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April 27, 2014 ~ Second Sunday of Easter

Lillian & Henry Zaradich

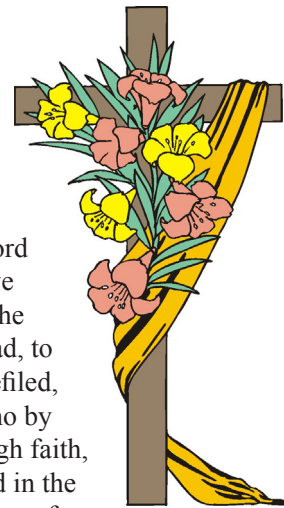
*invite you to share in their celebration
of twenty years of marriage today,*

Sunday, April 27, 2014

as they renew their wedding vows at

St. Francis Polish National Catholic Church

9:00 a.m. Mass



READING 2 - 1 Pt 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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 nail marks 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 word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "O'er Death Victorious"

COMMUNION HYMN - "Come Ye Faithful"

RECESSIONAL - "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - "Christ Is Risen"

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READING I - Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

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.

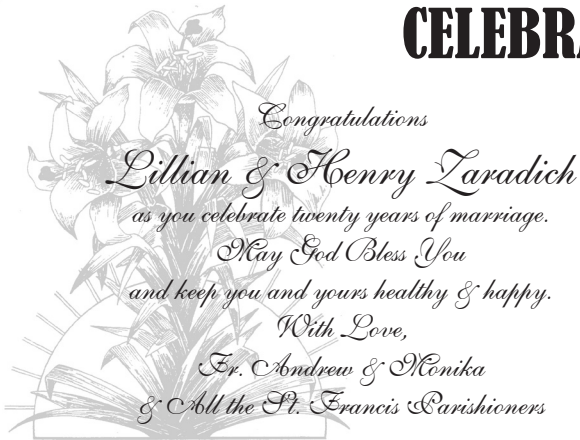
I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:

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.

CELEBRATE EASTER - 2014!



WHAT'S IN A NAME? EASTER!!!

Early Christians called Easter, Pesach, which in Hebrew is the name for Passover. Today, names for Easter all over the world are similar to the word Pesach. In France, Easter is called Paques; in Spain, it is called Pascua; in Italy, Pasqua, in Albania, Easter is Pashke and in Greece, Easter is Pascha. Our English name 'Easter' is newer than other European names for the holiday. Before Christianity was accepted in early England, the people there celebrated each Vernal Equinox with a feast honoring their goddess of the spring named Eostre. About 1,400 years ago the early English Christians wanted others to accept Christianity, so that it would match the name of the old spring celebration. Early Christians often embraced the names and customs of ancient holidays so that it would be more comfortable for other people to accept and believe in Christianity.

THE "LAMB OF GOD"

Long before the first Passover, Hebrew families gave lambs as offerings to God. And since the first Passover, Hebrews serve lamb as an important part of the Passover feast each year. When Jesus died during Passover, he gave himself as an offering to God for the sins of the world. This is why the Bible calls Jesus the "Lamb of God." Early Christians saw the lamb as a beautiful symbol of Jesus and began using it in their Easter celebrations.

SAVE THE 2014 DATES

May 31 & June 1 - Yard Sale at St. Francis

June 7th - EM Pride Day - 10 am - 1 pm

June 22nd - Mary Zaradich - Confirmation

Even when we are all alone,
The Lord remains in our heart;
How marvelous to have Him near—
To know He'll never part.

—David K. Winslow

(SHARED BY LINDA FRYSZTACKI)

To love means loving the unlovable.
To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable.
Faith means believing the unbelievable.
Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless.

— Gilbert K. Chesterton

(SHARED BY ANNE KLEIN)

CHAIRS • CHAIRS • CHAIRS • CHAIRS

St. Francis News: As you know we had a few fund-raisers for new chairs for our hall rentals. Well, now the old chairs are up for grabs. If you or anyone you know needs chairs, a small donation can get them what they need. It's a win-win situation! We get a few bucks for our old chairs and they get the chairs they need! See Father Andrew for details.

Late one night, a burglar broke into a house he thought was empty. He tiptoed through the living room but suddenly, he froze in his tracks when he heard a loud voice say: "Jesus is watching you!" Silence returned to the house, so the burglar crept forward again. "Jesus is watching you," the voice boomed again. The burglar stopped dead again. He was frightened. Frantically, he looked all around. In a dark corner, he spotted a birdcage and in the cage was a parrot. He asked the parrot; "Was that you who said 'Jesus is watching you?'" "Yes," said the parrot. The burglar breathed a sigh of relief, and asked the parrot, "What's your name?" "Clarence," said the bird. "That's a dumb name for a parrot," sneered the burglar. "What idiot named you Clarence?" The parrot replied, "The same idiot who named the Rottweiler Jesus!"

(SHARED BY JONI BLENN)

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