



# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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July 20, 2014 - 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.

8:30 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

Mass Book page 63.

## READING I - Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

R/ Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you. Harken, O LORD, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my pleading.

R/ Lord, you are good and forgiving.

All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O LORD, and glorify your name. For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds; you alone are God.

R/ Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness

and fidelity. Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give your strength to your servant.

R/ Lord, you are good and forgiving.

## READING 2 - Romans 8:26-27

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

## GOSPEL - Matthew 13:24-30 (short version)

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.'" This is the word of the Lord.

R/ Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "O, My Jesus"

COMMUNION HYMN - "Center of My Life"

RECESSIONAL - "Lead Me, Lord"

## "Average Perfection"

A Critically Acclaimed 2006 Comedy by John Blenn

Beauty is only skin deep, dense runs very deep.

A play about the lack of beauty and pageantry behind the beauty and the pageantry.

**TODAY - Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> - 2 pm**

All proceeds to support Breast Cancer Awareness through 1 in 9 Hewlett House & Bosom Buddies

**See Joni Blenn for tickets**

**or call 516-592-5184**

Theatre at the Valley Stream Courthouse

123 South Central Avenue, Valley Stream NY 11580

### Come Sit with Me

There comes a time in your life, when you walk away from all the drama and people who create it. You surround yourself with people who make you laugh. Forget the bad and focus on the good. Love the people who treat you well, pray for the ones who don't. Life is too short to be anything but happy. Falling down is a part of life, getting back up is living.

Quote: "Today may there be peace within. May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born in yourself and others. May you use the gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content with yourself just the way you are. Let this knowledge settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us.

*(shared by Ottavia 'Tavy' Daquino)*

## 2014 ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> -**

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Come one, come all...creatures of God. Your pets will receive a blessing for the year and a St. Francis medal.

**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> -**

### CHRISTMAS/ST. NICHOLAS FUND-RAISER DINNER

Always a great day! Lots of delicious food and, of course, a visit from St. Nick with gifts for all the children.

## Little Francis Love Notes

By Julie Hanna

### Note 6

I will celebrate that which I like most about myself.

### Note 7

Unless we are happy with who we are, we'll never be happy with what we have.

### Note 8

When I cry, I'll remember to stand in the sun so that my tears will become rainbows.

### Note 9

When you're at a hopeless end, trust God and you'll have an endless hope!

### Note 10

When I ask, "What's in it for me?"  
My bowl will never be full.

When I ask, "what can I give to others?"  
My bowl will never be empty.

### Note 11

We never have to eat alone.  
If we invite God, He will always come.

### Note 12

Today is what I have—  
to love, to touch, to feel, to taste, to smell, to live—  
what more could I ask for?.

### Note 13

Don't count years, count heartbeats.

### Note 14

Even if I had everything in the world  
that I wanted, where in the world  
would I put it?

### Note 15

Lead me not into temptation,  
I can get there by myself

### Note 16

If you can't sing, hum.