

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.**

9:00 am - CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

READING I - 1 Kings 17, 10-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R/. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The Lord 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 that were bowed down;
The Lord loves the just. The Lord protects strangers.

R/. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The fatherless and the widow he 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 II - Hebrews 9:24-28

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

GOSPEL - Mark 12:38-44

In the course of his teaching Jesus said: "Be on guard against the scribes, who like to parade around in their robes and accept marks of respect in public, front seat in the synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. These men devour the savings of widows and recite long prayers for appearance' sake; it is they who will receive the severest sentence."

Taking a seat opposite the treasury, he observed the crowd putting money into the collection box. Many of the wealthy put in sizable amounts; but one poor widow came and put in two small copper coins worth about a cent. He called his disciples over and told them: "I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on." This is the word of the Lord.

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

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"

ST. JOSAPHAT (1580 - 1623)

November 12

John Kunsevich was born at Vladimir, Volhynia, Poland in 1580. John became a merchant, but was unhappy. In 1604, he entered the monastery of the Holy Trinity at Vilna and became a monk. He took the name Josaphat and was ordained in 1609. He began to work diligently for the reunion of the Orthodox Church with the Church of Rome.

In 1617, Josaphat became Bishop of Vitebsk, Russia. Soon after, he was appointed Bishop of Polotsk and sought to reform his vast diocese, which was split by political and religious tensions. His efforts were successful and by 1620 the diocese was largely Catholic.

However, tensions still persisted. Archbishop Meletius Smotritsky established an Orthodox bishopric in Polotsk to rival the Catholic bishopric of Josaphat. Though Josaphat was recognized as the legitimate Archbishop of Polotsk, there was confusion. Leo Sapieha, the chancellor of Lithuania and also a Catholic, falsely declared that Josaphat was responsible for the state of unrest which existed in the country.

Josaphat decided to address the issue with courage and went to Vitebsk, which was a center of dissent. While preaching there, he was surrounded by an armed mob who killed him and cast his body into the Divina River. He died on November 12, 1623, and is honored as an apostle of the reunion of the Christian Churches.

'Lord Jesus, may all your people be one.'

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY ... Henri Nouwen THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

We often limit the Church to the organization of people who identify themselves clearly as its members. But the Church as all people belonging to Christ, as that body of witnesses who reveal the living Christ, reaches far beyond the boundaries of any human institution. As Jesus himself said, The Spirit "blows where it pleases" (John 3:8). The Spirit of Jesus can touch hearts wherever it wants; it is not restrained by any human limits.

There is a communion of saints witnessing to the risen Christ that reaches to the far ends of the world and even farther. It embraces people from long ago and far away. It is that immense community of men and women who through words and deeds have proclaimed and are proclaiming the Lordship of Jesus.



ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ... Helen Steiner Rice GOD, THE CREATOR

Someday may man realize that all the earth, the seas, and skies belong to God who made us all, the rich, the poor, the great, the small!

"My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long." - Psalm 71:8

Today feel the awe and the wonder of God's creation!

BLESSINGS ...

'However many blessings we expect from God, His infinite liberality will always exceed all our wishes and our thoughts.' - John Calvin

'Count your blessings.' - Proverb

'An early morning walk is a blessing for the whole day.' - Henry David Thoreau

'Our real blessings often appear to us in the shape of pains, losses and disappointments; but let us have patience and we soon shall see them in their proper figures.' - Joseph Addison

ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

VETERANS' DAY, Wednesday, November 11 ...

We honor all veterans of the armed forces. Our thankful prayers for their willingness to risk all so that our nation might dwell in peace and safety. God Bless America!

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE, All are invited to attend this community service, scheduled for Sunday, November 22, 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 Monica for your order.

'**ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION**'... Sunday, December 6 Mass honoring St. Nicholas, will be held at 9 a.m.; St. Nicholas Dinner, smorgasbord dinner, raffles, and a visit from St. Nick! Will be held at 3 p.m.. Please ask how you can help make this event another success for our church??