

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 2, 2010



ENTRANCE HYMN -
“Come Ye Faithful”

READING I - Acts 14:21-27

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, “It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.”

They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13

R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

Let them make known your might to the children of Adam, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages, and your dominion endures through all generations.

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READING II - Rev 21:1-5a

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.” The One who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.”

R./ Alleluia. VERSE. R./ Alleluia.

GOSPEL - Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” *This is the gospel of the Lord.*

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

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: God, Hear Us!

OFFERTORY HYMN -

“Come Rejoice, Our Lord Is Risen”

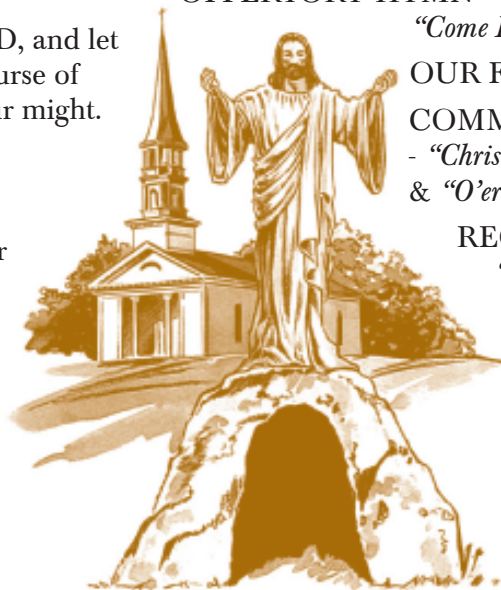
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COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

- “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
& “O’er Death Victorious”

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

“Christ Is Risen”



St. Francis Weekly “Kompositions”

ST. PHILIP and ST. JAMES (first century) May 3

St. Philip was born at Bethsaida in Galilee. He was one of the apostles and a disciple of John the Baptist. Philip heard the call of Jesus, “Follow me,” and accompanied Jesus on his public ministry. He is mentioned in St. John’s Gospel, and invited the apostle, Bartholomew, to come and see Christ. At the Last Supper he said to Jesus, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough.”

According to tradition, Philip was present with the apostles who spent ten days waiting in the upper room in Jerusalem for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. After the death of Christ, Philip preached the Gospel in Phrygia, Asia Minor. He was martyred at Hierapolis by soldiers loyal to Emperor Domitian.

St. James, also known as James the Less, was one of the twelve apostles and is called “the son of Alphaeus” and “the brother of the Lord” in the Gospels. It is assumed, however, that he was most likely a cousin of Jesus. He is believed to be the author of the Epistle of St. James in the New Testament.

James ‘was appointed the Bishop of Jerusalem. He was present at the Council of Jerusalem. He was also present with the apostles in the upper room awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. James remained in Jerusalem after Pentecost and was stoned to death there in 62.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY ... Henri Nouwen FRIENDS AND THEIR UNIQUE GIFTS

No two friends are the same. Each has his or her own gift for us. When we expect one friend to have all we need, we will always be hypercritical, never completely happy with what he or she does have.

One friend may offer us affection, another may stimulate our minds, another may strengthen our souls. The more able we are to receive the different gifts our friends have to give us, the more able we will be to offer our own unique but limited gifts. Thus, friendships create a beautiful tapestry of love.



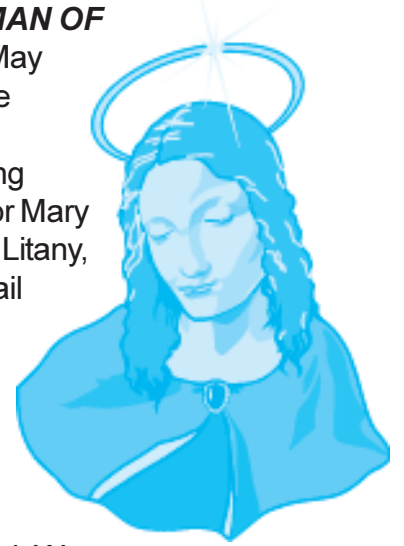
ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

*** HAIL MARY, WOMAN OF FAITH:** The month of May is traditionally called the month of Mary, in our Catholic tradition. During this month we will honor Mary through Devotions and Litany, after Sunday Mass... Hail Mary! Christ through Mary... Pray for Us!

*** MOTHER’S DAY** is next Sunday... Come join us in prayer and celebration of all mothers, living and deceased. We will hold our Mother’s Day breakfast after Mass in the Parish Hall... Welcoming All!

*** CROWNING OF MARY** will also be held next Sunday, crowning the statues of the Blessed Mother, inside and outside with a floral wreath. Please join us this day! God’s Blessings!

*** PROTECT OUR EARTH:** There remains many ways we can help protect and care for the earth (God’s creation). Prayer and action remain!



ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ... Helen Steiner Rice JOY FROM THE LORD

You can’t do a kindness without a reward, not in silver nor gold but in joy from the Lord.

‘May your love and your truth always protect me.’
—Psalm 40:11

Today extend kindness to someone and unbounded gladness will return to you!

SAVE THE DATES!

- Saturday & Sunday, August 28 & 29, HUGE YARD SALE! Something for everyone!
- Sunday, September 19 - St. Francis Fundraiser Diner. Volunteer to help.
- Saturday, October 2 - Blessing of the Animals by Father Andrew.
- Sunday, October 17 - Christening.
- Sunday, December 5 - Christmas Dinner Fundraiser.
- Sunday, December 12 - Concert.