



## ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**November 23, 2014 - The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

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* - Ez 34:11-12, 15-17

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly.

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

*R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*  
The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose.

*R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*  
Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

*R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*  
You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

*R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*  
Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

*R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

*READING II* - 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and

every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

Priest/Altar Server: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Verse.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*GOSPEL* - Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

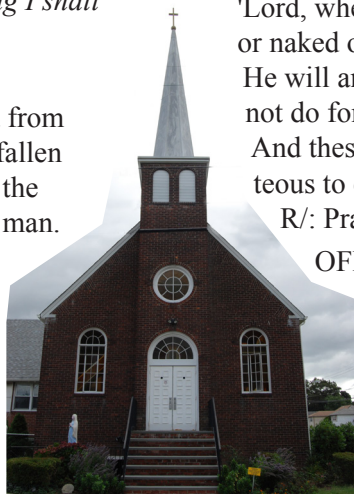
OFFERTORY HYMN - "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Come"

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COMMUNION HYMN - "Lead Me, Lord"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -

"Sing of the Lord's Goodness"



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

## THANKSGIVING DAY!

Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, our day of giving thanks and feasting, commemorating the Pilgrims' celebration of the good harvest of 1621. Rejoice! Be glad and pass the gravy, please. Thanksgiving Blessings to All!

## PRACTICE THANKSGIVING

Say a prayer of thanks for everyone and everything you come across this day. No exceptions! Turn on a light and bless those who discovered electricity. Bless the farmers who grew the food you're packing in the kids lunch. When you get in the car, bless the automotive engineers...who invented seat belts. Bless the person in the office elevator who's talking top volume on her cell-phone...for reminding you what not to do.

## FROM THE HEART - Helen Steiner Rice-GOD'S KINDNESS

God's kindness is ever around you, always ready to freely impart strength to your faltering spirit, cheer your lonely heart. "When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul." -Psalm 94:19  
Today express your thanks to Jesus for touching your life!

## EAST MEADOW INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The East Meadow Interfaith Thanksgiving Service is scheduled for TONIGHT, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8 p.m. at East Meadow Jewish Center on Prospect Avenue just south of the Veterans Memorial Park & Pool. ALL are cordially invited and welcomed to attend this special service for our community. Help show your support for our Parish.



Happy  
Thanksgiving

## "WE WALK BY FAITH"

Our faith is a tremendous gift from God. It is with faith that we walk, making our journey...Sometimes the road is bumpy, with twists and turns; sometimes it goes rather smoothly and fairly straight. It is not always easy to follow Jesus, especially when we encounter times of pain, doubt, fear, and disillusionment. Nevertheless, we walk; We journey towards the God who loves us, nurtures us, and gifts us. Know we do not walk alone; we walk with each other in and by faith!

## 'OUR DAILY BREAD'

Come, join us in our Celebration of the Eucharist, each Sunday at 9 a.m. We join in song, word, and faithful prayers as a community - lifting our minds and hearts to God. The Eucharist (Our Daily Bread) refreshes, energizes, and renews us for our faiths journey. Open your hands to others and capture the vision of Jesus for all God's people. Join us after Mass, in the Parish Hall, for coffee and a roll. Our time to share, listen and care with one another. May God Bless and Keep us always on our journey...

## GODSPEED TO JISELLE MacDONALD

We join in prayers and well wishes for a quick successful recovery from her surgery.

## ST. FRANCIS POLISH CATHOLIC CHURCH

presents its CHRISTMAS FUND-RAISER DINNER

# Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> - 3:00 p.m.

With loads of great raffles & prizes



\$18 Adults • \$9 Children



## St. Francis Church Hall

## 1752 Harton Avenue, East Meadow

(just off East Meadow Avenue near the Post Office)

**R.S.V.P by November 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Monika Koterba 516-794-5189**

*If you can't make the dinner,  
maybe you can send a small donation?*

**Seating is limited to 80. When you call for reservations,  
please leave your name, phone number (important!!)  
and the number of adults and/or children in your party.**