

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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November 2, 2008 • All Souls Day

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 -

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

PSALM 23 *"Shepherd Me, O God"*

**R/: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

R/: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your Name.

R/: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

R/: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

READING II -

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

GOSPEL -

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

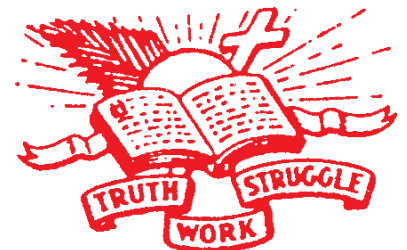
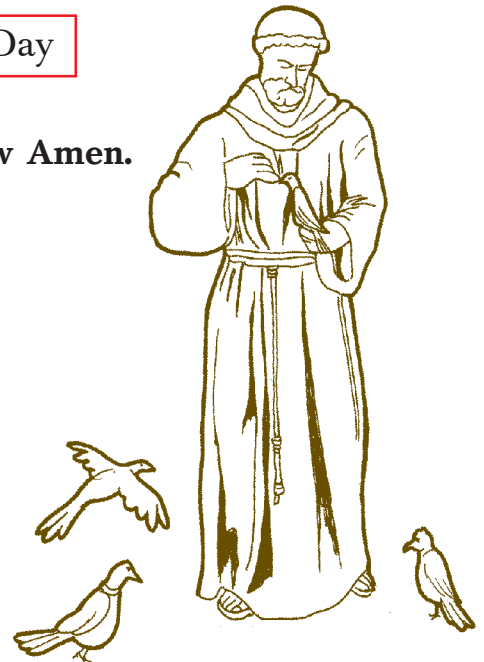
GENERAL CONCESSIONS: **God, Hear Us!**

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

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COMMUNION - *"Just As I Am"* & *"We Gather Together"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *"Prayer of St. Francis"*



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

ALL SAINTS...November 1

THIS FEAST which has its beginnings in the Christian churches of the fifth and sixth centuries celebrates all those saints, canonized or not, who enjoy the happiness of the kingdom of heaven. Our relatives and friends, multitudes unknown "which no one can number from all tribes and peoples and tongues," stand before God's throne in joyful praise. They are remembered this day. God's amazing grace has brought them home.

And we are united to them. The ancient creeds proclaimed a communion of saints, a bond between the Church on earth and those in heaven, a sharing of love and grace. Because of that union the saints inspire those below to follow in their steps; their prayers rise up for us. They remind us of the joy that awaits us and our call to join them as children in our Father's house.

"Now that they are welcomed in their own country and at home with the Lord, through him, with him and in him, they intercede unceasingly with the Father in our behalf. Their care is the greatest help to our weakness." (Pope Paul VI)

The feast of All Saints turns our eyes to that "great cloud of witnesses" who are with God, yet still with us. We share in their love and are inspired by their example. They attract us to journey to the Kingdom of God. For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest! Alleluia, alleluia!

ALL SOULS ... November 2

THE EARLY Christians, like their pagan ancestors, remembered their dead on certain days of the year. The present date for our yearly commemoration of the dead was established in the tenth century. We remember the dead prayerfully so that God will "strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in Christ's resurrection."

Lord God, Maker of all,
Master of life and death,
Guard and gift of our souls, receive those who go before us on the pilgrimage of death;
in due time receive us too when our days are done.
May we come,
not troubled by fear,
not clinging to this world,
not turning from your welcome,
but drawn to our life in heaven,
blessed and everlasting in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
+ St. Gregory Nazianzen +

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen WHO ARE THE POOR?

The poor are the center of the Church. But who are the poor? At first we might think of people who are not like us: people who live in slums, people who go to soup kitchens, people who sleep on the streets, people in prisons, mental hospitals, and nursing homes. But the poor can be very close. They can be in our own families, churches, or workplaces. Even closer, the poor can be ourselves, who feel unloved, rejected, ignored, or abused.

It is precisely when we see and experience poverty - whether far away, close by, or in our own hearts - that we need to become the Church; that is, hold hands as brothers and sisters, confess our own brokenness and need, forgive one another, heal one another's wounds, and gather around the table of Jesus for the breaking of the bread. Thus, as the poor we recognize Jesus, who became poor for us.

HIS WORDS...ETERNAL LIFE

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." - John 3:16

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice HIS GREATNESS

Whatever we ask for falls short of God's giving, for His greatness exceeds every facet of living.

"Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom." - Psalm 145:3

Today be liberal in your praise of and your gratitude to God. The degree of His generosity is beyond compare and the scope of His giving is unfathomable!

ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

ELECTION DAY! Tuesday, November 4th is Election Day' Don't forget to vote!

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED. The Church sets aside the month of November to remind you to pray for your faithfully departed. Please submit any names of loved ones for a +Requiem Remembrance+ to Fr. Andrew. They will be remembered in Masses during the month of November.

INTER-FAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held on Sunday, Nov. 23rd, at 8 p.m., at Community Reform Temple, 712 The Plain Rd., Westbury. This annual East Meadow Service invites the entire community to attend. Please contact Fr. Andrew for further information or call 333-1839