



## ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace! —St. Francis

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### Reading I Jl 2:12-18

A reading from the book of the prophet Joel  
Even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God. For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment. Perhaps he will again relent and leave behind him a blessing, Offerings and libations for the LORD, your God.

Blow the trumpet in Zion! proclaim a fast, call an assembly; Gather the people, notify the congregation; Assemble the elders, gather the children and the infants at the breast; Let the bridegroom quit his room and the bride her chamber. Between the porch and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep, And say, "Spare, O LORD, your people, and make not your heritage a reproach, with the nations ruling over them!

Why should they say among the peoples, "Where is their God?" Then the LORD was stirred to concern for his land and took pity on his people. This is the word of the Lord. R. **Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17

R. **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;  
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.  
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt  
and of my sin cleanse me.

R. **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

For I acknowledge my offense,  
and my sin is before me always:  
"Against you only have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight."

R. **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

A clean heart create for me, O God,  
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.  
Cast me not out from your presence,  
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R. **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Give me back the joy of your salvation,  
and a willing spirit sustain in me.

O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

R. **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

### Reading II 2 Cor 5:20—6:2

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthian  
Brothers and sisters:

We are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says:

*In an acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you.* Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. This is the word of the Lord. R. **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew  
Jesus said to his disciples: "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father.

When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret.

And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them.

Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward.

But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret.

And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

"When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites.

They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

R. **Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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*Celebration of the Eucharist*

## HYMN OF FAITH

To Thee we come, O Lord our God,  
Before Thine altar Father,  
Thou knowest best our yearning hearts,  
This supplication answer.  
Lift up from want thy people, Lord.  
Bless us O God, O Father bless our toil.

Under Thy Cross we stand prepared,  
To serve Thee with devotion,  
Be it with sweat of blood or tears,  
Or humble resignation.  
For we Thy people are, O Lord,  
Save us O God, O Father bless our toil.

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*Offertory Hymn*

## O, MY JESUS

O, my Jesus, knelt in anguish  
On that night of pain and grief.  
Lo, an angel soothes Thy sorrow,  
Brings unto Thy soul relief.

*Chorus:*

Come, my Jesus, Come my Jesus,  
Come, my Jesus, Hear my prayer.  
Grant me, Lord, Thy grief to share.

Oh my Jesus, filled with suff'ring  
Crucified on the shameful tree.  
When Thou comest

to Thy Kingdom,  
There, O Lord, Remember me.

*Chorus*

REPEAT ENTIRE HYMN

*Communion Hymn*

## LORD FORGIVE

On the Cross, For the sins of man,  
Our Lord was crucified.

On the Cross,  
'Mid great pain and suffering  
He bled and died.

*Chorus:*

Lord, forgive us  
When we fail Thee,  
Lord, forgive when  
We betray Thee,  
Lord, forgive.

From the Cross, Filled with mercy,  
Our Dear Lord looked down on us.  
From the Cross,  
Torn with sorrow,  
Yet He would forgive us.

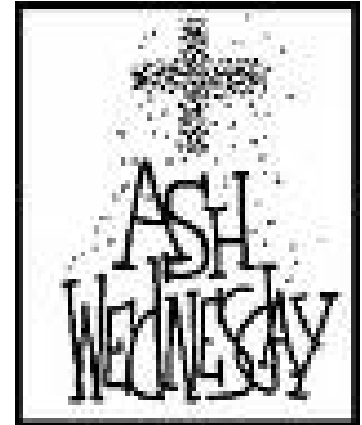
*Chorus*

With the Cross, Hope of all who,  
Would confess and come to Him.  
With the Cross, He would gather,  
All who would believe in Him.

*Chorus*

To the Cross,  
All our love and Hope  
We trust on Calvary.  
To the Cross, We would give our,  
Life, our hearts, our all to Thee.

*Chorus*



*Recessional Hymn*

## CROSS OF COMPASSION

Cross of Compassion,  
Cross of Salvation,  
Cross of all wisdom,  
Cross of love.

He who would seek Thee,  
Love Thee and know Thee,  
He shall find guidance,  
from above.

Cross of Contrition,  
Cross of Redemption,  
Cross of all victory,  
Cross of gain  
We would come near Thee,  
There rest our burden,  
And share our sorrow,  
grief and pain.



**Sunday, March 27, 2011 - 3 p.m.**

## St. Patrick-St. Joseph Fundraiser Dinner

\$15 adults, \$6 children.

Give Joni names & addresses of friends who might like to attend.

Ask how you can help? cook, prepare, bring a friend or four...

**Saturday, April 2, 2011 - 7:30 p.m.**

## Fundraiser Comedy Show at United Methodist Church

\$10 / ticket. This is a squeaky clean comedy fund-raiser for both the UMC, the Open Hand of God Church & St. Francis PNCC. Starring Stevie GB "Groucho", Les Degan & the improv of Al Isaacs & Scott Baker "Some Assembly Required"