

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

1752 Harton Avenue • East Meadow, New York 11554 (516) 794-5189

Pastor Rev. Andrew Koterba Lorraine Pacheco, Chairperson

June 21, 2009 • Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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"

9:00 AM - CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book page 63

READING I - Job 38, 1, 8-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 107, 23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31

R/: Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

They who sailed the sea in ships, trading on the deep waters,
these saw the works of the Lord and his wonders in the abyss.

R/: Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

His command raised up a storm wind which tossed its waves on high.
They mounted up to heaven; they sank to the depths; their hearts melted away in their plight.

R/: Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

They cried to the Lord in their distress; from their straits he rescued them.
He hushed the storm to a gentle breeze, and the billows of the sea were stilled.

R/: Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

They rejoiced that they were calmed, and he brought them to their desired haven.
Let them give thanks to the Lord for his kindness and his wondrous deed to the children of men.

R/: Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

READING II - 2 Corinthians 5, 14-17

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

GOSPEL - Mark 4, 35-41

A reading from the holy gospel according to St. Mark
One day as evening drew on Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us cross over the farther shore." Leaving the crowd, they took him away in the boat in which he was sitting, while the other boats accompanied him. It happened that a bad squall blew up. The waves were breaking over the boat and it began to ship water badly. Jesus was in the stern through it all, sound asleep on a cushion. They finally woke him and said to him, "Teacher, doesn't it matter to you that we are going to drown?"

He awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea: "Quiet! Be still!" The wind fell off and everything grew calm. Then he said to them, "Why are you so terrified? Why are you lacking in faith?" A great awe overcame them at this. They kept saying to one another, "Who can this be that the wind and the sea obey him?"

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

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: God, Hear Us! or as instructed by Lector

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

OUR FATHER - page 95

COMMUNION HYMNS - "Holy God We Praise Thy Name" and "Come, Thou Almighty King"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Joyful, Joyful"

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST, June 24

The birthday of John the Baptist, six months before the birth of Jesus, has been celebrated on June 24 from the earliest days of the Church. Jesus himself called John, who prepared the way for him by his preaching, the greatest of men. A "voice in the desert," John, as the final prophet of the Old Testament, told the people of his time that their Lord was near.

The announcement of John's birth by the Angel Gabriel to Zachary, his father, was received with disbelief because Zachary's wife, Elizabeth, was beyond childbearing age. Yet the angel insisted, "You shall call his name John for he will be great before the Lord and filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb."

In the wastelands of Judea, people from all ranks of society - soldiers and priests, tax collectors and workers - came to hear John and their hearts were moved by his call to repent. Many were baptized by him in the River Jordan as a sign of their conversion; some remained to live with him as his disciples. His denunciation of King Herod's immoral conduct shocked the king's court, and John eventually suffered death for speaking truth to the powerful.

Jesus began his own mission by being baptized by John. Recognizing the Son of God, whose "sandals he was not worthy to untie," John said, "He must increase, and I must decrease." John's life prepared for Jesus who was eternal life.

Early commentators never fail to note that after June 24, the feast of John the Baptist, the sun's light begins to decrease until December 25, the birth of Jesus, when the light of the sun increases again.

"Lord, may you increase your life within us!"

JUST A THOUGHT...

- "Lord, help me to preach the Gospel wherever I go, and if I must, even through words."
— St. Francis of Assisi
- "Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at his disposition, and listening to his voice in the depths of our hearts."
—Mother Teresa
- "Character may be manifested in the great moments, but it is made in the small ones."
—Winston Churchill



BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...

Henri Nouwen

GROWING INTO THE TRUTH WE SPEAK

Can we only speak when we are fully living what we are saying? If all our words had to cover all our actions, we would be doomed to permanent silence! Sometimes we are called to proclaim God's love even when we are not yet fully able to live it. Does that mean we are hypocrites? Only when our words no

longer call us to conversion. Nobody completely lives up to his or her own ideals and visions. But by proclaiming our ideals and visions with great conviction and great humility, we may gradually grow into the truth we speak. As long as we know that our lives always speak louder than our words, we can trust that our words will remain humble.

ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

- **FATHER'S DAY** is celebrated today! Did you know? Father's Day formally preceded Mother's Day by four years. Its beginning is credited to Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Washington. She along with her brothers and sisters, was raised by her father after her mother's death. At her suggestion, the Spokane Ministerial Association approved the proposal that the third Sunday in June be set aside for honoring fathers. It was first celebrated on June 19, 1910. "Happy Father's Day"!
- **SUMMER SOLSTICE**, June 21, is the day of the year having the longest period of sunlight. Summer begins!

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice SWEET REST

God's love is like a harbor where our souls can find sweet rest from the struggle and the tension of life's fast and futile quest!

"Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the Lord has been good to you." —Psalm 116:7

Today ask the Lord to be your port of call, His love your destination and your harbor!