

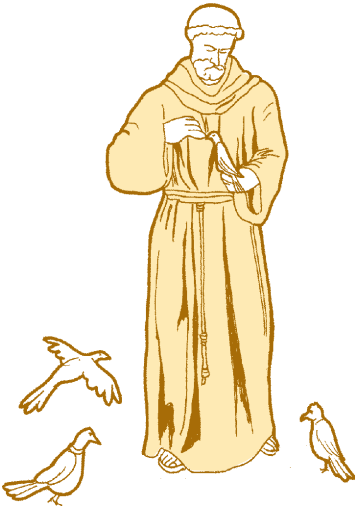
ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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November 15, 2009 • Thirty-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.**

9:00 am - CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

READING I - 1 Daniel 12:1-3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R/. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

O Lord, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot.

I set the Lord ever before; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

R/. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence; Because you will not abandon my soul to the never world, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

R/. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

You will sow me the path to life, fullness of joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.

R/. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

READING II - Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **R./ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** Verse. **R/ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL - Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: "During that period after trials of every sort the sun will be darkened, the moon will not shed its light, stars will fall out of the skies, and the heavenly hosts will be shaken. Then men will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. He will dispatch his messengers and assemble his chosen from the four winds, from the farthest bounds of earth and sky. Learn a lesson from the fig tree. Once the sap of its branches runs high and it begins to sprout leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way when you see these things happening, you will know that he is near, even at the door. I assure you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. The heavens and the earth will pass away, but my words will not.

"As to the exact day or hour, no one knows it, neither the angels in heaven nor even the Son, but only the Father." This is the word of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Holy, Holy, Holy"

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COMMUNION & POST HYMN - "Here I Am Lord"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "We Gather Together"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

PRESENTATION OF MARY ...

November 21

This feast celebrates the dedication of the church of St. Mary built in Jerusalem near the site of the Temple. According to an early tradition, probably legendary, Mary was born to Sts. Ann and Joachim in Jerusalem, in a neighborhood close by the temple. At twelve, she was presented there to learn the law of God. The present Church of St. Ann, a favorite place of pilgrimage, marks the ancient site today.

The Scriptures which spoke of the "Daughter of Sion" singing and rejoicing in the presence of the Lord (Zech. 2, 14-17) probably suggested to ancient Christian piety eager to know the details of Mary's life that the virgin was born in the city of Sion, Jerusalem. The apocryphal Gospel of James reported the details of Mary's early life which were portrayed in art by many great medieval artists.

'Mary, Mother of God, you are the temple of the Lord and dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. Help us to please God. Amen'

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY... Henri Nouwen EMBRACING THE UNIVERSE

Living a spiritual life makes our little, fearful hearts as wide as the universe, because the Spirit of Jesus dwelling within us embraces the whole of creation. Jesus is the Word, through whom the universe has been created. As Paul says, "In him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible - all things were created through him and for him - in him all things hold together" (Colossians 1:16-17). 'Therefore, when Jesus lives within us through the Spirit, our hearts embrace not only all people but all of creation. Love casts out all fear and gathers in all that belongs to God.'

Prayer, which is breathing with the Spirit of Jesus, leads us to this immense knowledge.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice THE WONDERS OF THE WORLD

It's a wonderful world and it always will be if we keep our eyes open and focused to see the wonderful things man is capable of when he opens his heart to God and His love.

'God looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.'

—Psalm 53:2

,Today unlock the chambers of your heart and ask God to enter in. His presence will transfuse your life!



BLESSINGS ...

'A man without ambition is dead. A man with ambition but no love is dead. A man with ambition and love for his blessings here on earth is ever so alive.' —Pearl Bailey

'Blessed is the person who is too busy to worry in the daytime, and too sleepy to worry at night.' —Anonymous

'I just thank God for all of the blessings.' —James Brown

'Envy is the art of counting the other fellow's blessings instead of your own.' —Harold Coffin

'May you be blessed by the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.' —Psalm 115:15

ST. FRANCIS NOTES...

+PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED+ The Church sets aside the month of November, to remind us to pray for our faithfully departed. Please list the names of departed loved ones, family and friends and submit your list to Fr. Andrew, for special remembrances during each Mass this month. We pray that the souls of all the faithfully departed +Rest in Peace+. Amen.

INTER-FAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE: All are invited to attend this special community service, scheduled to be held on Sunday, Nov. 22nd, at 8 p.m.. To be hosted by the East Meadow Methodist Church for further information, please contact Fr. Andrew. We hope to see you!

PIEROGIES ... FOR SALE! We have another great batch of assorted pierogies now available; potato & cheese, saurkraut & mushroom, and spinach - \$5 for a dozen. Try them, you'll love them! Please see Monika for your order.

ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION... Sunday, December 6th A Mass honoring St. Nicholas, will be offered at 9 a.m.. All are invited to attend ... St. Nicholas Dinner, will be held at 3 p.m., smorgasbord, raffles, and visit from St. Nick! Please ask how you can help make this event another great success for St. Francis Parish??



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...our Christmas dinner.

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