

# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 8, 2013

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

9:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - Wis 9:13-18b

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns. And scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out? Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17

**R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

You turn man back to dust, saying, "Return, O children of men." For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, now that it is past, or as a watch of the night.

**R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

You make an end of them in their sleep; the next morning they are like the changing grass, Which at dawn springs up anew, but by evening wilts and fades.

**R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

**R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

**R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

READING II - Phmn 9-10, 12-17

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment; I

am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary. Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord. So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

GOSPEL - Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "One Spirit, One Church"

COMMUNION HYMN - "We Will Rise Again"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "On Eagle's Wings"

# St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

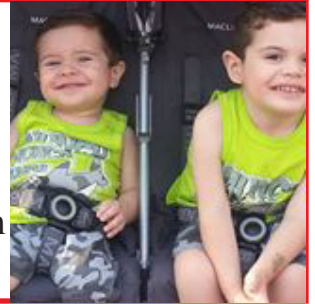


Today's Mass is offered especially for

## Nicholas & Tyler Accardi

and their family and friends who love & care for them.

Jesus, we ask you to bring peace and your healing touch to those who are ill, afraid, suffering or worried. Amen.



### MARY - WOMAN OF FAITH

September 8<sup>th</sup> is celebrated as Mary's birthday, the Mother of God. Early September is a perfect time for all those Marys, the countless babies, children and women named Mary, to celebrate a names-day of their own. We do not know the exact date of Mary's birth. No words in Scripture refer to her birth. But that wonderful moment deserves commemoration because it marks the beginning in this world of a life precious to God for many reasons especially her extraordinary faith.

Christian tradition gives us Mary as the daughter of a devout Jewish couple in pre-First Century Jerusalem. Many hold that Anna and Joachim's home where Mary grew up was located near what is today the Church of St. Ann in Jerusalem. We know she grew up a devout and joyful woman of the Jewish faith and culture. In the first chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, hear Mary's confident and respectful exchange with the Archangel Gabriel. "Be it done unto me," says this grace filled teenage girl, accepting God's invitation to be the Mother of the Savior, "according to your word." Shortly after, we hear Mary's Song, the Magnificat. Filled with a deep familiarity and direct reference from Hebrew Scriptures, that joyful canticle shows Mary's heartfelt knowledge and use of prayer dating to centuries before her. She incorporates into her own song, the prayer attributed to Hannah, mother of the prophet Samuel, another great woman of faith. Accounts of Jesus birth and childhood give us insights into Mary's faith with words spoken and unspoken. At the Marriage Feast in Cana, we hear Mary's serene exchange with Jesus, her calm instruction to the stewards in charge of service at the wedding. "Do whatever he tells you." Mary clearly knows who her remarkable son is, has been, always will be. And she is clearly his herald. We know that Mary, apparently widowed, accompanies Jesus often in His ministry. She is one of his followers. She stands silent silhouette with so few others at the foot of His cross. Jesus' love and concern for her is so great that His last breath and strength in this world entrusts her care to the Apostle John. We expect that Mary's knowledge of Hebrew prayer and song came to the fore in that First Pentecost celebration. Scripture tells us that she was there, a woman of faith, an inspiration for the faith of others. Then and now. And not just for all those Marys named in her honor down the centuries. Mary is the icon of faith for us all!



### MARK THE DATES!

**Sunday, September 15, 9:30 a.m.**

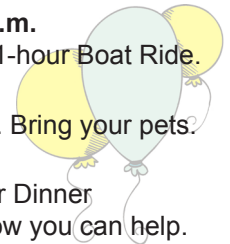
Our outdoor Mass and 1-hour Boat Ride.

**Saturday, October 5, 1 p.m.**

Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pets.

**Sunday, December 8, 3 p.m.**

St. Nicholas Fund-raiser Dinner  
All are welcome. Ask how you can help.



## Our Outdoor Mass

**Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 AM**  
location in Freeport to be announced.

*Coffee & Rolls to follow.*



One Hour Boat Ride [12 noon - 1 PM].

Cost is **\$10.00** per person.

*There is a bathroom on the boat.*

*[Also a public bathroom on Woodcleft Ave.]*  
Please let us know if you can attend by today!

[28 Person Max]

**BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR FOR THE MASS.**

*Let's Pray For Good Weather.*

*It Will Be Fun.*