



# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Sunday, September 9, 2012*  
*Twenty-Third 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.

8:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - Is 35:4-7a

Thus says the LORD: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul!**

The God of Jacob 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 the LORD 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 2 - Jas 2:1-5

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please," while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**R:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse.

**R:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - Mark 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"-- that is, "Be opened!" -- And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Christ Be Our Light"

COMMUNION HYMNS- "One Bread, One Body"  
& "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Be Not Afraid"



# St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

## THE TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS, SEPTEMBER 14

St. Paul the Apostle spoke of the power of Christ's Cross. According to tradition, the Empress Helena discovered the Lord's Cross in Jerusalem on September 14, 320. Five years later, a great church was built on Mount Calvary by Emperor Constantine to shelter the holy relic. Parts of the wood of the Cross were sent to the major cities of Christendom, where they were shown to the faithful on this special feast. We worship you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Cross you have redeemed the world. By this holy tree you gave your people victory, and put aside the tree of our defeat.

## OUR LADY OF SORROWS, SEPTEMBER 15

The feast, popular in the Middle Ages, follows the feast of Mary's birth on September 8. It recalls the special bond between Jesus and Mary and reminds us of the torment and suffering of Christ. Mary suffered greatly as the Mother of God, and the pain she felt was real. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows recalls the succession of sorrows Mary experienced during her life: the prophecy she heard from Simeon in the temple, the flight into Egypt, the three days loss of Jesus on the pilgrimage to Jerusalem, meeting Jesus on the way to Calvary, the hours she stood beneath the Cross, the removal of Jesus from the Cross, and the burial of Jesus in a tomb. Holy Mother, pierce me through; In my heart each wound renew of my Savior crucified.

## ST. FRANCIS' PRAYER BEFORE THE CRUCIFIX

Most High, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out your holy and true command. Amen.



## MARK THE DATES!

**Saturday, October 6, 1 p.m.**

Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pets.

**Sunday, October 14, 3 p.m.**

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

**Sunday, October 28, 9 a.m.**

Thomas & Lorraine Kompa's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Renewal of Marriage Vows

**Sunday, December 2, 3 p.m.**

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



## PATRIOT DAY, September 11

Honor America's Heroes. Fly the Flag! PRAY FOR OUR NATION. United we stand in thought and prayer. Remember the victims and rescue workers, of the terrorist attack of 9-11-01...and for the innocent victims that still followed... Pray for our military men and women, for their families, for peace everywhere and especially the peace and safety of our nation. Pray for Peace! The Town of Hempstead 9-11 Memorial Service will be held at Town Park Point Lookout (Meadowbrook Parkway South to Loop Parkway to the end) at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 11th. It is an interactive service with reflective thoughts from a victim's brother, Supervisor Kate Murray, a rabbi, a priest and a reverend. Experience closure & peace at this moving sunrise service.

## PEACE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there's despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE THE YARD SALE A FABULOUS SUCCESS

Monika and Father for all the pre-day set-up; Ann, Monika & Jiselle for "manning" the yard in the heat; Cheryl & Joni for helping; everyone who donated stuff to sell, especially Joe G., everyone who bought & brought stuff...that would be George K. among others. God Bless you and yours! If we never see another yard sale, it will be toooooo soon!!!



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