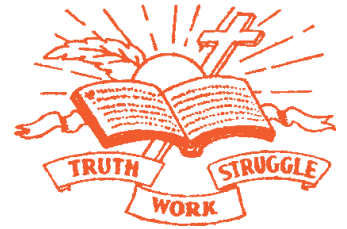


# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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**August 29, 2010 - Twenty-Second 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"*

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READING I - Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God. What is too sublime for you, seek not, into things beyond your strength search not. The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise. Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms atone for sins.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps. 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11

**R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

The just rejoice and exult before God; they are glad and rejoice. Sing to God, chant praise to his name; whose name is the LORD.

**R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; he leads forth prisoners to prosperity.

**R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

A bountiful rain you showered down, O God, upon your inheritance; you restored the land when it languished; your flock settled in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided it for the needy.

**R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

READING II - Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Brothers and sisters:

You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm and a trumpet blast and a voice speaking words such that those who heard begged that no message be further addressed to them. No, you have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly

Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the just made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.

Priest or Cantor: Alleluia (3x)

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

GOSPEL - Luke 14:1, 7-14

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table.

"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor.

A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place.

Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." This the gospel of the Lord. **R./ Praise be to you Lord, Jesus Christ.**

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"*

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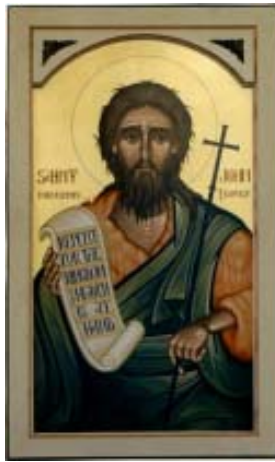
COMMUNION - *"One Bread, One Body"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *"One Spirit, One Church"*

## St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

### THE BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST, (first century), August 29

St. John was born at Ain-Karim, near Jerusalem. His father was Zachary, a priest in Jerusalem, and his mother was Elizabeth, a kinswoman of the Virgin Mary. He lived as a hermit in the desert of Judea until 27. He began to preach along the banks of the Jordan River and stated, "repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Many people came to hear him, including several who would become Christ's apostles. It was John who baptized Jesus and pointed him out as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." After the baptism, John continued to preach along the banks of the Jordan.



"The Gospel of Mark records the circumstances of John the Baptist's death. Herod had John imprisoned because the Baptist had condemned the ruler's marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife. Infuriated with John, Herodias plotted to kill him. At a birthday banquet, Herod, delighted by the dancing of Herodias' daughter, told her he would give her anything she requested. At her mother's prompting, she told him, "I want you to give me the head of John the Baptist, here and now, on a dish."

John's death is celebrated by a feast, because it resembles in so many ways the death of Jesus. Like his master, John went to death silently and helplessly, a victim of petty revenge, human cowardice and cruelty. His death in such circumstances was his confession of faith in God, who alone sustains the human heart when it seems crushed by evil and injustice.

#### +PRAYER to SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST+

Blessed Saint John, who fulfilled Scripture and baptized our Savior, pray for us who wish to snare the of God with those souls who have not yet come to him. May our petitions be blessed by your loving heart and delivered to our Lord Jesus that we may speak with the power of the passion and devotion you felt for God while on earth. May those who hear our voice be turned from darkness toward the light of Christ. Amen.

### BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen THE COMPANIONSHIP OF THE DEAD

As we grow older we have more and more people to remember, people who have died before us. It is very important to remember those who have loved us and those we have loved. Remembering them means letting their spirits inspire us in our daily lives. They can become part of our spiritual communities and gently help us as we make decisions on our journeys. Parents, spouses, children, and friends can become true spiritual companions after they have died. Sometimes they can become even more intimate to us after death than when they were with us in life. Remembering the dead is choosing their ongoing companionship.

### ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ... Helen Steiner Rice TIME'S SWIFT FLIGHT

Time cannot be halted in its swift and endless flight for age is sure to follow youth like day comes after night.

'Do not cast me away when I am old; do not forsake me when my strength is gone.'

—Psalm 71:9

Today plan for the future since you are the architect of your own life!

### ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

**CHURCH NEEDS:** Our sanctuary is in need of several new items and we need a little help!

We are hoping that these items would be donated or given with intention for the living or deceased or in honor, of a Joyous or Healing occasion. Please see Fr. Andrew if you are interested in such a donation. Thank you and God Bless!

1. Holy Water Pot & Sprinkler
2. Cruet Set and Tray
3. White Altar Cloths
4. Chalice Pall (2)

### HOPE HAPPENS...

"Be realistic. PLAN for a MIRACLE."

—Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh

"I was taught that the way of PROGRESS is neither swift nor easy."

—Madame Curie

"If you want the RAINBOW you gotta PUT UP with the rain."

—Dolly Parton

"The pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist the OPPORTUNITY in every difficulty."

—L.P. Jacks

### SAVE THE DATES for ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, August 29, 2010 - TODAY**  
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 of Robert Koterba

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010**

Christmas Dinner Fundraiser

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010**

Choir Concert Fundraiser