

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 13, 2011 - Thirty-Third 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"

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

GOSPEL - Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one--to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'" This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "*Fairest Lord Jesus*"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION HYMN - "*Here I Am Lord*"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "*Be Not Afraid*"

Mass Book page 63

READING I - Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unflinching prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways!
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; Your children like olive plants around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.
The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

READING II -1 Thes 5:1-6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

A SELFLESS ACT OF GIVING...

Pat and John Temkey, formerly staples of St. Francis Parish have donated \$150 for Christmas flowers to adorn our altar as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We all humbly thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI (1850-1917) November 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, the youngest of thirteen children, was born at Sant Angelo Lodigiano, Italy on July 15, 1850 and christened Maria Francesca. As a child she loved to hear stories about Christian missionaries in the far away lands of the Orient. She lost her parents in 1870. After studying to be a teacher, she applied for membership in the missionary orders but was refused because of her health. In 1874, Monsignor Serrati asked Frances to run the House of Providence Orphanage at Codogno. In 1877, she began a religious community with seven associates working with her at the House of Providence known as the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. The congregation was approved by the Bishop of Lodi, in 1880 and officially recognized by Rome in 1887. When she spoke to Pope Leo XIII about her dream to go as a missionary to China, he answered, "Not to the East but to the West." Frances heeded the request of Bishop Scalabrini of Piacenza that she work with Italian immigrants in the United States. Archbishop Corrigan of New York sent a formal invitation requesting her help. In 1889, Frances went to New York and turned to North and South America to assist millions

of Catholic immigrants. In New York, Chicago and the cities of South America she founded schools, orphanages, and hospitals. In 35 years, she had crossed the sea 30 times and established 67 houses of her order, The Missionary Sister of the Sacred heart. She once wrote, "I admit my weakness, I am afraid of the sea. If I had no holy motive I would have no courage to travel." She died of malaria at Columbus Hospital in Chicago, Illinois on December 22, 1917, while preparing Christmas presents for hundreds of children. She was canonized in 1946, the first American citizen to be so honored. Her prayer: O God, give us strength to do all we can for you. Amen.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen A reflection of faith & wisdom...

HEARTS AS WIDE AS THE WORLD

The awareness of being part of the communion of saints makes our hearts as wide as the world. The love with which we love is not just our love; it is the love of Jesus and his saints living in us. When the Spirit of Jesus lives in our hearts, all who have lived their lives in that Spirit live there too. Our parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents; our teachers and their teachers; our pastors and their pastors; our spiritual guides and theirs - all the holy men and women who form that long line of love through history - are part of our hearts, where the Spirit of Jesus chooses to dwell. The communion of saints is not just a network of connections between people. It is first and foremost the community of our hearts.

Charles Temkey

will be playing the part of Zehariah
in the
Long Island Masterworks
production of



"The Nativity"

by Bernard D. Kennedy
at the

Carneecca Arena

on St. John's University Queens Campus

December 10, 2011 • 8:00 p.m.

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Sunday, November 20, 2011

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