

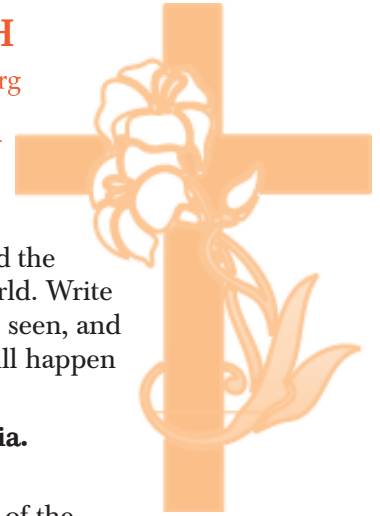
ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER / BAPTISMAL OF MAXIMILIAN FARQUHARSON

April 11, 2010



ENTRANCE HYMN - *"Come Ye Faithful"*

READING I - Acts 5:12-16

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them. A large number of people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever."

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

READING II - Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

I, John, your brother, who share with you the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in Jesus, found myself on the island called Patmos because I proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus. I was caught up in spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, which said, "Write on a scroll what you see." Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and when I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest. When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I

am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld. Write down, therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and what will happen afterwards."

R/ Alleluia. VERSE. R/ Alleluia.

GOSPEL - John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name. *This is the gospel of the Lord.*

R/. Thanks be to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: **God, Hear Us!**

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Come Rejoice...Risen"*

OUR FATHER - page 95

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE - *"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today" & O'er Death Victorious"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *"Christ Is Risen"*

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

EASTERTIDE...THE EASTER CYCLE

Eastertide begins at Easter and ends on the Saturday after Pentecost. It is a time of uninterrupted joy and feasts, during which we celebrate the mysteries of the Resurrection, the Ascension, and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and also on His Church. In the liturgy of Eastertide, we commemorate the various appearances of Our Lord, during which He instructed His apostles and prepared them for the descent of the Holy Spirit and His own Ascension. The triumph and joy of Eastertide is reflected in the decoration of the sanctuary. Until Ascension Day, the paschal candle shines in the sanctuary, as a symbol of the visible presence of Our Lord upon earth, the joyful repetition of "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia," resounds and remains a sign of joy and peace.

*** OUR CONGRATULATIONS ***

Today Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m.
which will include the

BAPTISM OF MAXIMILIAN JAN FARQUHARSON

The Parish extends our thoughts and prayers to you Maximilian on this very special day and to your parents, Ricardo & Magdalena, and brother, Nicolai, and sister, Amaya, and all your dear family. God Bless You All!

BAPTISM, THE WAY TO FREEDOM...

Henri Nouwen

When parents have their children baptized they indicate their desire to have their children grow up and live as children of God and brothers or sisters of Jesus, and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Through birth a child is given to parents; through baptism a child is given to God. At baptism the parents acknowledge that their parenthood is a participation in God's parenthood, that all fatherhood and motherhood comes from God. 'Thus, baptism frees the parents from a sense of owning their children. Children belong to God and are given to the parents to love and care for in God's name. It is the parents' vocation to welcome their children as honored guests in their home and bring them to the physical, emotional, and spiritual freedom that enables them to leave the home and become parents themselves. Baptism reminds parents of this vocation and sets children on the path of freedom.

A PRAYER TO SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

(1894-1941)

O Saint Maximilian Kolbe, my heart holds your memory in a tender place, and my thoughts are ever flowing toward you in gratitude not only for your bravery and meritorious act but also for your devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary. With your example of risking everything for the Immaculata and then dying for someone else, you showed me what depths unconditional love can reach. You exemplified the ultimate meaning of Jesus' message, showing what loving thy neighbor as thyself truly means. Blessed Saint Maximilian, pray for me and with me to our Lord Jesus Christ, the model of all martyrs, that I may cultivate that kind of love for all humankind regardless of race, color, gender, nationality, or beliefs. Amen.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS

Helen Steiner Rice

GOD'S GIVING IS GREATER

No matter how big man's dreams are, God's blessings are infinitely more, for always God's giving is greater than what man is asking for.

'He will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God his Savior. -Psalm 24:5

Today be grateful to God for His amazing and incredible generosity!

EASTER THOUGHTS...

+ If Easter means anything to modern man, it means that truth is eternal.

+ Our old history ends with the cross; our new history begins with the resurrection.

+ Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.

+ Christ has turned all our sunsets into dawns.



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PRAYER

Health Needs of: Annette Erhardt, Christina Zic, Frank Kompa, Miriam Perez, Iris Cafran, Webster Schott, Donna Blea, Madison Crowder, Danny Rush, Eleanor Baumler, Vickie Torel, Grace Ambrosia, JohnLuis Vasquez, Jennifer Lanzaro, John Lucas, Thomas A. Marinello, Judy Zeitlin, Gregory Klein, Cindy Williams, Kerri Douglas, Kata Baric, Mary Lucas, Costas Ballas, Maria Kussoy, Patricia Skinner, Frank Lamb, Lenny Schreiber & for all those who care for the sick and disabled.

Requiem Intentions for:

Christ's Easter victory over sin and death is our assurance of our future life of unfading glory when "death shall be no more."
We Remember all the souls of our faithful departed . Rest In Peace.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS • THANKS • REQUESTS

Lectors: JONI BLENN, TOM KOMPA and CHERYL HAASE • Altar Server: Henry Zaradich, Jr.
10:00 AM - "Social Hour"...each Sunday after Mass; please join us in the Hall downstairs! All Invited!

New Parishioners - Welcome New Parishioners. All new and prospective parishioners are invited to St. Francis Hall for coffee and doughnuts after the 9:00 am Mass. Come and learn more about the St. Francis community. Current parishioners are encouraged to attend and make our new members feel welcome.

Baptism - Sunday at 9:00 am Holy Mass - Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Confession - It is important to maintain this sacrament in preparing ourselves to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Confession will be held the first Sunday of each month immediately before 9:00 am mass. Use page 39 of the red hymn book, **Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral CHORAL MASS HYMNS FOR THE CHURCH YEAR.** If you can get to church a bit early and review pages 1-7 of tan & yellow **The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.** Private Confessions will be held as requested. Contact Fr. Andrew.

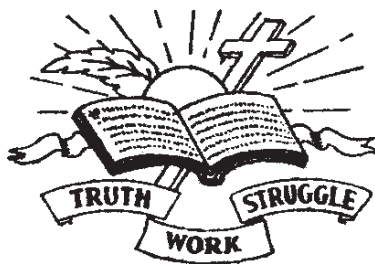
Marriage - Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to wedding.

Sick Visit and Anointing of The Sick- Please note that Fr. Andrew is available for these calls. Remember this opportunity is not only for parishioners of St. Francis, but for anyone seeking a priest! Call Fr. Andrew at 516-794-5189.

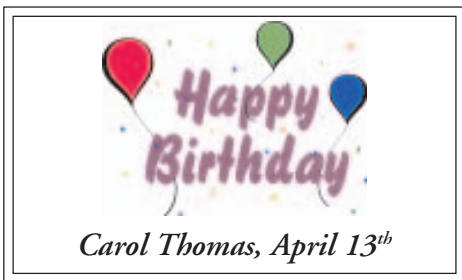
Welcome to Our Visitors - We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please introduce yourself to the Pastor, Rev. Andrew Koterba after Mass. Please remember that you are always welcome to join us in worship at St. Francis Parish.

Health need requests or requiem intentions - to be placed in bulletin, call Joni at 516-578-9123 (leave message) or joancapuano@aol.com or contact Fr. Andrew.

Parish Dues - We are accepting dues for 2010 and updating the membership booklets. Parish dues are \$50 for an individual & \$100 per family. New parishioners are always welcome.



Hall Rentals - Our Hall rentals add a great financial support to our parish. Please support, promote and encourage our hall rentals. If you know of someone in need of a hall, keep St. Francis Hall in mind. A great space for parties or meetings; dates are available and reasonable in price! Call (516) 794-5189.



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Sunday Collection - 4/4/07 - \$94.00
AS ALWAYS, PLEASE BE
AS GENEROUS AS YOUR MEANS
WILL ALLOW.

PARISH HALL CALENDAR

- Mondays** (4:30-9:15 pm) Williams Dance Studio (Sept. - May)
- Tuesdays** (6-9 pm) Mike Pekor's Tai Chi
- Wednesdays** (6:30-8:30 pm) Zumba Dancing
- Thursdays** (5:30-8:15 pm) Williams Dance Studio (Sept.-May)
- Fridays** (6:30-8:30 pm) Zumba Dancing

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Entrance Hymn

CHRIST IS RISEN

Christ is risen, sing, o christian,
wipe the tears of grief away.
All who would now, seek salvation,
come, rejoice with us this day.
He has risen, lord in glory,
as he had foretold his victory,
alleluia, alleluia, let us sing, alleluia!

Offertory Hymn

CHRIST, THE LORD, IS RISEN TODAY

Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!
Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Lo! the Sun's eclipse is over, Alleluia!
Lo! He sets in blood no more, Alleluia!

Communion Hymn

HERE I AM LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

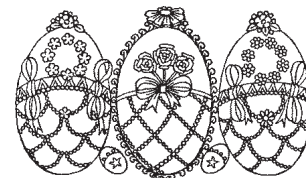
I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
'Til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Post Communion

Solo by Jiselle

Walk With Him, Lord



Recessional Hymn

GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river
I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing,
You are My own.
I the Lord will bless and keep you
And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you
And give you peace;
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My Children;
I will keep you And give you peace.

