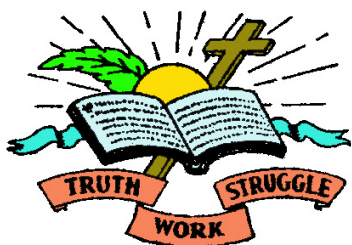


## ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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### *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time* *February 19, 2012*

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN - "Hymn of Faith"

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book pg. 63

READING I - Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25

Thus says the LORD: Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers. The people I formed for myself, that they might announce my praise. Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob, for you grew weary of me, O Israel. You burdened me with your sins, and wearied me with your crimes. It is I, I, who wipe out, for my own sake, your offenses; your sins I remember no more.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 41:2-3, 4-5, 13-14

**R. Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.**

Blessed is the one who has regard for the lowly and the poor; in the day of misfortune the LORD will deliver him. The LORD will keep and preserve him; and make him blessed on earth, and not give him over to the will of his enemies.

**R. Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.**

The LORD will help him on his sickbed, he will take away all his ailment when he is ill. Once I said, "O LORD, have pity on me; heal me, though I have sinned against you."

**R. Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.**

But because of my integrity you sustain me and let me stand before you forever. Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from all eternity. Amen. Amen.

**R. Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.**

READING II - 2 Cor 1:18-22

Brothers and sisters: As God is faithful, our word to you is not "yes" and "no." For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was proclaimed to you by us, Silvanus and Timothy and me, was not "yes" and "no," but "yes" has been in him. For however many are the promises of God, their Yes is in him;

therefore, the Amen from us also goes through him to God for glory. But the one who gives us security with you in Christ and who anointed us is God; he has also put his seal upon us and given the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.

GOSPEL - Mark 2:1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that he was at home. Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached the word to them. They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?" Jesus immediately knew in his mind what they were thinking to themselves, so he said, "Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth" – he said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS -

RESPONSE - as per Lector

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Center of My Life"

OUR FATHER - page 95

COMMUNION HYMNS -  
"Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -  
"Down in the River to Pray"



# St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

## ST. PETER DAMIAN (1007-1072) February 21

St. Peter was born into a poor family at Ravenna, Italy, in 1007. He was orphaned at a young age and left to the care of an older brother who mistreated him. Another brother, who was arch-priest of Ravenna, became his guardian and had him educated at Faenza and Parma.

Peter became a professor, but left a successful teaching career to enter the Benedictine monastery at Fonte Avellana in 1035. He was elected prior in 1043 and inspired his companions to live an exemplary Christian life. He also founded five other hermitages.

Peter was an advisor to popes and kings, and was appointed Cardinal-Bishop of Ostia by Pope Stephen IX in 1057. His extensive writings were instrumental in reforming the Church of his time. He frequently undertook missions of diplomacy for the papacy to settle disputes and quarrels. Peter also devoted much of his energy to the fight against simony.

Despite his stature as Cardinal-Bishop, Peter wanted to be relieved of his obligations. Pope Alexander II granted him his wish, and Peter retired to his monastery to live a life of solitude. He died in Faenza on February 22, 1072. He is a Doctor of the Church. His prayer, All powerful God, may we use our gifts, like St. Peter Damian, to serve your Son and the people for whom he gave his life. Amen.

## PRESIDENTS DAY

Monday, February 20th, a legal holiday, celebrating two great American Presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. God Bless America!

## PARISH MEETING

Our Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for today after Breakfast. All are welcome to attend.

## SEASON OF LENT

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, directly after his baptism, prepared Himself for His public life and mission by a fast of forty days in the desert, which extends from Jericho to the mountains of Judea. Let us prepare ourselves by fast, prayers and works of charity for the solemn Feast of Easter.

## ASH WEDNESDAY - February 22, 2012

This day opens the liturgical season of Lent. In Old Law ashes were generally a symbolic expression of grief, mourning or repentance. In the early Church the use of ashes had a like signification and with a sackcloth formed part of the public penances. The blessing of the ashes is one of the great liturgical rites of the year. It was originally instituted for public penances, but is now intended for all Christians, as Lent should be a time of penance for all. The ashes used this day are obtained by burning the palms of the previous year. Four ancient prayers are used in blessing them; having sprinkled them with holy water and incensed them, the priest puts them on the foreheads of the faithful with the words; "Remember man, that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shall return."

Ash Wednesday, Mass and Distribution of Ashes will be held on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m.



## UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS for 2012

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| Feb. 22 | In honor of William DelaSota & in memory of Michael Fredericks offered by Ann Klein-Siebuhr  |
| Feb. 26 | In memory of parents, Catherine & Albert Bilello, offered by Christine Mooney  |
| Mar. 4  | In memory of Mary Haubert, Rose Anne Rella, Nancy Fallica, Marie Strykowski, Lucille Rybak, Arnold Kemper, Jerry Fiorvanti, Paul Divver, Sr., Adrienne Peterson, Rose Skibinsky, Gloria Grillo & James F. Clark offered by Joni & John Blenn |
| Mar. 11 | In memory of Vicki and Ralph Capuano offered by Joni & John Blenn  |
| Mar. 18 | For good health for Linda and Nick Baric offered by St. Francis Parish   |
| Mar. 25 | In memory of Louis Bonaventura offered by St. Francis Parish   |
| April 1 | In memory of John and Winnie Kompa offered by Lorraine & Thomas Kompa  |
| April 5 | In memory of Elizabeth Keane offered by Joe Glovack  |

## Thank You!!

*St. Francis Parish sincerely thanks those individuals listed above who donated needed items for our humble church.*

## SAVE THE DATES!

### Sunday, February 19, TODAY after Breakfast.

General Parish meeting. Council elections. ALL ARE INVITED.



### Wednesday, February 22, 7 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Mass/Distribution of Ashes.

### Sunday, March 11, 3 p.m.

St. Patrick / St. Joseph Fund-raiser Dinner  
All are welcome. Ask how you can help.

### Saturday, April 7, 1 p.m.

Blessing of the Easter Baskets

### Sunday, May 6, 9 a.m.

Natalie MacDonald's First Holy Communion

### Saturday & Sunday, August 25 & 26, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Garage / Yard Sale

### Sunday, October 6, 1 p.m.

Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pets

### Sunday, October 14, 3 p.m.

St. Francis Fall Fund-raiser Dinner  
All are welcome. Ask how you can help.

### Sunday, October 21, 9 a.m.

Thomas & Lorraine Kompa's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Renewal of Marriage Vows

### Sunday, December 2, 3 p.m.

St. Nicholas Fund-raiser Dinner  
All are welcome. Ask how you can help.