

### ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus. 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 - Reading 1** 

#### Am 6:1a, 4-7

Thus says the LORD the God of hosts: Woe to the complacent in Zion! Lying upon beds of ivory, stretched comfortably on their couches, they eat lambs taken from the flock, and calves from the stall! Improvising to the music of the harp, like David, they devise their own accompaniment. They drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the best oils; yet they are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph! Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with.

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

*R*. Praise the Lord, my soul!

Blessed he who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD gives sight to the blind. The LORD raises up those who were bowed down; the LORD loves the just. The LORD protects strangers.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia. R. Praise the Lord, my soul!.

#### READING II - 1 Tm 6:11-16

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you before God, who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus, who gave testimony under Pontius Pilate for the noble confession, to keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ that the blessed and only ruler will make manifest at the proper time, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, and whom no human being has seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal power. Amen. Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL - Lk 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.' Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.' But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.' This is the gospel of the Lord.

*R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.* OFFERTORY HYMN - "Blessed Assurance" COMMUNION HYMN - "Sanctuary" RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Prayer of St. Francis"



# St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

Take a moment out and pray...

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Health Needs: Jesus, we ask you to bring peace and your healing touch to those who are ill, afraid or worried. Amen.
Health Needs of: Toni Panico, Thomas Kompa, Bill Piro, Iris Cafran, Frank Kompa, John Luis Vasquez, Sophia Kyriakakis, Robert Haemer, George T. Stumper, Gregory Klein, Michael Arleo, Jim Richards, Nancy Foley, Thomas Maloney, Bill Mullan, Lorri Russo, Tyler & Nicholas Accardi, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Susan Leach, Stella Silva, Joy Realmuto, John Galvin, Michele Feudale, Linda Maloney, Lorraine Avitabile, Fran Pedone, Blanca Vasquez, Marion Kester, Elena Guigui, Bridget Early, Theresa Kasmark, Grandfather Vincent Ciurleo, Emma Zaradich, Joe Stewart, Constance Citrola, Elizabeth Zitzmann, Anne Grusell, Linda Frysztacki, Teresa Kay, Sidra Lewis, Billy Murphy, Ann Klein, Mary Boyle, Con Boyle, John Blenn, Carla Calabrese, George Knott, MaryAnn McEvoy, Gary P. Ribis, Rosalie Drenckhahn, James Kostolni, Eileen McChesney, Patricia Travis & for all those who care for the sick and disabled.

Requiem Intentions: Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL September 29

Holy Scripture speaks of angels as ministers of God in human affairs. St. Michael defends the honor of God against Satan. St. Gabriel announce to Mary the coming of Jesus. St. Raphael guided Tobias on is journey and brought healing to Tobit, his blind father.

As servants of God, the angels are instruments of God's hidden providence. They preserve us from harm, give God's wisdom and strength to humanity, and a company us on our journey through life.

# ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Stein Rice ACROSS THE MILES

Father, hear this little prayer, reach across the miles from here to there, so I can feel much closer to those I'm fondest of and they may know I think of them with thankfulness and love.

'Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.' –Psalm 4:1

Today and tonight capture thoughts of your absent loved ones. Look through your scrapbooks and photograph albums. Pray for your loved ones.





### MARK THE DATE! Saturday, October 1, 1 p.m. Blessing of the Animals

Bring your pets. Invite your friends to bring their pets. Post the fliers in the back of the church where neighbors can see them: in supermarkets, schools, etc. FREE St. Francis medals for the attending pets. Come & take photos or just lend a hand.

#### BLESSING OF ANIMALS, 1 p.m. PRAYER FOR ANIMALS

God our heavenly Father, you created the world to serve humanity's needs and to lead them to you. By our own fault we have lost the beautiful relationship which we once had with all creation. Help us to see that by restoring our relationship with you we will also restore it with all your creation. Give us the grace to see all animals as gifts from you and to treat them with respect for they are your creation. We pray for all the animals who are suffering as a result of our neglect. May the order you originally established be once again restored to the whole world through the intercession of the glorious Virgin Mary, the prayers of St. Francis and the merits of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you now and forever. Amen.