

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 - *“Morning Hymn”*

READING I - Acts 1:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, you are great indeed!
How manifold are your works O Lord! The earth is full of your creatures.

R/. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to the dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are created and you renew the face of the earth.

R/. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord be glad in his works!
Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the Lord.

R/. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

READING 11 - 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

Priest or Cantor: Alleluia (3x) **R/ Alleluia (3x)**. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in them the fire of your love. **R/ Alleluia (3x)**.

GOSPEL - John 20:19-23

A reading from the holy gospel according to St. John
On the evening of that first day of the week, even though the disciples had locked the doors of the place where they were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood before them. “Peace be with you,” he said. When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. At the sight of the Lord the disciples rejoiced. “Peace be with you, “ he said again.

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” Then he breathed on them and said: “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive men’s sins, they are forgiven them; if you hold them bound, they are held bound.”

This is the gospel of the Lord. **R/. Praise be to you Lord, Jesus Christ.**

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - *“Christ Be Our Light”*

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COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE - *“One Bread, One Body”*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *“Down in the River to Pray”*



*Words to all Hymns
are on last page of this bulletin.
Please join us!
Singing hymns is praying twice!*

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

PENTECOST SUNDAY ...

Pentecost simple means "fiftieth" in Greek. It is the Sunday seven weeks or fifth days after Easter Sunday. It commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit, which Jesus promised to His followers before His ascension into heaven. This is a wonderful time to celebrate the gift that Jesus bought for us with His life: that God himself would dwell within us!

HIS WORDS...

"When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them."
—Acts 2:1-3

DID YOU KNOW?

The wind is the primary symbol for the Holy Spirit. This is because the biblical account of the Holy Spirit filling the believers on the Day of Pentecost describes it as the sound of a "rushing mighty wind."

A PRAYER TO THE "HOLY SPIRIT"

Come. Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your Love. Send forth The Spirit and they shall be created, and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of truth, come into our hearts; give to all peoples the brightness of Thy light, that they may be well pleasing to Thee in unity of faith. Amen.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen JESUS IS PERSECUTED

Jesus, the favorite Child of God, is persecuted. He who is poor, gentle, mourning; he who hungers and thirsts for uprightness; he who is merciful, pure of heart, and a peacemaker is not welcome in this world. The Blessed One of God is a threat to the established order and a source of constant irritation to those who consider themselves the rulers of this world. Without accusing anyone he is considered an accuser, without condemning anyone he makes people feel guilty and ashamed, without judging anyone those who see him feel judged. In their eyes, he cannot be tolerated and needs to be destroyed, because letting him be seems like a confession of guilt.

When we strive to become like Jesus, we cannot expect always to be liked and admired. We have to be prepared to be rejected.

ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

CONGRATULATIONS! to Fr. Andrew Koterba, today, as he will be installed as our Pastor of St. Francis Parish and it's his 20th anniversary as a priest! God's Blessings, continue...and remain always! Sto Lat! (100 years of the best!)

Father's Installation Service will be held at 4 p.m., in St. Francis Church followed in celebration with a Spring Fundraiser Dinner at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are cordially invited to attend either one or both of these events! We hope to see YOU!

THANK YOU! To Fr. Andrew for recently installing a cement walkway on the side of the rectory.

PROTECT THE CREATION! Think green! Recycle, plant a garden, plant a tree, conserve your energy use, walk, encourage protection of our environment ...

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!... Do a random or regular act of kindness, it does make a difference! "Be the change you would like to see in the world."

—Mahatma Gandhi

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ... Helen Steiner Rice DEAREST DREAMS

As you climb life's ladder, take faith along with you, and great will be your happiness as your dearest dreams come true.

Love the Lord, all his saints! The Lord preserves the faithful, but the proud he pays back in full."

—Psalm 31:23

Today let your success be seasoned with knowledge, perseverance, good judgement, contentment, optimism, and reliance on and love of God. When you taste such success, you're sure to enjoy the flavor!

