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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 22, 2013



Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus
Chrystus.
R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.
Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.
R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:30 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - Am 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy
and destroy the poor of the land!
"When will the new moon be over," you ask,
"that we may sell our grain,
and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat?
We will diminish the ephah,
add to the shekel,
and fix our scales for cheating!
We will buy the lowly for silver,
and the poor for a pair of sandals;
even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!"
The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Never will I forget a thing they have done!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, you servants of the LORD, praise the name of the
LORD. Blessed be the name of the LORD both now and
forever.

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

High above all nations is the LORD; above the heavens
is his glory. Who is like the LORD, our God, who is
enthroned on high and looks upon the heavens and the
earth below?

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

He raises up the lowly from the dust; from the dunghill he
lifts up the poor to seat them with princes, with the princes
of his own people.

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

READING II - 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Beloved: First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers,
petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for
kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet
and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good
and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be
saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. For there
is one God. There is also one mediator between God and
men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom
for all. This was the testimony at the proper time. For this

I was appointed preacher and apostle — I am speaking the
truth, I am not lying —, teacher of the Gentiles in faith and
truth.

It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should
pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

GOSPEL - Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a steward who
was reported to him for squandering his property. He
summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you?
Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you
can no longer be my steward.' The steward said to himself,
'What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position
of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig
and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that,
when I am removed from the stewardship, they may
welcome me into their homes.' He called in his master's
debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do
you owe my master?' He replied, 'One hundred measures
of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note.
Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.' Then to another
the steward said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He
replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.' The steward said to
him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.'
And the master commended that dishonest steward for
acting prudently. "For the children of this world are more
prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the
children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves
with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be
welcomed into eternal dwellings. The person who is trust-
worthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great
ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters
is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not
trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with
true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs
to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant
can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love
the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You
cannot serve both God and mammon." This is the gospel of
the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Just As I Am"

COMMUNION HYMN - "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Prayer of St. Francis"

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

So live that you wouldn't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip. – William Penn Adair, "Will" Rogers (1879-1935) American humorist and cowboy

Once you choose hope, anything's possible.
– Christopher Reeve (b. 1952-) U. S. actor

Hold fast to God's hand and he will lead you safely through all trials. Whenever you cannot stand, He will carry you lovingly in His arms. – St. Francis de Sales



MARK THE DATES!

Saturday, October 5, 1 p.m.

Blessing of the Animals. Tell your friends and their pets. Each pet will receive a St. Francis medal.

Sunday, December 8, 3 p.m.

St. Nicholas Fund-raiser Dinner
All are welcome. Ask how you can help.
Cook, donate a raffle prize, set-up, wash dishes, sell raffles at the dinner, etc.

Our Outdoor Mass last Sunday, Sept. 15th, was a **WONDERFUL SUCCESS.**

The sun shone down on us and James Capuano & Jennifer Giglio were fabulous hosts. Fr. Andrew blessed their home and they truly loved the St. Francis statue we bestowed upon them.

Special & sincere thanks to Lorraine & Thomas Kompa for their ideas and follow-thru in setting up the fun-filled boat ride, as well as the delicious breakfast they supplied for us from A Taste of Home Bakery. A great time was had by all who attended. Check out the website for photos. www.StFrancisPNCC.org

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BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen

**A reflection of wisdom and faith...
BAPTISM, A RITE OF PASSAGE**
Baptism is a rite of passage. The Jewish people passed through the Red Sea to the Promised Land in the great exodus. Jesus himself wanted to make this exodus by passing through suffering and death into the house of his heavenly Father. This was his baptism. He asked his disciples and now asks us, "Can you ..be baptized?" (Mark 10:38). When the apostle Paul, therefore, speaks about our baptism, he calls it a baptism into Jesus' death. (Romans 6:4). To be baptized means to make the passage with the people of Israel and with Jesus from slavery to freedom and from death to new life. It is a commitment to a life in and through Jesus.

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