# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# May 8, 2011 - Third Sunday in Easter-Mother's Day

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus. R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ. R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - "Come Rejoice, Our Lord Is Risen"

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### READING I - Acts 2:14, 22-33

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. You who are Israelites, hear these words. Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it. For David says of him: I saw the Lord ever before me, with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted; my flesh, too, will dwell in hope, because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.

"My brothers, one can confidently say to you about the patriarch David that he died and was buried, and his tomb is in our midst to this day. But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld nor did his flesh see corruption. God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear."

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM - 16:1-2,5,7-11

#### R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge; I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you," O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot.

### R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

I bless the LORD who counsels me; even in the night my heart exhorts me. I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

### *R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.*

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence; because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

### *R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.*

You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.

### R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

### READING II - 1 Pt 1:17-21

Beloved: If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one's works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ

as of a spotless unblemished lamb.

He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Priest/Lector: Verse. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### GOSPEL - Luke 24:13-35

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures.

As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread. This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Immaculate Mary"

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COMMUNION HYMN - "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman" POST COMMUNION HYMN - "O'er Death Victorious" RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Christ Is Risen"

# St. Francis Weekly "Kompasitions".

### HAIL MARY

May is the month, the church traditionally has dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. May devotions and litany, will be held after Sunday Mass. Come, Hail Mary! Christ through Mary...Pray for Us!

HER MESSAGE: Two angels told the sky gazing Galileans, "This Jesus who has been taken from you will return, just as you saw him go up into heaven." In that one sentence you find three major truths; There is a heaven; Jesus ascended to heaven; Jesus will come again. "When the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8) May he always find in your heart and soul that vibrant faith he praised so often during his public ministry.

*HER PRAYER:* Dear Blessed Mother, continue to intercede for me that I may never be found lacking in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

### ST. MATTHIAS (first century) May 14

According to the Acts of the Apostles, St. Matthias was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot as one of the twelve apostles after the resurrection of Jesus. Two men, Barabas and Matthias, were proposed, but only one was selected. A companion of Christ during his public ministry, Matthias was among the seventy-two disciples whom Jesus sent out to preach. He was also a witness to Christ's resurrection.

Tradition says that he preached the Gospel in Judea, Cappadocia, and near the Caspian Sea. He suffered martyrdom by crucifixion at Colchis.

Lord God, make us disciples of your Son, hearers and doers of his word, witnesses for Him in this world. Amen.

### BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen MAKING OUR DEATHS GIFTS

How do we make our deaths gifts for others? Very often people's lives are destroyed, harmed, or permanently wounded by the deaths of their relatives or friends. We have to do whatever we can to avoid this. When we are near death what we say to those who are close to us, whether in spoken or in written words, is very important. When we express gratitude to them, ask forgiveness for our shortcoming and offer forgiveness for theirs, and express our sincere desire that they continue their lives without remorse but remembering the graces of our lives, then our deaths can become true gifts.

### MOTHER TERESA... 1910-1997 CHRIST IN THE POOR

"When a poor person dies of hunger, it has not happened because God did not take care of him or her. It



happened because neither you nor I wanted to give that person what he or she needed. We have refused to be instruments of love in the hands of God to give the poor a piece of bread, to offer them a dress with which to ward off the cold. It has happened because we did not recognize Christ when. once more, he appeared under the guise of pain, identified with a man numb from the cold, dying of hunger, when he came in a lonely human being, in a lost child in search of a home."

### ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS... Helen Steiner Rice- A BEAUTIFUL SMILE

Nothing on earth can make life more worthwhile than the sunshine and warmth of a beautiful smile.

"A wicked man puts up a bold front, but an upright man gives thought to his ways." –Proverbs 21:29 Today soften your heart and your facial expression!

### ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

*OUR THANKFULNESS* to all Parishioners and Friends of St. Francis who helped prepare, attend and add in your own special way to make for a 'special' Easter celebration this year! Special thanks to **Lorraine and Thomas Kompa** for "pushing" our pierogies at \$5/dozen totalling over \$200 in sales. Thank you! God Bless!

# UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES Sunday, May 8, 2011

Mother's Day, Crowning of Mary Statues and Devotions to Mary all Sundays in May

## Sunday, May 15, 2011

Mass will be at 8 a.m. with Fr. Wes as Fr. Andrew will be out of town.

# Saturday, June 11, 2011

20<sup>th</sup> Annual East Meadow Pride Day 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please ask how you can help.