St. Francis Polish National Catholic Church

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June 5, 2011 - Ascension Sunday

Procession, following cross and statue of Jesus (which is then put away until next Easter season), around church once while singing "Come Rejoice Our Lord Is Risen."

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 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with the them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness, For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,

is the great king over all the earth.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

For king of all the earth is God; sing hymns of praise. God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

READING II - Eph 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

Priest/Altar Server: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Verse. R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL - Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN -

"Come Thou Almighty King"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION HYMN - "Christ Be Our Light"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Joyful, Joyful"

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THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Ascension Day-a Thursday, the fortieth day after Easter Sunday-celebrates the return of the Lord Jesus to heaven. Ascension Sunday is the Sunday following Ascension Day.

After showing himself to His followers on a number of occasions, Jesus called them to a mountain top, spoke to them briefly, and as

they watched, ascended into heaven in the sight of His holy mother, His apostles and disciples, to the great wonder of them all. He entered into possession of the kingdom of heaven which He had gained by His sufferings, and St. Paul declares that God "hath made us sit together in the heavenly places, through Christ Jesus. There where the head has gone, the body is called to follow!"

"When Jesus had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. Then they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy." –Luke 24:50-52

THE VISITATION OF MARY

This feast is celebrated on May 31. Celebrated between the feasts of the Annunciation (March 25) and the Birth of John the Baptist (June 24), the feast of the Visitation originated in the Church of the Middle Ages. It recalls Mary's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth, after the angel announced that she was to be the mother of Jesus. Filled with the Holy Spirit, these two great women recognized the power of God at work in their midst. "Blessed are you among women," Elizabeth said, "and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Mary replied; "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, to Abraham and his children forever."

With sincerest thanks from St. Francis Parish

Altar Cloths, 2 Purificators and 2 Corporals in memory of E. Keane – Joseph Glovack

Altar Cloths, 2 Finger Towels, 2 Chalice Palls - in memory of Stella Krawczyk's deceased children – Teddy, Marion, Steve, Walter & Chester – Stella McCabe

Altar Cloths and Ciborium Cover – in memory of Helen Szarek – Louise & Tony Kuzniewski

2 Square Neck Surplices and Ciborium Cover – in memory of Stella Krawczyk (Mother) – Stella McCabe Glass Cruet Set with gold plate and Book of Blessing - in memory of their parents - Mary Margaret & Joseph Piro and Anna & Michael Ruggiero – Rea & Bill Piro

Frankincense – In memory of Susan Robertson - Lorraine & Thomas Kompa

2 Purificators and 2 Corporals – in memory of Helen Majewski - Carole Fitzgerald

 ${\bf Altar\ Bread-for\ good\ health\ of\ Mother-Alice\ \ Jankowski}$

Ciborium Cover, 3 Lectern covers & Altar server capes – in memory of James Francis Kompa (Thomas' brother)
- Lorraine &Thomas Kompa

HP Laserjet 4200 Toner Cartridge for health needs - Joseph Glovack

4 reams copy paper - Joni & John Blenn

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, June 11, 2011 20th Annual East Meadow Pride Day (set-up 8:30 a.m.) 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please ask how you can help.

Sunday, June 26, 2011 - 9 a.m.

Blessing Holy Mass Blessing of All Donated Items Solemnity of Corpus Christi

