ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus. R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen. Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ. R/. Now and forever. Amen. 9:30 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

It happened that seven brothers with their mother were arrested and tortured with whips and scourges by the king, to force them to eat pork in violation of God's law. One of the brothers, speaking for the others, said: "What do you expect to achieve by questioning us? We are ready to die rather than transgress the laws of our ancestors."

At the point of death he said: "You accursed fiend, you are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up to live again forever. It is for his laws that we are dying."

After him the third suffered their cruel sport. He put out his tongue at once when told to do so, and bravely held out his hands, as he spoke these noble words: "It was from Heaven that I received these; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again." Even the king and his attendants marveled at the young man's courage, because he regarded his sufferings as nothing.

After he had died, they tortured and maltreated the fourth brother in the same way. When he was near death, he said, "It is my choice to die at the hands of men with the hope God gives of being raised up by him; but for you, there will be no resurrection to life."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15

*R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.*Hear, O LORD, a just suit; attend to my outcry; hearken to my prayer from lips without deceit. *R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.*

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My steps have been steadfast in your paths, my feet have not faltered. I call upon you, for you will answer me,

O God; incline your ear to me; hear my word. *R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.*

Keep me as the apple of your eye, hide me in the shadow of your wings. But I in justice shall behold your face; on waking I shall be content in your presence.

R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

READING II - 2 Thessolonians 2:16-3:5

Brothers and sisters: May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.

Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may speed forward and be glorified, as it did among you, and that we may be delivered from perverse and wicked people, for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. We are confident of you in the Lord that what we instruct you, you are doing and will continue to do. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; to him be glory and power, forever and ever

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL - Luke 20:27-38 or Luke 20:34-38

Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward [and put this question to Jesus, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us, If someone's brother dies leaving a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife and raise up descendants for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman but died childless. Then the second and the third married her, and likewise all the seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. Now at the resurrection whose wife will that woman be? For all seven had been married to her."] Jesus said to them, "The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise. That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out 'Lord, ' the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive." This is the gospel of the

Lord. *R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.* OFFERTORY HYMN - "*The Servant Song*" COMMUNION HYMN - "*Prayer of St. Francis*"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Amazing Grace"

St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

ST. JOSAPHAT, November 12

John Kunsevich was born at Vladimir, Volhynia, Poland in 1580. John became a merchant, but was unhappy. In 1604, he entered the monastery of the Holy Trinity at Vilna and became a monk. He took the name Josaphat and was ordained in 1609. He began to work diligently for the reunion of the Orthodox Church with the Church of Rome. In 1617, Josaphat became Bishop of Vitebsk, Russia. Soon after, he was appointed Bishop of Polotsk and sought to reform his vast diocese, which was split by political and religious tensions. His efforts were successful and by 1620 the diocese was largely Catholic. However, tensions still persisted. Archbishop Meletius Smotritsky established an Orthodox bishopric in Polotsk to rival the Catholic bishopric of Josaphat. Though Josaphat was recognized as the legitimate Archbishop of Polotsk, there was much confusion. Leo Sapieha, the chancellor of Lithuania and also a Catholic, falsely declared that Josaphat was responsible for the state of unrest which existed in the country. Josaphat decided to address the issue with courage and went to Vitebsk, which was a center of dissent. While preaching there, he was surrounded by an armed mob who killed him and cast his body into the Divina River. He died on November 12, 1623, and is honored as an apostle of the reunion of the Christian Churches. His prayer: Lord Jesus, may all your people be one. Amen.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen TELLING THE STORY OF JESUS

The Church is called to announce the Good News of Jesus to all people and all nations. Besides the many works of mercy by which the Church must, make Jesus, love visible, it must also joyfully announce the great mystery of God's salvation through the life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The story of Jesus is to be proclaimed and celebrated. Some will hear and rejoice, some will remain indifferent, some will become hostile. The story of Jesus will not always be accepted, but it must be told. We who know the story and try to live it out have the joyful task of telling it to others. When our words rise from hearts full of love and gratitude, they will bear fruit, whether we can see this or not.



MARK THE DATE!

Sunday, December 4th, 3 p.m. St. Nicholas Fund-raiser Dinner All are welcome. Ask how you can help. Cook, donate a raffle prize, set-up, wash dishes, sell raffles at the dinner, etc.

IN REMEMBRANCE

The Church sets aside the month of November, to remind us to pray for our faithful departed. Pray often and fervently for your dear departed during November, certainly, but also at other times of the year. May you find consolation in the reflections and prayers especially when someone close to you has died. By your prayers and good works, and by the offering of holy Mass, you do assist those you love who have left this life before you. In doing so you also help yourself because you must constantly recall that "we have no lasting city here." We are all citizens of heaven exiled on earth only for a time. Christ, our Lord, overcame death on Easter not only for Himself but for us also. Death is but a doorway on whose other side our loved ones and friends wait with God, and an unnumbered throng of angels and saints, to greet you and bid you welcome! May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

PRAY FOR OUR NATION VETERANS DAY - NOVEMBER 11th

Father, in the name of Jesus, I thank You for our veterans. I thank You for their willingness to risk all so that our nation might dwell in peace and safety. May they find the honor and recognition they deserve. In the name of four divine Son, I pray that You heal the physical and psychological wounds some of these veterans have suffered. Bring peace to those who mourn the loss of comrades. Father, I pray that our nation would learn to respect and acknowledge those who have served their country well. Amen.

Take a moment out and pray...

Health Needs: Jesus, we ask you to bring peace and your healing touch to those who are ill, afraid or worried. Amen.

Health Needs of: Toni Panico, Thomas Kompa, Bill Piro, Iris Cafran, Frank Kompa, John Luis Vasquez, Sophia Kyriakakis, Robert Haemer, George T. Stumper, Gregory Klein, Michael Arleo, Jim Richards, Nancy Foley, Thomas Maloney, Bill Mullan, Lorri Russo, Tyler & Nicholas Accardi, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Susan Leach, Stella Silva, Joy Realmuto, John Galvin, Michele Feudale, Linda Maloney, Lorraine Avitabile, Fran Pedone, Blanca Vasquez, Marion Kester, Elena Guigui, Bridget Early, Theresa Kasmark, Grandfather Vincent Ciurleo, Emma Zaradich, Joe Stewart, Constance Citrola, Elizabeth Zitzmann, Anne Grusell, Linda Frysztacki, Teresa Kay, Sidra Lewis, Billy Murphy, Ann Klein, Mary Boyle, Con Boyle, John Blenn, Carla Calabrese, George Knott, MaryAnn McEvoy, Gary P. Ribis, Rosalie Drenckhahn, James Kostolni, Eileen McChesney, Gregory Smith, Patricia Travis & for all those who care for the sick and disabled.

Requiem Intentions: Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.