St. Francis Polish National Catholic Church

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

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Sunday, February 27, 2011 - Eighth 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 -Is 49:14-15

Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me; my LORD has forgotten me." Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

R. Rest in God alone, my soul.

Only in God is my soul at rest; from him comes my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I shall not be disturbed at all.

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Only in God be at rest, my soul, for from him comes my hope. He only is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I shall not be disturbed.

R. Rest in God alone, my soul.

With God is my safety and my glory, he is the rock of my strength; my refuge is in God. Trust in him at all times, O my people! Pour out your hearts before him.

R. Rest in God alone, my soul.

READING II - 1 Cor 4:1-5

Brothers and sisters: Thus should one regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Now it is of course required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. It does not concern me in the least that I be judged by you or any human tribunal; I do not even pass judgment on myself; I am not conscious of anything against me, but I do not thereby stand acquitted; the one who judges me is the Lord. Therefore do not make any judgment before the appointed time, until the Lord comes, for he will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will manifest the motives of our hearts, and then everyone will receive praise from God.

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

GOSPEL - Mathew 6:24-34

Jesus said to his disciples: "No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith? So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given vou besides. Do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN -

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

OUR FATHER -

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COMMUNION HYMNS - "One Bread, One Body"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -

"Down in the River to Pray"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompasitions"

ST. CASIMIR (October 3, 1458 – March 4, 1484)

Patron of Poland and Lithuania. His feast day is March 4th. This Polish Prince was a terrible disappointment to his father, King Casimir IV. He had refused his fathers' orders to lead an army into Hungary. Neither would he marry the daughter of the German Emperor Fredrick III, having sworn himself to perpetual celibacy. He led an angelic life and excelled in love for the poor and great devotion to the Blessed Virgin. He was known to repeat loudly and by memory the extremely long Latin prayer, "Daily, daily, sing to Mary" (now known as St. Casimir's Hymn). He practiced the most heroic virtues amid the dangers of his father's court. In 1484, on a visit to neigh-

boring Lithuania, Our Saint died of tuberculosis, at the age of twenty-six. His prayer: Casimir, who God did strengthen with the virtue of constancy in the midst of royal luxury and the snares of the world. We pray that we too may despise earthly things, and ever aspire to those of heaven. Amen.



ST. FRANCIS NOTES...

Our Sympathy: The Parish of St. Francis extends its thoughts and prayers to Louise and Tony Kuzniewski, on the passing of † Helen Szarek † (Louise's mother) who passed on the morning of February 20th. May she † Rest In Peace † Amen.

Thank You! Our sincere appreciation for your special donations (during Christmas) for items needed for the sanctuary. At present we are in the process of obtaining these items. The Parish will note names and memorial donation and these items will be blessed at a special Mass. The date is still pending. St. Francis Parish extends its thankfulness and appreciation for these generous gifts. Blessings to All!





UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Ash Wednesday, March 9th - 7 p.m.

Mass and Blessing & Distribution of Ashes The Season of Lent begins, 46 days before Easter Sunday. The Lenten season is time of fasting, prayer and repentance. Give thought, refletion and take good action this season.

Stations of the Cross

This devotion and reflection will follow each Sunday Mass, during Lent

Sunday, March 27, 2011 - 3 p.m. St. Patrick-St. Joseph Fundraiser Dinner

\$15 adults, \$6 children. Give Joni names & addresses of friends who might like to attend.

Ask how you can help?

cook, prepare, bring a friend or four...

Saturday, April 2, 2011 - 7:30 p.m.

Fundraiser Comedy Show at United Methodist Church

\$10 / ticket. This is a squeaky clean comedy fundraiser for both the UMC & St. Francis PNCC. Starring Stevie GB "Groucho", Les Degan & the improv of Al Isaacs & Scott Baker "Some Assembly Required"

Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011 - 9 a.m.
Blessing and Procession Mass

Holy Saturday, April 23, 2011 - 1 p.m.

Blessing of Easter food baskets, please invite family and friends for this special event!

Resurrection Mass, April 24, 2011

Easter Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Mass Come Rejoice in this Easter Celebration!