

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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July 18, 2010 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R./ Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R./ Now and forever. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN - *"Hymn of Faith"*

READING I - Gn 18:1-10a

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the terebinth of Mamre, as he sat in the entrance of his tent, while the day was growing hot. Looking up, Abraham saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them; and bowing to the ground, he said: "Sir, if I may ask you this favor, please do not go on past your servant. Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest yourselves under the tree. Now that you have come this close to your servant, let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves; and afterward you may go on your way." The men replied, "Very well, do as you have said." Abraham hastened into the tent and told Sarah, "Quick, three measures of fine flour! Knead it and make rolls." He ran to the herd, picked out a tender, choice steer, and gave it to a servant, who quickly prepared it. Then Abraham got some curds and milk, as well as the steer that had been prepared, and set these before the three men; and he waited on them under the tree while they ate. They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?" He replied, "There in the tent." One of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah will then have a son."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5

R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

One who walks blamelessly and does justice; who thinks the truth in his heart and slanders not with his tongue.

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Who harms not his fellow man, nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor; by whom the reprobate is despised,

while he honors those who fear the LORD.

R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the

Lord.

Who lends not his money at usury and accepts no bribe against the innocent. One who does these things shall never be disturbed.

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READING II - Col 1:24-28

Brothers and sisters:

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church, of which I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past.

But now it has been manifested to his holy ones, to whom God chose to make known the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory. It is he whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

Priest or Cantor: Alleluia (3x)

R./ Alleluia (3x). Verse R./ Alleluia (3x).

GOSPEL - Lk 10:38-42

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said,

"Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me."

The Lord said to her in reply,

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing.

Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

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

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: **God, Hear Us!**

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"We Will Rise Again"*

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COMMUNION - *"Sing of the Lord's Goodness"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *"How Great Thou Art"*

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

ST. MARY MAGDALENE (first century), July 22

St. Mary Magdalene is one of the most appealing characters in the Gospels. Only a few details about her appear there, yet Christians know her as a woman of great love, desire, and unwavering loyalty. She was born at Magdala, near Tiberias, in Galilee.

Mary Magdalene stood beside Jesus while he was dying on the Cross. With Mary, his mother, and a few other disciples, she watched helplessly as the one she loved suffered through the dark hours of Good Friday. Then with the others she prepared his dead body for burial.

Early Easter morning, she returned anxiously to his tomb to complete the burial anointings, only to find his body gone. She began to weep. Through her tears she suddenly saw a man standing beside her whom she thought was the gardener. When he spoke her name, she knew he was Jesus, risen from the dead.

"Mary!" Jesus said to her. "**Rabboni! Teacher!**" Mary joyfully responded. Then Jesus spoke these mysterious words, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father."

We can see Jesus, not rejecting her at this joyous moment, but readying her, who followed him so devotedly in life, for following him now by faith, he seems to say. "Touch me with the hand of your faith; seek me with eyes of faith; run towards me with limbs of faith. Now I will never be far from you. I am forever in your heart.

"I have seen the Lord," Mary announced to Jesus' disciples. Her experiences of the Lord, in his ministry, in the desolate hours on Calvary, in the brightening hours of Easter morning, echo through the centuries to strengthen our faith. She loved much, and through her love she found the God she sought.

'By the prayers and example of Mary Magdalene may we proclaim Christ as our Lord.'

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY ... Henri Nouwen THE BODY OF COMMUNITY

When we gather around the table and break bread together, we are transformed not only individually but also as community. We, people from different ages and races, with different backgrounds and histories, become one body. As Paul says, "As there is one loaf, so we, **although there are many of us, are one single body, for we all share in the one loaf**" (! Corintinians 10:17).

Not only as individuals but also as community we become the living Christ, taken, blessed, broken, and given to the world. As one body, we become a living

witness of God's immense desire to bring all peoples and nations together as the one family of God.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ...

Helen Steiner Rice ,TALK TO GOD

True communication is reached through God alone, to Him the thoughts we cannot express are understood and known.

'How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!' -Psalm 139:17

Today be faithful in the small things and you can't help but be faithful in the large!

ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

"**BLESS THIS HOUSE**" - Our congratulations to Joni and John Blenn, now all moved in their new home, in East Meadow! Our 'best wishes!'

"**AMERICAN DATING CATASTROPHES, VOL. VIII**" - One more show to catch, if you haven't already seen this funny, crazy play by various Long Island playwrights produced by John Blenn. It's today, Sunday, July 18th at the Dix Hills Performing Arts Center, www.dhpac.org, 631.656.2148, exit 50 off the LIE. It's at 2:00 p.m. Mention MCAP for a discount.

GOD'S CELEBRATING GRACE

A living, loving God can and does make His presence felt, can and does speak to us in the silence of our hearts, can and does warm and caress us till we no longer doubt that He is near. -Brennan Manning

SAVE THE DATES for ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Christening

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010

Christmas Dinner Fundraiser

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010

Choir Concert Fundraiser