

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 9, 2011 - Twenty-Eighth 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.

9:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - Is 25:6-10a

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

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READING II - 2 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and sisters: I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all

things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.

My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

Priest/Altar Server: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Verse. R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL - Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast." Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find." The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, "My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?" But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, "Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth." Many are invited, but few are chosen."

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION HYMN - "O Lord I Am Not Worthy" & "Sing of the Lord's Goodness"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Prayer of St. Francis"

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

"GREAT SUCCESS"

Our sincere 'thank you', to all parishioners and friends of St. Francis Parish for making our Fall Dinner a great success! Thank you for your time, helping hands, talents and treasures...God's Blessings!

FROM THE HEART - Helen Steiner Rice A RECIPE FOR LIFE

Take a cup of kindness, mix it well with love, add a lot of patience and faith in God above. "Through patience a ruler can be persuaded, and a gentle tongue can break a bone."

—Proverbs 25:15

Today blend kindness, love, and patience. Sift in a generous amount of faith. You'll have a no-fail recipe for life!

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Besides the month of May, the month of October is also dedicated by the Church to Our Lady. The Rosary was revealed to St. Dominic by the Blessed Mother about the beginning of the thirteenth century, and is one of the most beautiful of all devotions. The Rosary, is a summary of the Christian faith and enables Christians to approach Jesus with Mary who "kept all these things in mind, treasuring them in her heart." The recitation of the Rosary helps the individual to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord's life as seen through the eyes of her who was closest to the Lord.

We pray, O God by the life, death, and resurrection of 'your Son, Jesus Christ, you filled the world with joy. Grant, that meditating on the mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

MARY'S SPECIAL PRAYER

Why is the Rosary an effective prayer? First, the Rosary is always focused on Jesus. It brings us to Jesus in ministry, in prayer, in relationship to the Father. At the same time, the Rosary points us to the greatest and first evangelist for Jesus:

Mary who gave birth to Jesus in our lives and time. At the heart, the Rosary is a deeply biblical prayer, its text come from Jesus (The Lord's Prayer), and the Archangel Gabriel (The Hail Mary), as recorded in the Bible. And its mysteries send us further to God's Holy Word in the Bible. Perhaps during Mary's month of October, dedicated to the Holy Rosary, we can return again praying a Rosary a day - and at least one decade offered for peace.

A ROSARY THOUGHT

You will pray the Rosary better once you learn to exercise your mind and heart as nimbly as your lips and fingers. For as the Bible tells us, "Reason must be the beginning of every activity, reflection must come before any undertaking." (Eccl. 37:16)

COLUMBUS DAY!

Monday, October 10th, commemorates the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus (October 12, 1492). God Bless America!

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen *A refection of faith and wisdom...*

CHRIST'S BODY, OUR BODY

When we gather for the Eucharist we gather in the Name of Jesus, who is calling us together to remember his death and resurrection in the breaking of the bread. There he is truly among us. "Where two or three meet in my name," he says, "I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20). The presence of Jesus among us and in the gifts of bread and wine are the same presence. As we recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread, we recognize him also in our brothers and sisters. As we give one another the bread, saying, "This is the Body of Christ," we give ourselves to one another, saying, "We are the Body of Christ." It is one and the same giving, it is one and the same body, it is one and the same Christ.

**SAVE THE DATES for
ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2011 - 3 p.m.
Christmas Dinner Fund-raiser**