

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. **R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.**

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ. **R/. Now and forever. Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN - "Hymn of Faith"

READING I - Daniel 7:13-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R/. The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is King in splendor robed;
robed is the Lord and girt about with strength.

R/. The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty.

And he has made the world firm, not to be moved. Your throne
stands firm from of old; from everlasting you are, O Lord.

R/. The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty.

Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed; holiness befits your house,
O Lord, for length of days.

R/. The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty.

READING II - Revelations 1:5-8

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

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father;

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **R/ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL - John 18:33-37

Pilate said to Jesus: "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Are you saying this on your own, or have others been telling you about me?" "I am no Jew!" Pilate retorted. "It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered: "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my subjects would be fighting to save me from being handed over to the Jews. As it is, my kingdom is not here."

At this Pilate said to him, "So, then you are a king?" Jesus replied: "It is you who say I am a king. The reason I was born, the reason why I came into the world, is to testify to the truth. Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice." This is the word of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Come Thou Almighty King"

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COMMUNION & POST HYMN - "Christ Be Our Light"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "We Will Rise Again"

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Oh, God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work, help me
to remember the jobless:
When I have a warm home,
help me to remember the homeless,
When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer;
And remembering, help me
to destroy my complacency
and bestir my compassion.
Make me concerned enough
to help, by word and deed,
those who cry out
for what we take for granted.

—Samuel F. Pugh



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

ST. CECILIA, November 22

St. Cecilia, according to Roman legend, was a young patrician woman of Rome who was a Christian. She was filled with love for God to whom she vowed her life and virginity. Forced into marriage by her father, she sang to God on her wedding day, praying for help. Soon after, Valerian, her husband, and Tiburtius, his brother, were miraculously converted to Christianity by a vision and gave themselves to the care of the sick and the burial of the dead.

They were martyred at Pagus Triopus, outside of Rome, along with a Roman official, Maximus, because they refused to sacrifice to the gods. Cecilia buried their bodies, and herself brought to trial for her beliefs. So persuasive was she that her accusers converted to Christianity. Finally, the prefect, Almachius, sentenced her to be suffocated in the heated bath of her home. Despite the intense heat she was unharmed, so a soldier was sent to behead her. She was struck on the neck three times and lingered for three days before dying. A tomb marking her grave is found in the cemetery of St. Callistus in Rome. St. Cecilia is the patron of musicians.

'Listen, my daughter, hear my words: forget your own people and your father's house. The king desires your beauty: He is your lord, give honor to him.' —Psalm 44



'THANK YOU' FOR THANKSGIVING!!!

The first Thanksgiving was in 1621, Plymouth, Massachusetts. William Bradford, the governor of the colony, set the time aside to give thanks for the bountiful harvest after the first hard year in the New World. In 1789, President Washington proclaimed November 26 Thanksgiving, but only the northern states celebrated it. Sarah Hale, a writer and editor, wrote letters to governors and presidents for 35 years, suggesting that Thanksgiving be made a national holiday. In 1864, President Lincoln so proclaimed the fourth Thursday in November. In 1939, President Roosevelt changed Thanksgiving Day from the fourth to the third Thursday in November. There was nationwide consternation;

Everywhere people were running around saying, "What? What??" By 1941, Thanksgiving was back where it belonged. In the place people were used to. In the place it should be!

There are many things to like about Thanksgiving Day. Many people like that it remains unspoiled and non-commercialized. Year after year, it is the same, pure holiday as always; time for families to gather to give thanks for their many blessings. (Even in the worst of years, there are always many blessings.) It is a kind of relief to have a holiday sanctioning our saying out loud that we're grateful for things in our lives. Enumerating our blessings gives a kind of cleansing lift we get from going to confession, but for the opposite reason, we feel great for saying out loud what's right in our lives.

No one has been able to tamper with the essential good-heartedness of Thanksgiving Day, or trivialize it, and probably no one ever will. For that alone, we can be grateful! Remember, 'Thanks for being YOU!'

"HAPPY THANKSGIVING"

ST. FRANCIS NOTES...

* **INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE:** Sunday, November 22nd, 8 P.M., All are invited to attend this special community service, opened and hosted this year, by the East Meadow Methodist Church. For further information, please contact, Fr. Andrew. We hope to see you!

* **OUR ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION:** Sunday, December 6th! Welcoming All! Mass will be held at 9 a.m., celebrating St. Nicholas feast day. At 3 p.m., we., will have our St. Nicholas Dinner, smorgasbord, raffles and a visit from St. Nick! Please ask how you can help make this another successful celebration for our St. Francis Parish? Thank you

* **+ PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED +** The Church sets aside you month of November, to remind us to pray for our faithfully departed, loved ones, family and friends. We pray, May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen. Our special Requiem Intention, this week is for +Vicki Capuano + (mother of Joni [Blenn], Dorothy, Tommy & Jimmy). Our prayers for her soul and for strength and peace for her surviving family. God's Blessings.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY ... Henri Nouwen WAITING FOR CHRIST TO COME

If we do not wait patiently in expectation for God's coming in glory, we start wandering around, going from one little sensation to another. Our lives get stuffed with newspaper items, television stories, and gossip. Then our minds lose the discipline of discerning between what leads us closer to God and what doesn't, and our hearts lose their spiritual sensitivity.

Without waiting for the second coming of Christ', we will stagnate and become tempted to indulge in whatever gives us a moment of pleasure. When Paul asks us to wake from sleep, he says, "Let us live decently, as in the light of day; with no orgies or drunkenness, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ, and stop worrying about how your disordered natural inclinations may be fulfilled" (Romans 13:13-14). When we have the Lord to look forward to, we can already experience him in the waiting.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ... Helen Steiner Rice GOODNESS AND MERCY

God, I know that I love You, and I know without doubt that Your goodness and mercy never run out.

'Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life.' —Psalm 23:6

Today count the many ways that you observe God's goodness and mercy!