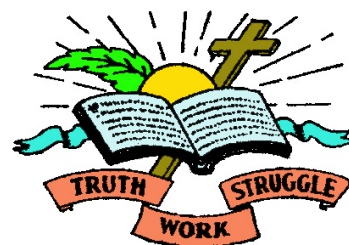


ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time *February 12, 2012*

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"

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book pg. 63

READING I - Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head.

"The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11

*R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

Blessed is he whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered. Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt, in whose spirit there is no guile.

*R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I covered not. I said, "I confess my faults to the LORD," and you took away the guilt of my sin.

*R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart.

*R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

READING II - 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Brothers and sisters, Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

GOSPEL - Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning the him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere. This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS -

RESPONSE - as per Lector

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Center of My Life"

OUR FATHER - page 95

COMMUNION HYMNS -
"Down in the River to Pray"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -
"Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

ST. CYRIL (825 - 869) and

ST. METHODIUS (826 - 885) February 14

Saints Cyril and Methodius were brothers born in Thessalonica, Cyril, who was baptized Constantine, assumed the name Cyril when he became a monk shortly before his death. He studied at the Imperial University in Constantinople under Photius. He was ordained soon after and became known as "the Philosopher." His brother, Methodius, served as governor of one of the Slav colonies in the Opsikion province. Afterwards he became a monk. In 861, at the request of Emperor Michael II, Cyril and Methodius went on a mission to convert the Khazars in Russia. The two embarked on missionary work that profoundly influenced the Slavic peoples of Eastern Europe.

In 862, Prince Rotislav of Moravia asked the Eastern Emperor for Christian missionaries to teach the Gospel to his people in their own language. Photius, now patriarch of Constantinople, assigned the task to Cyril and Methodius in 863. They prepared liturgical books and later translated the Scriptures into the Slavic language. They also provided an alphabet, for their writing. Through their preaching and writing they brought Christianity to the countries of Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Russia.

Emperor Louis the German and missionaries from the Western Church questioned their methods. They sought, and eventually gained approval of Pope Adrian II for their work. Pope Adrian II ordained them as bishops in 869. Cyril

died in Rome on February 14, 869. As he was dying he prayed: Lord, my God, build up your Church and make it one. Inspire your people with your words and teachings. You called us to preach the Gospel of Christ and to encourage them to be pleasing to you. I return to you your people, your gift to me. Direct them and protect them. May they praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen His brother, Methodius, continued to labor as a missionary until his death on April 6, 885 in Velehrad, Czechoslovakia.

Calling All Eddie Money Fans!

John Blenn is hosting a mini meet & greet as a **FUNDRAISER** for St. Francis Parish.

Eddie Money, rock star

("Two Tickets to Paradise" & "Take Me Home Tonight") will host a seminar on his life from Island Trees, Levittown to international rock star right here in St. Francis Hall

on **Wednesday, February 13th at 7:30 p.m.**

Eddie's chat will conclude with an open question and answer. There is no charge but we'd love a \$5 donation toward St. Francis' new Hall ceiling & renovations. Seating is limited, so please call John at 783-8863 for your reservation.

UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS for 2012

- Feb. 12 For health of Margaret Beacom offered by Helen E. Lowe
- Feb. 19 In memory of mother, Carmela Kapinos, offered by Linda Frysztacki
- Feb. 22 In honor of William DelaSota offered by Ann Klein-Siebuhr
- Feb. 26 In memory of parents, Catherine & Albert Bilello, offered by Christine Mooney
- Mar. 4 In memory of Mary Haubert, Rose Anne Rella, Nancy Fallica, Marie Strykowski, Arnold Kemper, Jerry Fioranti, Paul Divver, Sr., Adrienne Peterson, Rose Skibinsky & James F. Clark offered by Joni & John Blenn
- Mar. 11 In memory of Vicki and Ralph Capuano offered by Joni & John Blenn
- Mar. 18 For good health for Linda and Nick Baric offered by St. Francis Parish
- Mar. 25 In memory of Louis Bonaventura offered by Mary Bonaventura

Thank You!!

St. Francis Parish sincerely thanks those individuals listed above who donated needed items for our humble church.

SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, February 19, after Breakfast.

General Parish meeting. Council elections. ALL ARE INVITED.

Wednesday, February 22, 7 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service/Mass.

Sunday, March 11, 3 p.m.

St. Patrick / St. Joseph Fund-raiser Dinner All are welcome. Ask how you can help.

Saturday, April 7, 1 p.m.

Blessing of the Easter Baskets

Sunday, May 6, 9 a.m.

Natalie MacDonald's First Holy Communion

Saturday & Sunday, August 25 & 26, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Garage / Yard Sale

Sunday, 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 21, 9 a.m.

Thomas & Lorraine Kompa's 25th Anniversary Renewal of Marriage Vows

Sunday, December 2, 3 p.m.

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