

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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August 22, 2010 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN - *"Hymn of Faith"*

MASS BOOK - page 63

READING I - Isaiah 66:18-21

Thus says the LORD:

I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. I will set a sign among them; from them I will send fugitives to the nations: to Tarshish, Put and Lud, Mosoch, Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands

that have never heard of my fame, or seen my glory; and they shall proclaim my glory among the nations. They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots, in carts, upon mules and dromedaries, to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their offering to the house of the LORD in clean vessels. Some of these I will take as priests and Levites, says the LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps. 117:1, 2

R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Praise the LORD all you nations;
glorify him, all you peoples!

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For steadfast is his kindness toward us,
and the fidelity of the LORD endures forever.

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READING II - Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Brothers and sisters, You have forgotten the exhortation addressed to you as children: "My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; he scourges every son he acknowledges."

Endure your trials as "discipline";

God treats you as sons. For what "son" is there whom

his father does not discipline? At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it.

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

Priest or Cantor: Alleluia (3x)

R./ Alleluia (3x). Verse R./ Alleluia (3x).

GOSPEL - Luke 13:22-30

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from. And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!'"

And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out.

And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

R/. Praise be to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: **God, Hear Us!**

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"*

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COMMUNION - *"One Bread, One Body"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *"One Spirit, One Church"*

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY, August 22

Following the feast of Mary's Assumption into heaven on August 15, the feast of her Queenship celebrates her place among the angels and saints as Queen of heaven and earth.

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness, and for hope.

To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.

To you do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.

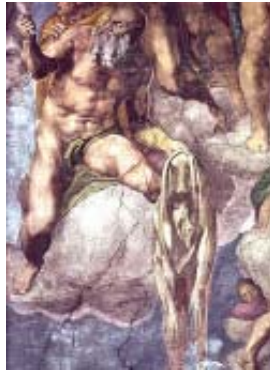
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
and after this our exile

show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW (first century) August 24

ST. BARTHOLOMEW, one of the twelve apostles, was born in Galilee and is probably the same person as Nathaniel, whom Philip brought to see Jesus of Nazareth. "Can anything good come from that place?," Nathaniel asked. (John 1, 45-51)



Jesus called him an Israelite incapable of deceit, an honest, straightforward man, and promised that heaven would open for him and the mysteries of God would be revealed before his eyes.

Like some other apostles, little is known about St. Bartholomew's activity after Pentecost. According to some reports, he preached the Gospel in Armenia and India and was beaten and beheaded by King Astyages for his faith in Christ.

Lord, keep strong the faith which made Bartholomew believe in your Son.

May we too witness to what we believe wherever we go.
Amen.

IF YOU TELL THE TRUTH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO REMEMBER ANYTHING

"A truthful witness gives honest testimony,
but a false witness tells lies." -Proverbs 12:17

Four young men once competed vigorously to become head of the trust department at their bank. After considering the merits of each applicant, the board of directors made its decision. They decided to notify the young man of his promotion, including a substantial raise in salary, at a meeting after lunch.

During the noon hour, the young man they had selected went to the cafeteria for lunch. One of the directors was behind him in the line, separated by several other customers. The director saw the young man select his food, including a small piece of butter. As soon as he flipped the butter onto his plate, he immediately shuffled some food on top of it to hide it from the cashier. Thus, he avoided paying for it.

That afternoon the directors met to notify the young man, but prior to bringing him into the room, the incident was told to the entire board. Rather than give the young man the promotion, they called him in to discharge him from the bank. They had concluded that if he was willing to lie to a cashier about what was on his plate, he would be just as willing to lie about what was in the bank's accounts.

Lying isn't a matter of degree. A lie is a lie. Truth is the truth. And you can bank on that fact!

ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

CHURCH NEEDS: our sanctuary is in need of several new items, and we need a little help! We are hoping that these items would be donated or given with intention for the living or deceased or in honor of a Joyous or Healing occasion. Please see Fr. Andrew if you are interested in such a donation. *Thank you and God Bless!*

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| 1. Holy Water Pot & Sprinkler | 5. Purificator (2) |
| 2. Cruet Set and Tray | 6. Corporal (2) |
| 3. White Altar Cloths | 7. Lavabo Towel (2) |
| 4. Chalice Pall (2) | 8. Altar Servers Albs (2) |
| | 9. Whole Wheat Altar Bread |

A NEW DRIVEWAY! Thank you to Fr. Andrew and with great help from John O'Rourke...with their many skills in expanding and replacing the old driveway!

RECTORY AND HALL STAIRS are slowly being replaced again by the contractor who faulted in their repair originally. We wait and pray!

GOOD STEWARDSHIP continues in so many ways at St. Francis Parish! For this we are forever 'thankful' to our Parishioners and Friends of St. Francis. Thank You and May God Bless!

GIANT YARD SALE! Now don't forget to bring in items to sale and try to help set up on Friday night, August 27th - after Zumba at the Parish Hall.

**SAVE THE DATES for
ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS**
Saturday & Sunday, August 28 & 29, 2010

HUGE YARD SALE!

Something for everyone!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2010
St. Francis Fundraiser Dinner. Volunteer to help.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2010
Blessing of the Animals by Father Andrew

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2010
Christening of Robert Koterba

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010
Christmas Dinner Fundraiser

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010
Choir Concert Fundraiser