

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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October 12, 2008 • Twenty-Eighth 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"*

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book page 63

READING I - Isaiah 25:6-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 23, 1-3, 3-4, 5-6

R/: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

R/: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no
evil; for you are at my side. With your rod and your staff that give me courage.

R/: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R/: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Only the goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life.
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.

R/: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

READING II - Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

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

GOSPEL - Matthew 22:1-4 (short form)

A reading from the holy gospel according to St. Matthew

Jesus began to address the chief priests and elders of the people, once more using parables. "The reign of God may be likened to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the wedding, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants saying: 'Tell those who were invited, See, I have my dinner prepared! My bullocks and corn-fed cattle are killed; everything is ready. Come to the feast.' Some ignored the invitation and went their way, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, insulted them, and killed them. At this the king grew furious and sent his army to destroy those murderers and burn their city. Then he said to his servants: 'The banquet is ready, but those who were invited were unfit to come. That is why you must go out into the byroads and invite to the wedding anyone you come upon.' The servants then went out into the byroads and rounded up everyone they met, bad as well as good. This filled the wedding hall with banqueters." This is the gospel of the Lord. **R:/ Praise be to you Lord, Jesus Christ.**

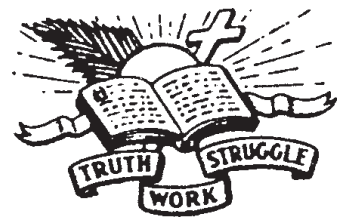
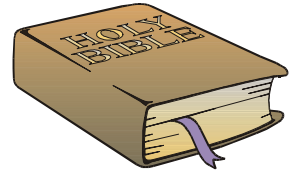
GENERAL CONCESSIONS: **God, Hear Us!**

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Here I Am Lord"*

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COMMUNION - *"Christ Be Our Light"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *"Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"*



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

ST. HEDWIG (1174-1243) October 16

St. Hedwig was born at Andechs, Bavaria, in 1174. She was the daughter of Count Berthold IV of Andechs and married Duke Henry of Silesia in 1186 at the age of twelve. They would have seven children.

A woman of faith and love she provided care for the weak and elderly, lepers and those in prison, travelers and the sick. Her generosity built hospitals and monasteries throughout her land, including the Cistercian monastery for nuns at Trebnitz. She intervened to make peace between her warring sons, Henry and Conrad, who were quarreling over land and power. With a mother's care she embraced the needs of all her people.

After her husband's death in 1238, she entered the monastery of Trebnitz and died there on October 15, 1243. Many miracles were attributed to her intercession.

'God, giver of all gifts,
make us generous to those in need.'

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen DEEPENING THE PASSAGE OF BAPTISM

In and through the celebration of the Eucharist, Jesus' death and resurrection become a reality for us here and now. As we eat and drink from the Body and Blood of Christ, our mortal bodies become united with the risen Christ. Thus, our deaths, like Jesus' death, mean not destruction but passage to new life.

In this way the Eucharist deepens and strengthens in us the passage that we first made through baptism. The Eucharist is the sacrament that allows us to appropriate fully our baptismal grace.

A SPECIAL PRAYER TO MARY...

Mary, help me to sing of joy to God for what he does in my life. Whether they be great or small, easy or difficult, may I always see the workings of God and acknowledge them with heartfelt joy. Most of all help me to find some joy and meaning in the sorrowful occasions that are also teachings from God. Amen.

The month of October is also dedicated to the Blessed Mother, by the Church. Let's be mindful and reflective in the teachings of the Holy Rosary. Take time to say a 'Hail Mary' or the Rosary. The Rosary is a summary of the Christian faith and has enabled Christians to approach Jesus with Mary who "kept all these things in mind, treasuring them in her heart."

'O God, by the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you filled the world with joy. Grant, that meditating on the mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise through Christ Our Lord.'

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS

Helen Steiner Rice

WITH THE HELP OF GOD

Only with the help of God can we meet the vast unknown...even the strongest of us cannot do the job alone!

"Hasten, O God, to save me, O Lord, come quickly to help me." Psalm 70:1

Today flex your spiritual muscles. Warm up, tone, and exercise your values and ideals!

ST. FRANCIS NOTES...

SUCCESS! Our St. Francis Celebration, this past weekend was a great success! On Saturday, Oct. 4th, Blessing of the Animals - a "packed house" of pets and their owners. Our 'Renovation Mass and Dinner, on Sunday, was another grand addition to our successfulness. The church was full beyond our doors and the dinner was delicious in every way! With dinner donations and raffle monies, we cleared over \$3,000. Hooray!!!

THANK YOU TO ALL! We thank Fr. Andrew and Monika for all their hard work and faith. In addition we thank all our Parishioners, for all the things known and those things unknown to us. God Bless You All!

TO OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS...of St. Francis, "thank you"! For your support, donations and help through all our years! Our peace and prayers continue...as our faith's journey continues...

COLUMBUS DAY!

Monday, October 13th, commemorates the discovery of America, by Christopher Columbus (October 12, 1492). God Bless America!