



ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace! — St. Francis
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Second Sunday in Lent
March 4, 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 - Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!"
"Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac,
your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah.
There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I
will point out to you."

When they came to the place of which God had told him,
Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then
he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the
LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham,
Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand
on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to
him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did
not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham
looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket.
So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in
place of his son.

Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven
and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because
you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved
son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as
countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore;
your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their en-
emies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall
find blessing- all this because you obeyed my command."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted." Precious
in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of
your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds. To you will I offer
sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the
LORD.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his
people, In the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst,
O Jerusalem.

**R. I will walk before the Lord,
in the land of the living.**

READING II - Romans 8:31b-34
Brothers and sisters: If God is for
us, who can be against us? He
who did not spare his own Son but
handed him over for us all, how will
he not also give us everything else
along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It
is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it
is who died-or, rather, was raised- who also is at the right
hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

GOSPEL - Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high
mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured be-
fore them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as
no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared
to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with
Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good
that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one
for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say,
they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow
over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my be-
loved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they
no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he
charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone,
except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So
they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising
from the dead meant. This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS -

RESPONSE - as per Lector

OFFERTORY HYMN - "We Gather Together"

OUR FATHER - page 95

COMMUNION HYMNS -

"Lord Forgive" & " Lord I Am Not Worthy"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -

"Cross of Compassion"

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & BIG HUGE THANK YOU'S

During Lent, St. Francis Parish will host Stations of the Cross on Sundays immediately following Mass. All are welcome to attend. Following the Stations of the Cross, of course, is our traditional breakfast with coffee, tea, rolls, etc. in the Church Hall that has been totally renovated. We thank God first, Father Andrew second and all Parishioners and friends of St. Francis who have so generously contributed to the new ceiling, wiring, walls, mirrors, paper goods, light bulbs and so much more.

BUT we have an extra special BIG sincere thank you to Rea & Bill Piro who, as they often do, stepped up to the plate and hit a major league home run for St. Francis. Knowing that the Hall renovations were not quite covered monetarily, the Piro's covered all the bases by donating all the funds necessary to finish our costly project. Thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts. Your generosity humbles us. God bless you and yours!

LENT AND RECONCILIATION

In Lent we renew the life of Baptism. The life Baptism gives us is one of prayer and discipleship in Jesus. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) is sometimes called a "Second Baptism" because it restores and strengthens the life of Baptism. Lent is an excellent time to receive this sacrament. It purifies our prayer and lifts from us any weight of regret or fear. It frees us from old notions of thinking and behaving. Reconciliation gives one a new heart and allows one to begin a new life in Jesus. Its fruit is peace because God has taken away sin of the world. Reconciliation is God's deed. It is God's gift to us!

PRAYER FOR LENT

Redeemer Lord, as we prepare to celebrate the great mystery of your dying and rising, send your Holy Spirit to guide us this Lent. May we be led to a spirit of true repentance for our sins with grateful appreciation for the gift of salvation. May we forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved and serve as we have been served. May we trust in you at all times, confident that in your mercy you have willed the redemption of the whole world. Amen.

SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, March 11, 3 p.m.

St. Patrick / St. Joseph Fund-raiser Dinner

Saturday, April 7, 1 p.m.

Blessing of the Easter Baskets

Sunday, May 6, 11 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 25th Anniversary
Renewal of Marriage Vows

Sunday, December 2, 3 p.m.

St. Nicholas Fund-raiser Dinner

All are welcome. Ask how you can help.



HIS WORDS - FORGIVENESS

"But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together

and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." —Luke 6:35-38

OUR CONGRATULATIONS!

We extend our "good wishes" and "much success" to our elected Parish Council for 2012!

Sunday, March 11, 2012 - 3 p.m.

St. Patrick-St. Joseph

Fund-raiser Dinner

\$15 adults, \$6 children.

Ask how you can help? Cook, prepare a dish, bring a friend or four...

UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS for 2012

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| Mar. 11 | In memory of Elizabeth Keane
offered by Joe Glovack |
| 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 parents, Vicki & Ralph Capuano
offered by Joni & John Blenn |
| April 8 | In memory of Clara and Concetto Ribis
offered by Lorraine & Thomas Kompa |
| April 15 | In memory of Mary C. Lozowski
offered by Lorraine & Thomas Kompa |
| April 22 | For health and God's blessing for Bill & Rea Piro
offered by St. Francis Parish |

Thank You!!

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