

New Parishioners - Welcome New Parishioners. All new and prospective parishioners are invited to St. Francis Hall for coffee and doughnuts after the 9:00 am Mass. Come and learn more about the St. Francis community. Current parishioners are encouraged to attend and make our new members feel welcome.

Baptism - Sunday at 9:00 am Holy Mass - Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Confession - It is important to maintain this sacrament in preparing ourselves to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Confession will be held the first Sunday of each month immediately before 9:00 am mass. Use page 39 of the red hymn book, **Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral CHORAL MASS HYMNS FOR THE CHURCH YEAR**. If you can get to church a bit early and review pages 1-7 of tan & yellow **The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**.

Private Confessions will be held as requested. Contact Fr. Andrew at 516-794-5189.

Marriage - Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to wedding.

Sick Visit and Anointing of The Sick- Please note that Fr. Andrew is available for these calls. Remember this opportunity is not only for parishioners of St. Francis, but for anyone seeking a priest! Call Fr. Andrew at 516-794-5189 or frandrew@StFrancisPNCC.org.

Hall Rentals - Our Hall rentals add great financial support to our Parish. Please support, promote and encourage our hall rentals. If you know of someone in need of a hall, keep St. Francis Parish Hall in mind. A great space for parties or meetings; dates are available and reasonable in price! Call (516) 794-5189.



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June 14, 2015
First Holy Communion Mass
Adam Koterba



Procession – “Walk with Him Lord” – solo by Jiselle MacDonald

Priest: Niech będzie pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

All: Na wieki wiekow Amen.

Priest: Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

All: Now and forever. Amen

Contemporary Rite – Mass Book page 63

Entrance Hymn – “*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*”

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,

God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,

Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,

Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,

Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Priest: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Priest: Lord, bless us with the wisdom to praise You in spirit and in truth so that, by following Your holy will, we may gain eternal salvation. Amen.

GREETING: Father Andrew

The Penitential Rite

Priest: My dear brothers and sisters let us confess our sins to God and prepare ourselves that we may worthily participate in this Holy Sacrifice. Please now make an examination of your conscience.

All: I confess to Almighty God... – Mass Book page 66

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive our sins and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Penance and Absolution

Priest: May our Lord, Jesus Christ absolve you and, with His authority vested in me, I absolve you from all your sins, in the name of the Father + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

FIRST READING - Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16

Moses said to the people: “Remember how for forty years now the LORD, your God, has directed all your journeying in the desert, so as to test you by affliction and find out whether or not it was your intention to keep his commandments. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD.

“Do not forget the LORD, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery; who guided you through the vast and terrible desert with its saraph serpents and scorpions, its parched and waterless ground; who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock and fed you in the desert with manna, a food unknown to your fathers.”
The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM – “Loving and Forgiving”- Solo by Jiselle MacDonald

SECOND READING: Corinthians 10:16-17

Brothers and sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

SOLEMN PROMISE -ADAM (after Holy Communion)

Father Andrew: My dear Adam, after you receive Jesus for the first time it is only right for you to thank Him in your prayers and to make a solemn promise to Jesus that you will always seek him every time you will go to mass with purity and love.

I ask now Adam to stand and make a solemn promise to Jesus, our bread of everlasting life.

Adam: The day of my first Holy Communion is the best of my life. On this day I receive the Body of Christ and I become a living tabernacle among my family and friends of Jesus. Jesus loves me so much that he gave his life for me. I too want to offer my life for Jesus and never offend him again with my sins. On this solemn day I do promise to observe the ten commandments of God, which are for the good of my life and soul. Especially, I promise to participate in the Holy Mass every Sunday and to receive Holy Communion with purity and love.

RECESSIONAL HYMN – “**Lord, When You Came to the Seashore**”

*Lord, when you came to the seashore
you weren't seeking the wise or the wealthy,
but only asking that I might follow.*

*Chorus: O Lord, in my eyes you were gazing,
Kindly smiling, my name you were saying;
All I treasured, I have left on the sand there;
Close to you, I will find other seas.*

*Lord, you knew what my boat carried:
neither money nor weapons for fighting,
but nets for fishing my daily labor.*

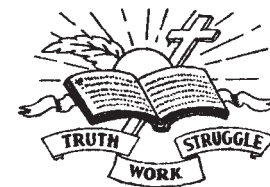
Repeat Chorus

*Lord, have you need of my labor,
hands for service, a heart made for loving,
my arms for lifting the poor and broken?*

Repeat Chorus

*Lord, send me where you would have me,
to a village, or heart of the city;
I will remember that you are with me.*

Repeat Chorus



COMMUNION HYMN - "**Hallowed Be Forever**"

*Hallowed be forever, Living Host Divine,
In which Christ our Savior, Hidden is sublime.*

*Chorus: Hail Thou Jesus, Son of Mary
Thou art God Eternal, Wond'rous mystery.*

*Hallowed be forever, Thou Angelic Bread,
Sacrament Most Holy, By which we are fed.*

Repeat Chorus

*Hallowed be forever, Shepherd Crucified,
For us Thou didst suffer, For us Thou hast died.*

Repeat Chorus

*Hallowed be forever, Ris'n in Victory,
In this Bread Most Holy, We would worship Thee.*

Repeat Chorus

POST COMMUNION HYMN – "**Here, I am Lord**"

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night. I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

*Chorus: Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night,
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?*

Repeat Chorus

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL - John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

HOMILY – Fr. Andrew

*Hymn: Come, Thou Creator, Spirit blest,
And in our souls take up Thy rest;
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.*



RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Priest: Brothers and sisters let us now join with Adam in his renewal of baptismal promises. Please stand for your renewal of baptismal promises.

Adam, before you receive the Holy Eucharist, I ask you to renew the profession of faith that you made at baptism or that your parents and godparents made in union with the whole church.

Do you reject Satan and all his works and all his empty promises?

All: I do

Do you believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

All: Yes, I do believe.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried; rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

All: Yes, I do believe.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who came upon the apostles at Pentecost, in the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

All: Yes, I do believe.

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: My brothers and sisters, Christ invites us to the supper in which he gives his body and blood for the life of the world.

Let us say to him: “Christ, the bread of heaven, grant us everlasting life”

1. We pray for Adam and all children receiving their First Holy Communion this year that Jesus will always be for them a source of love, hope and strength.
2. “Christ, the bread of heaven, grant us everlasting life”
3. We pray for Adam on his First Holy Communion Day, that God’s blessings may be upon him and his family.

4. We pray for our Bishops, Clergy and for all who work to share the Gospel around the world.
5. We pray for all who have died, especially for Adam’s grandparents, Anna i Stanislaw Koterba , that they may have a happiness in the God’s Kingdom.
6. We pray for our families and friends, for everyone in this church, and for the whole Catholic Church around the world.
7. We pray for teachers, youth leaders and everyone who works with children.
8. We pray for all people around the world, especially children, who are poor, who are sick, and who don’t have enough water or food.
9. We pray for ourselves, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship in this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN - “How Great Thou Art”

*Oh Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed,*

*Chorus: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!*

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;*

Repeat Chorus