

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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November 23, 2008 • Christ the King Sunday

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 - Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 23, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6

R/: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose.

R/: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

R/: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

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

Only 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/: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

READING II - I Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Priest or Cantor: Alleluia R./ Alleluia. Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. R./ Alleluia.

GOSPEL - Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the holy gospel according to St. Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son, of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels of heaven, he will sit upon his royal throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. Then he will separate them into two groups, as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. The sheep he will place on his right hand, the goats on his left. The king will say to those on his right: 'Come. You have my Father's blessing! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and You gave me drink I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me, in prison and you came to visit me.' Then the just will ask him: 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you or see you thirsty and give you drink? When did we welcome you away from home or clothe you in your nakedness? When did we visit you when you were ill or in prison?' The king will answer them: 'I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.'

"Then he will say to those on his left: 'Out of my sight, you condemned, into that everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels! I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink. I was away from home and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing. I was ill and in prison and you did not come to comfort me.' Then they in turn will ask: 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or away from home or naked or ill or in prison and not attend you in your needs?' He will answer them: 'I assure you, as often as you neglected to do it to one of these least ones, you neglected to do it to me.' These will go off to eternal punishment and the just to eternal life."

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

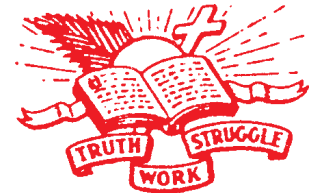
GENERAL CONCESSIONS: God, Hear Us!

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Be Not Afraid"

OUR FATHER - page 95

COMMUNION - "On Eagle's Wings"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Prayer of St. Francis"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

ST. CLEMENT (d.100) November 23

ST. CLEMENT was the third successor of St. Peter as the Bishop of Rome, and succeeded Pope Cletus in 91. Little is known of his life except that he knew Sts. Peter and Paul. He was exiled to the Crimea by Emperor Trajan, condemned to death and martyred for his faith about the year 100. Representing the Church of Rome, Clement wrote a famous letter to the Corinthians concerning the schism that had arisen in Corinth. In the letter, he urged the Corinthians to unity and peace.

We pray. Lord, that you be our helper and protector.

Deliver those of us in distress; raise up the fallen, turn your face to the needy, heal the sick, bring back the erring, feed the hungry, ransom our prisoners, help the weak to their feet, comfort the faint-hearted.

Let all nations know you are God alone, and Jesus Christ is your Son.

Show them that we too are your people and the sheep of your flock. + Epistle to the Corinthians +

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY... Henri Nouwen WAITING FOR CHRIST TO COME

If we do not wait patiently in expectation for God's coming in glory, we start wandering around, going from one little sensation to another. Our lives get stuffed with newspaper items, television stories, and gossip. Then our minds lose the discipline of discerning between what leads us closer to God and what doesn't, and our hearts lose their spiritual sensitivity.

Without waiting for the second coming of Christ, we will stagnate and become tempted to indulge in whatever gives us a moment of pleasure. When Paul asks us to wake from sleep, he says, "Let us live decently, as in the light of day; with no orgies or drunkenness, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ, and stop worrying about how your disordered natural inclinations may be fulfilled" (Romans 13:13-14). When we have the Lord to look forward to, we can already experience him in the waiting.

HIS WORDS ... COMFORT

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." –Matthew 11:28

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...

Helen Steiner Rice THE GREATNESS OF GOD

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof" it speaks of His greatness, it sings of His love.

"The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it."

–Psalm 89:11

Today reflect on the greatness of our Creator as you listen to the earth's melody!



ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

EAST MEADOW INTER-FAITH THANKSGIVING will be held TONIGHT! Sunday, November 23rd, at 8 p.m., at the Community Reform Temple, 712 The Plain Rd., Westbury. Please join the East Meadow community for this service ... We hope to see you!

OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER is almost here! Sunday, December 7th, 3 p.m.. Come help us make this another successful fundraiser for our church. Please ask how you can help. Invite your family and friends to join us for a great meal, family fun and raffles and even a visit from St. Nick!

Pierogies ... dozens and dozens ... Our sincere thanks to all who helped in making pierogies this past Friday and Sunday. They will be used for our dinner. Plus we offer one dozen for \$5.00. Now that's a bargain!

ADVENT SEASON, starts next week ...Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!

PRAYER FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED, conclude this month. You are welcomed to submit any names of your faithful departed to be remembered during Mass...before Mass to Fr. Andrew...our prayers continue ...

ADOPT-A-FAMILY...This year we are adopting a family. If you can't make a dinner, why not send a contribution to help make our Adopted Family's holiday brighter? Thank you!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! November 27th, Thursday, Our day of thanks and feasting, commemorating the Pilgrims' celebration of a good harvest of 1621. Rejoice! Count your Blessings! Be glad and pass the gravy, please! Thanksgiving Blessings to All!


Happy
Thanksgiving



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PRAYER

Health Needs of: Annette Erhardt, Christina Zic, Irene Janusewski, Rachel Kompa, Miriam Perez, Iris Cafran, Madison Crowder, Danny Rush, Meredith Family, James Galvis, Eleanor Baumler, Vickie Torel, Grace Ambrosia, Brian Fox, Elena Accomando, Melissa Polanco, Jimmy Capuano, Jeanne Racioppi, Jennifer Lanzaro, Michael R. Anzelone, Antonia DiFino, Gina Maietta-Krafinski, Thomas A. Marinello, Shannon Gleason, Gregory Klein, June Zatovich, Vicki Capuano Helen Szarek, Harrison Price, George Petri & for all those who care for the sick and disabled.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS • THANKS • REQUESTS

Lectors: JONI BLENN, TOM KOMPA and CHERYL HAASE
10:00 AM - "Breakfast/Social Hour"...each Sunday, please join us in the Hall downstairs! All Invited!

New Parishioners - Welcome New Parishioners. All new and prospective parishioners are invited to St. Francis Hall for coffee and doughnuts after the 9:00 am Mass. Come and learn more about the St. Francis community. Current parishioners are encouraged to attend and make our new members feel welcome.

Baptism - Sunday at 9:00 am Holy Mass - Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Confession - It is important to maintain this sacrament in preparing ourselves to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Confession will be held the first Sunday of each month immediately before 9:00 am mass. Use page 39 of the red hymn book, **Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral CHORAL MASS HYMNS FOR THE CHURCH YEAR**. If you can get to church a bit early and review pages 1-7 of tan & yellow **The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**. Private Confessions will be held as requested. Contact Fr. Andrew.

Hall Rentals - Our Hall rentals add a great financial support to our parish. Please support, promote and encourage our hall rentals. If you know of someone in need of a hall, keep St. Francis Hall in mind. A great space for parties or meetings; dates are available and reasonable in price! Call (516) 794-5189.

Marriage - Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to wedding.

Sick Visit and Anointing of The Sick- Please note that Fr. Andrew is available for these calls. Remember this opportunity is not only for parishioners of St. Francis, but for anyone seeking a priest! Call Fr. Andrew at the rectory 516-794-5189.

Welcome to Our Visitors - We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please introduce yourself to the Pastor, Rev. Andrew Koterba after Mass. Please remember that you are always welcome to join us in worship at St. Francis Parish.

Health need requests or requiem intentions - call Joni at 516-783-8863 (leave message) or e-mail her at joancapuano@aol.com or call Fr. Andrew.

Parish Dues - We are accepting dues for 2008 and updating the membership booklets. Parish dues are \$50 for an individual & \$100 per family. New parishioners are always welcome.

PARISH HALL CALENDAR

Mondays (4:00-8:15 pm) Williams Dance Studio (Sept. - May)

Tuesdays (6-9 pm) Mike Pekor's Tai Chi

Thursdays (4:30-9:30 pm) Williams Dance Studio (Sept.-May)



Bernie Price (November 1)
Tony Kuzniewski (November 5)
Cheryl Haase (November 7)
Iris Cafran (November 8)
Joshua Tobon (November 9)
Joni Blenn (November 18)
Linda Frysztacki (Nov. 28)
Fr. Andrew (November 29)
May Our Lord Bless You



Please Mark Your Calendar:

Sunday - 3 pm
December 7, 2008
Christmas Dinner
Fundraiser

F.Y.I.

Sunday Collection 11/16/08 = \$95.00

AS ALWAYS, PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS
AS YOUR MEANS WILL ALLOW.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

O, God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work,
help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a warm home,
help me to remember the homeless,
When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer;
And remembering, help me
to destroy my complacency
and bestir my compassion.
Make me concerned enough
to help, by word and deed,
those who cry out
for what we take for granted.
—Samuel F. Pugh

*"For I was hungry and you gave Me food,
I was thirsty and you gave Me drink.
I was a stranger and you welcomed Me"*
- Matthew 25:35