

# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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*Sunday, March 13, 2016 • Passion Sunday (Fifth Sunday of Lent)*



**PASSION  
SUNDAY**

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 1 - Is 43:16-21**

Thus says the LORD, who

opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters, who leads out chariots and horsemen, a powerful army, till they lie prostrate together, never to rise, snuffed out and quenched like a wick. 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. Wild beasts honor me, jackals and ostriches, for I put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland for my chosen people to drink, the people whom I formed for myself, that they might announce my praise.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM - 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6**

*R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

*R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

*R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

*R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

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## **READING 2 - Phil 3:8-14**

Brothers and sisters: I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

## **PASSION OF CHRIST - see separate sheet**

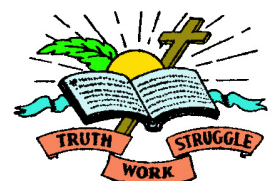
**OFFERTORY HYMN - "Just As I Am"**

**COMMUNION HYMN -**

*"Nearer My God to Thee"*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN -**

*"I Walk in the Garden Alone"*



# St. Francis Faith Renewed

## PRAYER FOR LENT

Jesus Christ, Lord and Redeemer, we who have been baptized into your death, hope to be raised to new life in you. Send your Holy Spirit upon us this Lent so that we might have the courage to take up your cross each day, to fulfill our duties with great love and to hope always in your word. May this sacred season strengthen us to live as men and women dead to sin and alive in you. Help us to grow in faith so that we might always be witnesses of your love to the world. Amen.

## ST. PATRICK, (c.389-461)

“Following the advice of one’s soul friend.”

His feast day is March 17. At the age of sixteen Patrick, the son of a Roman-Celtic family living in Britain, was kidnapped by Irish pirates and brought to Ireland and held as a slave. During that time he had visions on which an angel or helping spirit, whom he called Victor, appeared to comfort him. In fact Victor was part of a strong tradition in Celtic spirituality, going back into pre-Christian times; the practice of having a soul friend. Victor was Patrick’s soul friend, a person either alive in body, deceased and appearing in spirit, an angelic being, or even a friendly animal. A soul friend encourages and advises you on the most important matters of your spiritual life. It was the advice of Victor that Patrick made his most important decisions. He would escape from slavery, return home, to become a priest and return to Ireland again. There he taught the people and organized the communities, through his influence, Ireland would become one of the most Christian and eventually Roman Catholic countries in western Europe. His prayer, Patrick, teach me to Know and trust the angelic and heavenly friendship that is all around me. If I do not know my guardian spirits, help me to discover them. If I do, show me how to deepen my relationship with them and listen to their wise advice about leading a spiritual life and living with God. Amen.

## ST. JOSEPH, First Century, Husband of Mary

His feast day is March 19. Patron of Fathers, Protector of Homes, Carpenters and a Happy Death. Joseph was the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. He was from the royal house of David and grew up in Bethlehem. At some point, he moved to Galilee where he was a builder. He was attuned to heavenly influence and divine messages, particularly as they came in dreams. He was told by an angel not to reject Mary when he discovered that she was pregnant. Joseph had considerable influence in molding Jesus’ character, since in the custom of the times, sons worked alongside their fathers, and Joseph was known to be a just man. His prayer, Joseph, give me the perseverance to work diligently at my trade or career, and to provide for myself and loved ones. Even when hard times occur and it is easy to become discouraged, help me to work hard. Also teach me how to be happy with a modest living and not hunger for great wealth that could easily prevent me from enjoying the simple things of life. Amen.



## WE ARE GRATEFUL...

that Ann Klein-Slebuhr, her daughter Renee & grandson, Sebastian are all fairing well after their horrendous car accident last week. We are also happy that Natalie MacDonald is feeling better after being rushed to the hospital with terrible stomach pain. And we are certainly grateful to everyone who helped with the St. Pat's/St. Joe's Fundraiser Dinner last Sunday. It was a booming success! 35 lbs. of corn beef, 8 trays of cabbage & tons of potatoes (cooked by the Kompas & Kuzniewskis), chicken legs (Monica), baked rotelle (Wilma Dybus), salad (Ann), beer, soda & wine (Cheryl), St. Guissepe pastries (Joni), Irish cookies (Carol)... it all went! Even the EM Herald photographer was impressed! Forgot you? Tune in next week for more grateful news!

## 2016 Upcoming Events

### Sundays After Mass During Lent

February 14 - March 13

### Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 20, 9 am

### Palm Sunday

### Procession & Mass



Thursday, March 24, 7 pm

### Holy Thursday Mass

Friday, March 25, 7 pm

### Good Friday Mass

Saturday, March 26, 1 pm

### Blessing of the Baskets

All are welcome—as always! Bring your eggs, cooked foods, uncooked foods, baskets or not, covered with a white linen cloth (or not)...

Father Andrew will bless your Easter foods in a short, cheerful service.



Sunday, March 27, 9 am

### Easter

### Procession & Mass

