

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 7, 2011 - Nineteenth 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.

9:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a

At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD—but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake—but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire—but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD — for he proclaims peace. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

READING II - Romans 9:1-5

Brothers and sisters: I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Priest/Altar Server: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Verse.
R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL - Matthew 14:22-33

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN -

"Come Thou Almighty King"

OUR FATHER -

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COMMUNION HYMN -

"One Bread, One Body"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -

"St. Francis Prayer"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

ST. CLARE, (1193-1253),

"Taste the hidden sweetness."

Her feast day is August 11th. St. Clare was born at Assisi, Italy, in 1193. When she was eighteen, St. Francis -was preaching in Assisi and his words greatly inspired her. In 1212, on Palm Sunday, she ran away from home and went to Portiuncula, where Francis lived. He met her at the chapel of Our Lady of the Angels, cut off her hair, and gave her a sackcloth held together by a cord. She went to live in the Benedictine convent of St. Paul near Bastia. Her family greatly objected, but their objections fell on deaf ears. Clare moved to a convent in Sant' Angelo di Panzo and was joined by her sister who was fifteen. In 1215, Clare along with her sister, mother and other companions, went to live in a convent associated with the Church of San Damiano, outside of Assisi. Clare was appointed superior of the congregation by St. Francis, and this is considered the origin of the Poor Clares. In a short time, convents opened in Italy, France, Germany, and Prague. The Poor Clares adopted a severe life of poverty, silence, and austerity. They did not own any property or possessions and existed only on contributions. She died at the age of sixty after years of illness. She had worked and prayed for over forty years to be, as she wrote in her heartfelt prayer. "Set your mind before the mirror of eternity! Your soul before the brightness of glory! Your hearts before the divine presence, and be transformed totally into the image of God through contemplation. Then you too may feel what his friends feel as they taste the hidden sweetness God has kept from the Beginning for those who love him." Amen.



HALL RENTALS

Always our hall rentals add a great financial support for our parish! It keeps us going! A great space, for parties or meetings, reasonable in price, dates available, air conditioned, call 794-5189.

FLOWERS

We welcome any gift from your garden, a single flower or a floral bouquet to adorn any of the altars. Enlighten our souls and spirit! Please, come a little early and bring your gift before Sunday Mass begins. Vases are provided.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Remember your loved ones in prayer. Dates are available for your special prayer intentions for Requiem or Health Need Masses. This is an opportunity to invite family and friends to join us in prayers. Call Fr. Andrew at 516-794-5189. Peace and blessings!

HIS WORDS - GUIDANCE

"In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps." —Proverbs 16:9

ONE SPIRIT, ONE CHURCH

We hope you find continued peace, faith, and love in the Celebration of the Eucharist at St. Francis. In our faithful mission we invite and welcome all to worship with us each Sunday Mass at 9 a.m. Join as a family after Mass in the Parish Hall for a time to listen, care, and share, over coffee and a roll. Join us as one in spirit, one as a church! Gods' blessings!

SAVE THE DATES for

ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2011 - 7 p.m.

Memorial Mass offered by Lillyan Tobon

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2011 - 1 p.m.

Blessing of the Animals by Father Andrew

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2011 - 3 p.m.

St. Francis Fall Fund-raiser Dinner.

Volunteer to help.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2011 - 3 p.m.

Christmas Dinner Fund-raiser