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February 9, 2014

Fifth 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 - Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the LORD: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed; your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am! If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; if you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R/ *The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.*

Light shines through the darkness for the upright; he is gracious and merciful and just.

Well for the man who is gracious and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice.

R/ *The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.*

He shall never be moved; the just one shall be in everlasting remembrance.

An evil report he shall not fear; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

R/ *The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.*

His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear.

Lavishly he gives to the poor;

His justice shall endure forever;

his horn shall be exalted in glory.

R/ *The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.*

READING 2 - 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Verse

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lamp stand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." 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 - *Here I Am, Lord*

RECESSIONAL - *Be Not Afraid*

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

Heavenly Father, thank you for the many blessings You bestow on me, including the ones I overlook. Make me more aware of the many gifts You give me every day. Help me remember that even what I mistakenly perceive as insignificant is a privilege. The gift of salvation is so great that if I never receive another blessing, I am still abundantly and overwhelmingly blessed. thank You, Lord!.

— Natalie Perkins

(from New Mercies.

A Daily Guideposts Prayer Companion)

ST. SCHOLASTICA (480-547) February 10

St. Scholastica, the sister of St. Benedict, most probably his twin, was born in 480. She followed Benedict when he moved to Monte Cassino and established his own monastery. Scholastica settled nearby in Plombariola and founded a community of women, also believed to be under the direction of Benedict. Scholastica is considered to be the first Benedictine nun. The only knowledge we have of her is from an incident St. Gregory the Great describes.

She met with her brother once a year, and as she was not allowed in the monastery, Benedict would come to meet her in a home with several of his followers. At their last meeting, sensing that her death was near, Scholastica was anxious to continue their conversation throughout the night and asked Benedict to remain with her to praise God. When Benedict sought to go, Scholastica began to pray, and such a violent storm arose that he could not go out the door. "I asked you a favor and you refused" she said. "I asked it of God and he granted it." Benedict left the next morning. Three days later Scholastica died and Benedict saw her soul ascending to God like a dove. Her prayer: Lord, we thank you for hearing the prayers inspired by our love. Amen

HIS WORDS – BROTHERLY LOVE

"Love must be sincere.

Hate what is evil;

cling to what is good.

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.

Honor one another above yourselves."

—Romans 12:9-10

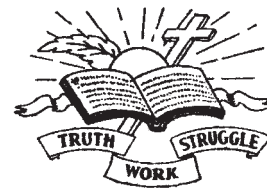
BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

- Henri Nouwen

A reflection of faith and wisdom...

RETURNING TO GOD'S EVER-PRESENT LOVE

We often confuse unconditional love with unconditional approval. God loves us without conditions but does not approve of every human behavior God doesn't approve of betrayal, violence, hatred, suspicion, and all other expressions of evil, because they all contradict the love God wants to instill in the human heart. Evil is the absence of God's love. Evil does not belong to God. God's unconditional love means that God continues to love us even when we say or think evil things. God continues to wait for us as a loving parent waits for the return of a lost child. It is important for us to hold on to the truth that God never gives up loving us even when God is saddened by what we do. That truth will help us to return to God's ever-present love.



SAVE THE 2014 DATES

February 23rd - Sunday Mass - 1 pm
with Fr. Edward Czudak
from Heart of Jesus Parish, Bayonne, NJ

March 5th - Ash Wednesday Holy Mass - 7 pm

March 16th - Requiem Intentions Mass for:
John Kapinos, Sr., father of Linda
Frysztacki offered by St. Francis Parish

March 23rd - Parish "Italian Feast"
Fundraiser Dinner.
Ask how you can help.

April 13th - Palm Sunday - 9 am Mass

April 15th - Scranton Clergy Conference

April 17th - Holy Thursday Mass - 7 pm

April 18th - Good Friday Liturgy - 7 pm

April 19th - Holy Saturday - 1 pm
Blessing of the Easter Baskets

June 8th - East Meadow Pride Day - 10 am - 1 pm

June 22nd or June 29th - Mary Zaradich
Confirmation