St. Francis Polish National Catholic Church

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

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Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN - "Morning Hymn"

READING I - Acts 2:1-11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD, my God, you are great indeed! How manifold are your works, O LORD! the earth is full of your creatures;

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD be glad in his works! Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the LORD.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

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READING 11 - 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Brothers and sisters: No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Priest or Cantor: Alleluia (3x) **R./ Alleluia (3x).** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in them the fire of your love. **R./ Alleluia (3x).**

GOSPEL -<u>In 20:19-23</u>

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."

This is the gospel of the Lord. R/. Praise be to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

HYMN

"Hail Mary, Gentle Woman" MAY DEVOTIONS

HYMN - "Serdeczna Matko"

GENERAL CONCESSIONS:

God, Hear Us!

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Aboe"

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COMMUNION - "One Spirit, One Church"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "How Great Thou Art"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompasitions"-

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost simply means "fiftieth" in Greek. It is the Sunday seven weeks or fifth days after Easter Sunday. It commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit, which Jesus promised to His followers before His ascension into heaven. 'This is a wonderful time to celebrate the gift that Jesus bought for us with His life: that God himself would dwell within us! Let us pray, "Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of Thy love."

HIS WORDS ...

"When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them."

—Acts 23-3

MARY, CROWNED WITH THE LIVING LIGHT!

"Blessed is she who believed that the Lord's word to her would be fulfilled." May is the month, the Church, traditionally has dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Today we celebrate, the Feast of Pentecost, let us note the third Glorious Mystery, of Her Most Holy Rosary...The Coming of the Holy Spirit.

HER MESSAGE: The Holy Spirit formed Christ within me. He wants to form Christ in you. That is why you have been reborn of water and the Holy Spirit. That is why you have had your personal Pentecost, like the apostles and early Christians. Let the strengthening Spirit do his work in you. Believe me, it will be made beautiful, and glorious for God your Father!

HER PRAYER: Dear Blessed Mother, pray for me that I allow the Divine Spirit free rein in my life. May I follow his guidance, heed his inspirations, and allow him to mold me into the image of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

DID YOU KNOW?

The wind is the primary symbol for the Holy Spirit. This is because the biblical account of the Holy Spirit filling the believers on the Day of Pentecost describes it as the sound of a "rushing, mighty wind."

A PRAYER TO THE "HOLY SPIRIT"

God, our Father, pour out the gifts of your Holy Spirit on the world. You sent the Spirit on your Church to begin the teaching of the Gospel. Now let the Spirit continue the work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BREAD FOR -THE JOURNEY ... Henri Nouwen JESUS' SELF-PORTRAIT

Jesus says, "Blessed are the poor, the gentle, those who mourn, those who hunger and thirst for uprightness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and those who are persecuted in the cause of uprightness" (Matthew 5:3-10). These words offer us a self-portrait of Jesus. Jesus is the Blessed One. And the face of the Blessed One shows poverty, gentleness, grief, hunger, and thirst for uprightness, mercy, purity of heart, a desire to make peace, and the signs of persecution.

The whole message of the Gospel is this: Become like

Jesus. We have his self-portrait. When we Keep that in front of our eyes, we will soon learn what it means to follow Jesus and become like him.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice A TRUE DISCIPLE

He who makes a sacrifice, so another may succeed, is indeed a true disciple of our blessed Savior's creed.

"Gather to me my consecrated ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice." —Psalm 50:5

Today contribute to making someone a better person!

SAVE THE DATES for ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 12, 2010 East Meadow Pride Day at Speno Park

Saturday & Sunday, August 28 & 29, 2010 HUGE YARD SALE!

Something for everyone!

Sunday, September 19, 2010

St. Francis Fundraiser Dinner. Volunteer to help.

Saturday, October 2, 2010

Blessing of the Animals by Father Andrew.

Sunday, October 17, 2010

Robert Koterba's Christening

Sunday, December 5, 2010 Christmas Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, December 12, 2010

Choir Concert