



# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Sunday, November 8, 2015*  
*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.

8:00 AM - *"Hymn of Faith"*

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READING I - 1 Kings 17:10-16

In those days, Elijah the prophet went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the entrance of the city, a widow was gathering sticks there; he called out to her, "Please bring me a small cupful of water to drink." She left to get it, and he called out after her, "Please bring along a bit of bread." She answered, "As the LORD, your God, lives, I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug. Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks, to go in and prepare something for myself and my son; when we have eaten it, we shall die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son. For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the LORD had foretold through Elijah.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

*R. Praise the Lord, my soul!*

The LORD keeps faith forever,  
secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets captives free.

*R. Praise the Lord, my soul!*

The LORD gives sight to the blind.

The LORD raises up those who were bowed down;  
the LORD loves the just. The LORD protects strangers.

*R. Praise the Lord, my soul!*

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

*R. Praise the Lord, my soul!*

READING 2 - Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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

Priest/Lector: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven..

**R:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - Mark 12:38-44

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: *"God Hear Us!"*

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

COMMUNION HYMN- *"On Eagle's Wings"*

RECESSIONAL -

*"We Will Rise Again"*



## **TODAY'S MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Requiem Intentions for:**  
all relatives and friends  
of St. Francis Parishioners

## 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 Smotrisky 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.



## 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.

## 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.

**INTER-FAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE** will be held on Sunday, Nov. 22nd, at 8 p.m., at St. Raphael's R.C. Church, 600 Newbridge Road, East Meadow. This annual East Meadow Service invites the entire community to attend. Rabbi Judy Cohen-Rosenberg will deliver the homily. Please contact Fr. Andrew for further info or call 785-0236.

## 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!

Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, is Veterans Day. We honor all veterans of the armed forces. Fly your flag! God Bless America!

## QUOTABLE:

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." —Mahatma Gandhi

## UP-COMING

### 'ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION'

Sunday, December 6th  
9 a.m.

Mass honoring St. Nicholas.  
3 p.m.

'St. Nicholas Fundraiser Dinner'  
...our Christmas dinner.

Please ask how you can help make this event another success for our Parish?

Thank you!

