

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Sunday, February 13, 2011 - Sixth 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"

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book page 63

READING I - Sir 15:15-20

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him. Immense is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power, and all-seeing. The eyes of God are on those who fear him; he understands man's every deed. No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

**R. Blessed are they
who follow the law of the Lord!**

Blessed are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD. Blessed are they who observe his decrees, who seek him with all their heart.

**R. Blessed are they
who follow the law of the Lord!**

You have commanded that your precepts be diligently kept. Oh, that I might be firm in the ways of keeping your statutes!

**R. Blessed are they
who follow the law of the Lord!**

Be good to your servant, that I may live and keep your words. Open my eyes, that I may consider the wonders of your law.

**R. Blessed are they
who follow the law of the Lord!**

Instruct me, O LORD, in the way of your statutes, that I may exactly observe them. Give me discernment, that I may observe your law and keep it with all my heart.

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READING II - 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Brothers and sisters: We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away. Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for, if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

Priest/Lector: ALLELUIA. R/: ALLELUIA. Verse.

R/: ALLELUIA.

GOSPEL - Mathew 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Jesus said to his disciples: "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with brother will be liable to judgment. "You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Come Thou Almighty King"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION HYMNS - "Here I Am Lord"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Sing of the Lord's Goodness"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen **A reflection of faith and wisdom... COMMUNITY—** **A QUALITY OF THE HEART**

The word community has many connotations, some positive, some negative. Community can make us think of a safe togetherness, shared meals, common goals, and joyful celebrations. It also can call forth images of sectarian exclusivity, in-group language, self-satisfied isolation, and romantic naivete. However, community is first of all a quality of the HEART. It grows from the spiritual Knowledge that we are alive not for ourselves but for our own (see Philippians 2:4). The question, therefore is not "Now can we make community?" but "How can we develop and nurture giving hearts?"

WE TOO OFTEN LOVE THINGS and **USE PEOPLE, WHEN WE SHOULD BE** **USING THINGS and LOVING PEOPLE**

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves." Romans 12:10

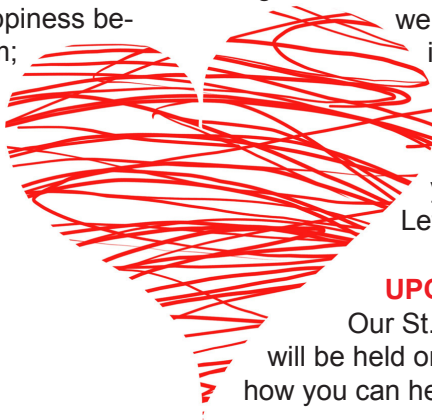
A fable is told of a young orphan boy who had no family and no one to love him. Feeling sad and lonely, he was walking through a meadow one day when he saw a small butterfly caught in a thorn bush. The more the butterfly struggled to free itself, the deeper the thorns cut into its fragile body. The boy carefully released the butterfly, but instead of flying away, the butterfly transformed before his eyes into an angel.

The boy rubbed his eyes in disbelief as the angel said, "For your kindness, I will do whatever you would like." The little boy thought for a moment and then said, "I want to be happy!" The angel replied, "Very well," and then leaned toward him, whispered in his ear, and vanished.

As the little boy grew up, there was no one in the land as happy as he. When people asked him to tell his secret of happiness, he would only smile and say, "I listened to angel when I was a little boy."

On his deathbed, his neighbors rallied around him and asked him to divulge the secret of his happiness before he died. The old man finally told them;

"The angel told me that everyone, no matter how secure they seemed, no matter how old or young, how rich or poor, had need of me."



JUST A THOUGHT!

"If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men." – St. Francis of Assisi

HAPPY ST. VALENTINE'S DAY!

Tuesday, February 14th.

Remember the power of Love!

ST. VALENTINE, February 14 **(Patron of Lovers)**

The martyrdoms of three different Saints named Valentine are celebrated on this day; in various Roman churches eight complete bodies and one head of Valentine are venerated. One of these, a priest and/or physician beheaded in 269, is traditionally invoked against blindness and epilepsy. The association of this date with courtship may arise from the mid-February pagan fertility feast of Lupercalia, and from the medieval belief that the birds chose their mates on this day. "Valentines" were originally cards boys drew by lot, inscribed with the names of girls to be courted. An attempt to improve this custom by substituting the names of Saints to be emulated was once made, without much success, by Saint Francis de Sales ... Happy Valentine's Day...

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen **WORDS THAT CREATE**

Words, words, words. Our society is full of words; on billboards, on television screens, in newspapers and books. Words whispered, shouted, and sung. Words that move, dance, and change in size and color. Words that say, "Taste me, smell me, eat me, drink me, sleep with me," but most of all, "buy me." With so many words around us, we quickly say, "Well, they're just words." Thus, words have lost much of their power.

Still, the word has the power to create. When God speaks, God says, "Let there be light" (Genesis 1:3), light is. God speaks light. For God, speaking and creating are the same. It is this creative power of the word

we need to reclaim. What we say is very important. When we say, "I love you," and say it from the heart, we can give another person new life, new hope, new courage. When we say, "I hate you," we can destroy another person. Let's watch our words!

UPCOMING EVENT

Our St. Patrick-St. Joseph Fundraiser Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 27 at 3:00 p.m. Ask how you can help: cook, prepare, bring a friend...