Dear Parishioners -- If you have gently used items (clothing, tools, kitchen items, etc.) OR have handcrafted items (crochet/knit, etc.) OR if you would like to offer some plants for the Tag Sale - please contact any member of the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society or Fr. Adam at 413-584-0133.



NINTH ANNUAL

# POLISH DINNER

MAY 21, 2016

5 P.M.

ST. VALENTINE'S PNC CHURCH  
PARISH HALL

127 KING STREET, NORTHAMPTON, MA

TICKET COST: \$15/PERSON

RESERVATIONS/TICKETS:

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY OFFICE AT

413-584-0133 BY MAY 17TH - TICKETS ARE LIMITED!

MENU:

SOLANI  
CHEESE PIEROGI  
CARBAGE PIEROGI  
CARBAGE WITH SPAGHETTI  
KULAGA  
WINE

HOMINY  
EVENHAD-BUTTER  
HORSERADISH  
PIKLES  
COFFEE/TEA/NEK  
DESSERT

THE POLISH DANCE GROUP

FROM ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, WESTFIELD, MA

WILL ENTERTAIN WITH LIVELY TRADITIONAL POLISH DANCES.



Cleaning of the Church -  
Saturday, April 23 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 name 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

**Edward Antosz** - 34 Hockanum Rd, Northampton, MA 01060

**Very Rev. Fryderyk Banas** - 61 Maple St, Ware, MA 01082

**Rt. Rev. Stanley Bilinski** - 9201 West Higgins Rd, Chicago, IL 60631

**Rev. Jan Wilczek** - 839 County St, New Bedford, MA 02740

*Please say a prayer for peace, comfort and healing  
for our sick sisters and brothers; send a card to them.*



## 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 am

## Solemnities & Feasts

### - see bulletins

For Holy Mass intentions contact Fr. Adam after Sunday Holy Mass or anytime by phone (413) 584-0133.