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November 6, 2011 - Thirty-Second 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 II - 1 Thes 4:13-14

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

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

GOSPEL - Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN -

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

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COMMUNION HYMN -

"Here I Am Lord"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -

"Be Not Afraid"

READING I - Wis 6:12-16

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate. For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care; because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

I will remember you upon my couch, and through the night-watches I will meditate on you: You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

ST. JOSAPHAT (1580-1623) November 12

John Kunsevich was born at Valdimir, 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 Smotrityski 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: A reflection of faith and wisdom...

A MINISTRY OF HEALING AND RECONCILIATION

How does the Church witness to Christ in the world? First and foremost by giving visibility to Jesus' love for the poor and the weak. In a world so hungry for healing, forgiveness, reconciliation, and most of all unconditional love, the Church must alleviate that hunger through its ministry. Wherever we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the lonely, listen to those rejected, and bring unity and peace to those who are divided, we proclaim the living Christ, whether we speak about him or not. It is important that whatever we do and wherever we go, we remain in the Name of Jesus, who sent us. Outside his Name our ministry will lose its divine energy.



VETERANS DAY!

Friday, November 11th. We honor all veterans of the armed forces. God Bless America!

A PRAYER FOR VETERANS

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 our divine Son, I pray that you heal the physical and psychological wounds some of these veterans have suffered. Father, I pray that our nation would learn to respect and acknowledge those who have served their country well. Amen.

ELECTION DAY!

November 8th is Election Day!
Don't forget to vote!

PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The Church sets aside the month of November, to remind us to pray for our faithful departed. Pray often and fervently for our dear departed during the month of November, but also at other times during 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.

HOLY CROSS PNNC CEMETERY

Holy Cross Polish National Catholic Cemetery is located on Old Commack Rd., Commack, L.I. It is 17 acres, four used now for burials. The land is beautifully wooded. If you are interested or know of someone in need of a burial site? Please contact Fr. Andrew. Know that this cemetery is open to all faiths. God's Peace!

A SINCERE WELCOME & THANK YOU...

to Mrs. Adele Guyear who last Sunday, October 30th, brought St. Francis a beautiful Chalice donated by Mr. & Mrs. R. Ziemak in memory of her nephew and great nephew, Harold W. Guyear, Jr. and Michael P. Guyear on their First Anniversary in Heaven.