

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 22, 2012 - THIRD Sunday of Easter



Niech Bedze
pochwalony Jezus
Christus.

R/. Na wicki, wickow
Amen.

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

9:00 AM - "Christ Is Risen"

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READING I - Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence

when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O my just God, you who relieve me when I am in distress; have pity on me, and hear my prayer!

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one; the LORD will hear me when I call upon him.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon us! You put gladness into my heart.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep, for you alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.



READING II - 1 John 2:1-5a

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia (3x). Verse. Alleluia (3x).

GOSPEL - Luke 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "O'er Death Victorious"

COMMUNION HYMN - "Come Ye Faithful"

POST COMMUNION HYMN - "Here I Am Lord"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -

"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

CELEBRATE EASTER - 2012!

ST. MARK (FIRST CENTURY) APRIL 25

St. Mark, author of the second Gospel, was a member of the early Christian community at Jerusalem. St. Paul and St. Barnabas, his cousin, took him on their missionary journey. When they reached Cyprus, however, Mark left them to return to Jerusalem, perhaps because he missed home. This caused Paul to question for awhile Mark's reliability as a missionary, and the incident brought about a disagreement between himself and Barnabas. Later, during one of Paul's imprisonments, he was also an associate of Peter. One tradition relates that Mark became Bishop of Alexandria in Egypt. Around the ninth century, his relics were brought to Venice where they rest in the great Cathedral of San Marco. Mark is depicted in art as a winged lion, probably suggested by the description in his Gospel of John the Baptist as "a voice in the desert." It is believed that he wrote his Gospel between 60 and 70 AD. His prayer: God, our Father, may we know your Son, Jesus Christ, truly one of us and truly God. Amen.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - HENRI NOUWEN

A reflection of faith and wisdom...

FULFILLING A MISSION

When we live as missions, we become aware that there is a home from which we are sent and to which we have to return. We start thinking about ourselves as people who are in a faraway country to bring a message or work on a project, but only for a certain amount of time. When the message has been delivered and the project is finished, we want to return home to give an account of our mission and to rest from our labors. One of the most important spiritual disciplines is to develop the knowledge that the years of our lives are years "on a mission."

HIS WORD - SEEKING GOD

"But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul." —Deuteronomy 4:29

IN REFLECTION - CHARITY

"Then the King will say to those on his right, Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, sick or in prison and go to visit you?" The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

MARK THE DATES!

Sunday, May 6, 11 a.m.

Natalie MacDonald's First Holy Communion

Sunday, May 13, 8 a.m. (NOT 9 a.m.)

Mass will be at 8 a.m. with Fr. Wes.

Saturday, June 2, 1 p.m.

Henry Zaradich's Confirmation

Luncheon following. All are welcome.

Saturday, June 9, 8:30 a.m.

East Meadow Pride Day at Speno Park.

Please ask how you can help.

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

Garage / Yard Sale

Saturday, 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.

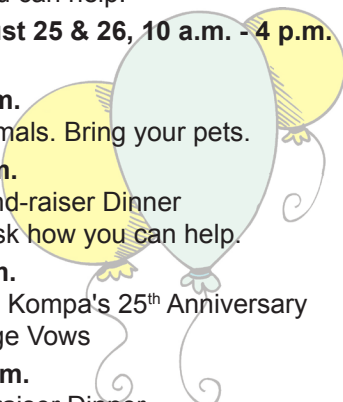
Thomas & Lorraine Kompa's 25th Anniversary

Renewal of Marriage Vows

Sunday, December 2, 3 p.m.

St. Nicholas Fund-raiser Dinner

All are welcome. Ask how you can help.



UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS for 2012

- April 29 In memory of James F. Kompa
offered by Lorraine & Thomas Kompa
- May 20 For health of Gunter and April Kodila
offered by St. Francis Parish
- May 27 For health and God's blessing of Bill & Rea
Piro offered by St. Francis Parish

Thank You!!

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