

# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Sunday, January 31, 2016*  
*Fourth 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.

8:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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## **READING I - Jer 1:4-5, 17-19**

The word of the LORD came to me, saying: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.

But do you gird your loins; stand up and tell them all that I command you. Be not crushed on their account, as though I would leave you crushed before them; for it is I this day who have made you a fortified city, a pillar of iron, a wall of brass, against the whole land: against Judah's kings and princes, against its priests and people. They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM - 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17**

**R. I will sing of your salvation.**

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, and deliver me; incline your ear to me, and save me.

**R. I will sing of your salvation.**

Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to give me safety, for you are my rock and my fortress. O my God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked.

**R. I will sing of your salvation.**

For you are my hope, O Lord; my trust, O God, from my youth. On you I depend from birth; from my mother's womb you are my strength.

**R. I will sing of your salvation.**

My mouth shall declare your justice, day by day your salvation. O God, you have taught me from my youth, and till the present I proclaim your wondrous deeds.

**R. I will sing of your salvation.**

## **READING 2 - 1 Cor 13:4-13**

Brothers and sisters: Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things,

believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Priest/Lector: The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.

**R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

## **GOSPEL - Luke 4:21-30**

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'" And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **R: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

COMMUNION HYMN - "Lead Me, Lord"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

# St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

## THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

Apostle, First Century

This feast day is celebrated on January 25<sup>th</sup>. The Church celebrates the conversion of St. Paul because of its extraordinary nature. Paul, who was known as Saul before his conversion was born at Tarsus in Cilicia, to Jewish parents. A Roman citizen, he was educated in Jerusalem under the tutelage of Gamaliel, a Pharisee. He became a Pharisee and fully embraced the law of Moses. Paul became an avowed enemy of the infant Church and engaged in the persecution of Christians.

It is noted that he was present at the stoning of St. Stephen. Between the years 34 and 36, Paul was on his way to Damascus to arrest Christians and bring them back to Jerusalem. His encounter with Christ would change his life and have a dramatic effect on Christianity. Profoundly influenced by this grace of God, the converted apostle preached Christ to the nations. Today the feast of Paul's conversion ends the Church Unity Octave - an annual eight day period of prayer for Christian unity. Inspired by Father Paul Wattson, founder of the Society of the Atonement, this observance has spread from the United States to various other lands and is celebrated in many Protestant and Orthodox, as well as Catholic Churches. We pray: Lord, in your mercy and by the power of your Spirit, take away the unhappy divisions that separate Christians, so that we may all be one in faith and love. Amen.

## READ FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen

A reflection of faith and wisdom...

## COMMUNITY SUPPORTED BY SOLITUDE

Solitude greeting solitude, that's what community is all about. Community is not the place where we are no longer alone out the place where we respect, protect, and reverently greet one another's aloneness. When we allow our aloneness to lead us to solitude, our solitude will enable us to rejoice in the solitude of others. Our solitude roots us in our hearts. Instead of making us yearn for company that will offer us immediate satisfaction, solitude makes us claim our center and empowers us to call others to claim theirs. Our various solitudes are like strong, straight pillars that hold up the roof of our communal house. Thus, solitude always strengthens community.

## BLESS OUR HOUSE!

There is still opportunity to have your home Blessed for the New Year. It is a short blessing at the entrance of your home and remains an addition for your spiritual growth. Interested? Please contact Fr. Andrew for a visit.

## ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS - Helen Steiner Rice

### I LOVE YOU BEST

God, help me in my own small way to somehow do something each day to show You that I love You best and that my faith will stand each test.

"I believed; therefore I said, I am greatly afflicted."

—Psalm 116:10

Today accomplish at least one act of kindness no matter how small or insignificant it may seem.

## PARISH NOTES...

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** will again not be used this year, so for your own tax purposes, you may want to make donations to St. Francis PNCC in the form of check or money order or use the supplied envelopes & pens in the rear of the church on the table for cash donations with your name.

**TAX LETTERS** will soon be out for your St. Francis Charitable Deductions for the tax year 2015.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** We must discuss a date for our annual meeting. Since Father Andrew is celebrating the Eucharist in Greenpoint at 12 noon each Sunday, we will have to reschedule our Mass as well as the Greenpoint Mass. Let's voice our opinions and come up with a date when all, if not most, of us can attend.



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**American Dating Catastrophes** Vol. XIV

~ **BENEFIT SHOW** ~

- Jarrett & Keri Ross lost their dad.
- Rich Ross, in 2015 when he died suddenly. Rich Ross was an 8-year
- Army Veteran. Please call Joni at 516-783-8863 for advance tickets, reservations or to make a donation if you can't attend.

Everyday in America Tens of Thousands of People Go on Bad Dates... These Are A Few of Their Stories... 8 Short Vignettes by L.I. Playwrights & Directors

**SHOW IS TODAY!**  
**Sunday**  
**January 31, 2016**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Bellmore Movies**

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**NOTE: This is not a benefit for St. Francis Parish. It is a benefit, produced by Joni & John Blenn's MCAP, for two children whose father died suddenly.**