



Sunday Church Bells

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

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**Twenty Third
Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 6, 2015**



**Dwudziesta Trzecia
Niedziela
w Okresie Zwykłym
6 Września 2015**

All-Seeing God, we need Your vision in all its clarity and expanse! We need Your attentive hearing and listening in the way we attend to each other. We are so blind and deaf sometimes! We make distinctions among Your children and set up boundaries of injustice. Touch the eyes and ears of our heart. Heal our deafness which blocks out truth and selectively listens. Touch our eyes with streams of living waters so that we see what You see, and look beyond the superficial. Make us a just people who treat and welcome all Your children equally, because they are Your children despite how they look, act, sound or smell to us. We need Your healing touch, Lord Jesus. Touch me! Touch us!

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

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 (Sirach 36:1-2, 6, 12)

Priest: Come to our aid, O God of the universe, and put all the nations in dread of You! Raise Your hand against the heathen, that they may realize Your power.

All: Take pity on Your holy city, Jerusalem, Your dwelling place.

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: Isaiah 35:4-7a

GRADUAL (Sirach 36:16, 17; Isaiah 29:18-19)

Priest: Hear the prayer of Your servants, thus it will be known to the very ends of the earth, that You are the eternal God.

All: On that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book; and out of gloom and darkness, the eyes of the blind shall see. The lowly will ever find joy in the Lord, and the poor rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING: James 2:1-5

ALLELUIA (Sirach 36:13)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: Fill Zion with Your majesty, Your temple with Your glory.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:31-37

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

All: Glory be to You, Lord!

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"— that

is, “Be opened!” — And immediately the man’s ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, “He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection Questions:



1. In the Gospel the people relate Jesus' curing the deaf man to the prophet's promise in the First Reading, (then will the ears of the deaf be cleared ... tongue of the mute will sing ...) What does this miracle of the deaf man say to you about when the reign of God started?



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

Second Reading: **1 John 4:17-21**

Gospel: **Luke 10:25-37**



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ 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
 - ◆ Nativity of the BVM - Tuesday, September 8 - Holy Mass at 10:00 am
 - ◆ Our PNC Church is coming together to commemorate the Solemnity of Brotherly Love with our Webinar on Wednesday, September 9, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm hosted by Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky. Join us in our Parish Hall
 - ◆ 14th Anniversary of 9/11/01 - Friday, September 11 - Holy Mass at 10:00 am
 - ◆ Eastern Diocese Scouting Commission Meeting - Friday, September 11 at 6:00 pm in our Parish Hall
 - ◆ Dożynki - Polish Harvest Festival - Sunday, September 13, 2015 from 12:00 noon until 4:00 pm - St. Joseph Parish, Westfield, MA (see flyer in the vestibule)
 - ◆ Polish Classes - from September 15 every Tuesday in the Parish Hall (September 15 & 22 practice for Polish American Concert at 6:00 pm, Polish Classes at 7:00 pm; from September 29 Polish Classes at 6:30 pm
 - ◆ Visual Bible Study - from September 17 every Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Today - **Isaac Scott**
Next Sunday - **Fred Zimnoch**



Harvest Raffle

The Ladies of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society of our Parish are planning a Harvest Raffle. Prizes for the raffle will include Cash, Gift Certificates to area businesses as well as other items. The drawing will take place at our Annual Harvest Dinner, October 24th. If you would like to provide any of the mentioned items, please contact Diane Scott, Danuta Czarnecka, Krysia Newman or Fr. Adam.



Cleaning of the Church

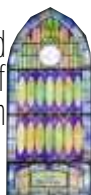
Saturday, September 12 at 8:00 am

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

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 Street, New Bedford, MA 02740

Susan Scott - 148 Chipman Rd, Middlefield, MA 01243

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.