

# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*February 16, 2014 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"

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## 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.

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

## READING 2 - 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, Alleluia, Alleluia

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

**Priest/Lector:** Verse

**R:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## GOSPEL - Matthew 5:17-37 [or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

[Jesus said to his disciples:] "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. [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 his brother will be liable to judgment; and whoever says to his brother, 'Raqa,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.

["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.] If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna.

"It was also said, Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce. But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife—unless the marriage is unlawful - causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

["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;] not by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. [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.*

## GENERAL CONCESSIONS

OFFERTORY HYMN - *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

COMMUNION HYMN - *Shepherd Me, O God*

RECESSIONAL - *Lead Me, Lord*

# St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"



**TODAY'S MASS INTENTIONS:**  
*Special Health, Strength & Adjustment Needs for:*  
Toni Panico & Eddie Bielski  
*offered by Joni Blenn*

## Aging...

Whose business is it, if I choose to read, or play on the computer, until 4 AM, or sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 50s, 60s & 70s, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love, I will.

I will walk the beach, in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves, with abandon, if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set. They, too, will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And, eventually, I remember the important things.

Sure, over the years, my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break, when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength, and understanding, and compassion. A heart never broken, is pristine, and sterile, and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

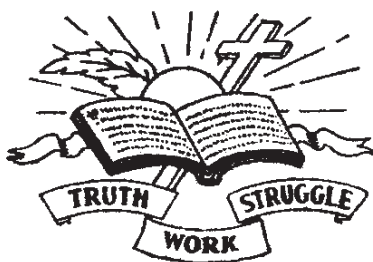
I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day (if I feel like it).

May our friendship never come apart, especially when it's straight from the heart!

*(shared by Joe Glovack)*



Thank You, Jesus, for the earthly angels that minister to me every day. Thank You for family and friends who share my joys and sorrows and uphold me in prayer. Thank You for all who give assistance unasked...the man who spent over an hour locating a tire for my grandson's car...a woman in the fast food line who glimpsed my tears and whispered, "I'll pray for you"...the motel maid who provided a special breakfast for a sleep-late child.

Open my eyes to see the pain and needs of those I meet each day, Lord. Open my heart and hand to be willing and ready to offer a kind word, practical help, or prayers.

— Penney Schwab  
(from New Mercies,  
A Daily Guideposts Prayer Companion)



**Don't forget to have Fr. Andrew sign your filled-out tax donation form.**

## SAVE THE 2014 DATES

- February 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Sunday Mass - 1 pm  
with Fr. Edward Czudak  
from Heart of Jesus Parish, Bayonne, NJ
- March 5<sup>th</sup>** - Ash Wednesday Holy Mass - 7 pm
- March 16<sup>th</sup>** - Requiem Intentions Mass for:  
John Kapinos, Sr., father of Linda  
Frysztacki offered by St. Francis Parish
- March 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Parish "Italian Feast"  
Fundraiser Dinner.  
Ask how you can help.
- April 13<sup>th</sup>** - Palm Sunday - 9 am Mass
- April 15<sup>th</sup>** - Scranton Clergy Conference
- April 17<sup>th</sup>** - Holy Thursday Mass - 7 pm
- April 18<sup>th</sup>** - Good Friday Liturgy - 7 pm
- April 19<sup>th</sup>** - Holy Saturday - 1 pm  
Blessing of the Easter Baskets
- June 8<sup>th</sup>** - East Meadow Pride Day - 10 am - 1 pm
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> or June 29<sup>th</sup>** - Mary Zaradich  
Confirmation