

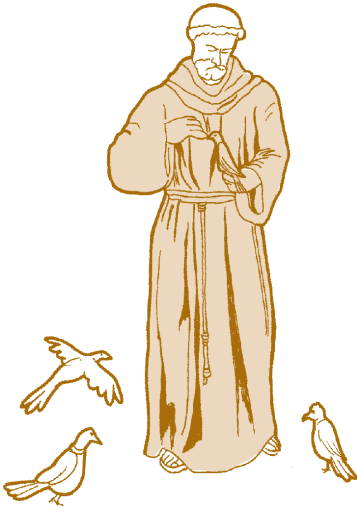
ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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September 27, 2009 • Twenty-Sixth 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 - CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

ENTRANCE HYMN: "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - Numbers 11:25-29

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R/: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul;
The decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R/: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
The ordinances of the Lord are true, all of them just.

R/: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Though your servant is careful of them, very diligent in keeping them,
Yet who can detect failings? Cleanse me from my unknown faults!

R/: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

From wanton sin especially, restrain your servant; let it not rule over me.
Then shall I be blameless and innocent of serious fault.

R/: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

READING II - Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Priest or Cantor: Alleluia **R./ Alleluia.** Verse. **R./ Alleluia.**

GOSPEL - Mark 9:30-37

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw a man using your name to expel demons and we tried to stop him because he is not of our company." Jesus said in reply: "Do not try to stop him. No man who performs a miracle using my name can at once speak ill of me. Anyone who is not against us is with us. Any man who gives you a drink of water because you belong to Christ will not, I assure you, go without his reward. But it would be better if anyone who leads astray one of these simple believers were to be plunged in the seas with a great millstone fastened around his neck.

"If your hand is your difficulty, cut it off! Better for you to enter life maimed than to keep both hands and enter Gehenna, with its unquenchable fire. If your foot is your undoing, cut it off! Better for you to enter life crippled than to be thrown into Gehenna with both feet. If your eye is your downfall, tear it out! Better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to be thrown with both eyes into Gehenna, where 'the worm dies not and the fire is never extinguished'."

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

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Come Thou Almighty King"

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COMMUNION - "Christ Be Our Light"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Prayer of St. Francis"



77th ANNIVERSARY
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St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, archangels, September 29

Holy Scripture speaks of angels as ministers of God in human affairs. St. Michael defends the honor of God against Satan. St. Gabriel announced to Mary the coming of Jesus. St. Raphael guided Tobias on his journey and brought healing to Tobit, his blind father.

As servants of God, the angels are instruments of God's hidden providence. They preserve us from harm, give God's wisdom and strength to humanity, and accompany us on our journey through life.

'We thank you, Lord, with all our hearts; in the presence of your angels we bless you.'

GUARDIAN ANGELS???

"He has given his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways." —Psalm 91

Both the Old and New Testaments recognize that God gives each person born into this world an angel guardian. Jesus, calling a little child to him, said that the angels in heaven watch over children such as this one. By loving providence God reaches into human life to guard, protect and lead us on our way to salvation. 'We pray, In the presence of the angels, I will sing to you, my God.' Amen.

AN ANGELIC THOUGHT!

"We are each of us angels with only one wing, and we can only fly by embracing each other."

—Luciano De Crescenzo

ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

PREPARATIONS FOR THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS: We have sent fliers about our event to veterinarians, animal adoption centers and to those on our parish mailing lists. We again will offer medals of St. Francis and prayer cards. We hope to obtain Fall chrysanthemums to adorn our altars and beautify the church for the Blessing and Mass. Please ask how you can help make this another successful event for our parish? Thank you to all!

BLESSING OF ANIMALS:

Welcoming all to bring their pets both big and little, this special service will be held in church, Saturday, October 3, at 1 p.m..

THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS:

Mass honoring our patron saint, Sunday, October 4, at 9 a.m.

CELEBRATION DINNER

will be held at 3 p.m. We welcome all to join us!

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY... Henri Nouwen BAPTISM, THE WAY TO FREEDOM

When parents have their children baptized they indicate their desire to have their children grow up and live as children of God and brothers or sisters of Jesus, and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Through birth a child is given to parents; through baptism a child is given to God. At baptism the parents acknowledge that their parenthood is a participation in God's parenthood, that all fatherhood and motherhood comes from God. Thus, baptism frees the parents from a sense of owning their children. Children belong to God and are given to the parents to love and care for in God's name. It is the parents' vocation to welcome their children as honored guests in their home and bring them to the physical, emotional, and spiritual freedom that enables them to leave the home and become parents themselves. Baptism reminds parents of this vocation and sets children on the path of freedom.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ... Helen Steiner Rice THE TRIUMPH OF FAITH

Faith is a force that is greater than knowledge or power or skill, and the darkest defeat turns to triumph if we trust in God's wisdom and will.

"Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture ... Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this." —Psalm 37:3, 5

Today look at the world with a vision magnified by the power of faith deep within you!

