

# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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September 28, 2008 • 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 -Ezekiel 18:25-28

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/: **Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths,  
Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

R/: **Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Remember that your compassion, O Lord, and your kindness are from  
old. The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not; in your  
kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

R/: **Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Good and upright is the Lord; thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice, he teaches the humble his way.

R/: **Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

READING 11 - Philippians 2:1-11

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

GOSPEL - Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy gospel according to St. Matthew  
Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first."  
Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

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

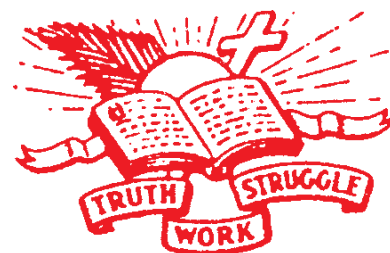
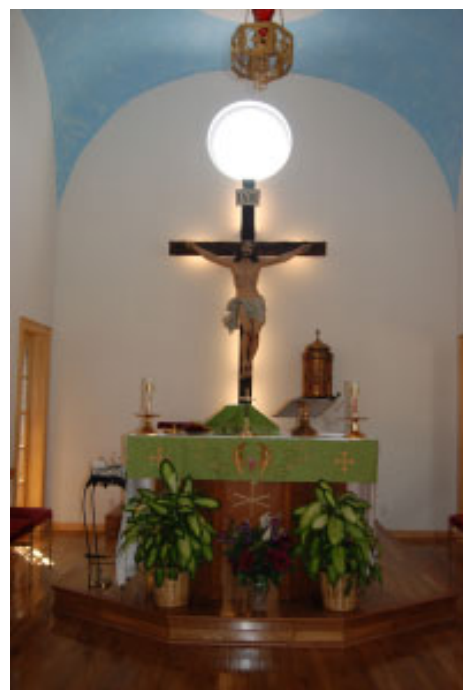
GENERAL CONCESSIONS: **God, Hear Us!**

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Here I Am Lord"*

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COMMUNION - *"One Bread, One Body"* & *"Christ Be Our Light"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *"Joyful, Joyful"*



# St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

## CELEBRATION FOR THE ANGELS SEPTEMBER 29

There is one answer to those who say "I don't believe in angels." Perhaps you haven't met any yet, at least any angels you recognized.

The fact is that Church teachings pick up on God's revelation clearly taught in the earliest books of the Bible; Angels are God's creatures too. We may not know who or what they truly are, but God has told us angels are real.

The great Feast of the Archangels on September 29 is a reminder of this teaching. That feast day honors three great archangels celebrated in both the Old and New Testament books of the Bible; Michael (traditionally honored on September 29), Gabriel (whose feast had been celebrated on March 24), and Raphael (who for many years had been honored with a feast on October 24.) In the current Church Calendar, with this renewed Feast of the Archangels, calls our attention to the importance of archangels -special messengers of God.

Here is a quick look at these great Archangels whom we celebrate and whose patronage we ask on September 29;  
**+ST. MICHAEL** has long been a favorite of artists in his role as soldier and warrior who defends God's people. He is the messenger of God's love and tender care for His people. You can read about him in the Book of Daniel. (10:13 and 12:1) In the New Testament, you find Michael in the Book of Revelation. (12:7-9)

**+ST. GABRIEL** proclaims the coming of the savior to the Virgin Mary. (Luke 1:26-38) In the same book, he announces the pending birth of John the Baptizer to his father, Zechariah. (Luke 1:11-21) Like Michael, Gabriel plays a significant role in the Book of Daniel, bringing wisdom and knowledge to God's people in exile. (Dan. 8:16-26 and 9:21-27)

**+ST. RAPHAEL** is traditionally God's agent of healing and patron of the blind. In the Book of Tobit, St. Raphael is a healer of human relationships as well, even taking human form to remind people of God's loving presence among them. (Tobit 12:12, 15) Identified as one of the seven archangels always standing before God, Raphael bears a name that in Hebrew means "God heals'." In St. John's Gospel, it is Raphael who is cited as the angel who moves the waters of the healing pool of Bethesda. (John 5:1-4)

On this feast day, ask God to help you see and recognize the "angels" God may be sending your way, especially in moments when faith may be tested. May God also help you to know when you are called to be an "angel" to others in need!

## GUARDIAN ANGELS, October 2

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

Both the Old and New Testament 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 a loving providence God reaches into human life to guard, protect and lead us on our way to salvation.

'In the presence of the angels,  
I will sing to you, my God.'

## BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY... Henri Nouwen BAPTISM, THE WAY TO COMMUNITY

Baptism is more than a way to spiritual freedom. It is also the way to community. Baptizing a person, whether child or adult, is receiving that person into the community of faith. Those who are reborn from above through baptism, and are called to live the life of sons and daughters of God, belong together as members of one spiritual family, the living body of Christ. When we baptize people, we welcome them into this family of God and offer them guidance, support, and formation as they grow to the full maturity of the Christ-like life.

## ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

**COME CELEBRATE!** Next weekend is our St. Francis Celebration! Bring a pet and a friend, on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 1 p.m., for Blessing of the Animals. On Sunday, Oct. 5, at 4 p.m., Holy Mass and Blessing of our newly renovated church. A celebration dinner will follow at 5 p.m.. ALL are invited to attend. Prime Bishop of the PNCC will attend, extending his blessings to St. Francis Church.

**LAST MINUTE DETAILS:** We need your help in participation and involvement in helping make this celebration a success! Thank you All for your good stewardship!

**A NEW WINDOW:** Please note that our once hidden stain-glass window has been restored and now shines brightly above the altar, with the gleam of the Cross and Crown!

**OUR STEPS...ARE NOW COMPLETE!** Three new sets of stairs are now complete to our church, the hall and rectory. The railings were added and finished this week.

**PIEROGIES FOR SALE!** Always a great addition to any meal...Homemade, delicious and easy to cook... \$5 for a dozen. Our 'special' fundraiser!

## ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ...

### Helen Steiner Rice - BRIGHTEN LIVES

Do not sit and idly wish for wider, new dimensions where you can put in practice all your good intentions, but at the spot God placed you, begin at once to do little things to brighten up the lives surrounding you.

"The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day." Proverbs 4:18  
Today concentrate on your God-given talents and use them to help someone!