

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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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 - Wisdom 6, 12-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R/: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R/: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory. For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

R/: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hand, I will call upon your name.

As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,

And with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

R/: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

I will remember you upon my couch, And through the night-watches I will meditate on you; You are my help, And in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

R/: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

READING II - Thessalonians 4, 13-18

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

GOSPEL - Matthew 25, 1-13

A reading from the holy gospel according to St. John

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The reign of God can be likened to ten bridesmaids who took their torches and went out to welcome the groom. Five of them were foolish, while the other five were sensible. The foolish ones, in taking their torches, brought no oil along, but the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their torches. The groom delayed his coming, so they all began to nod, then to fall asleep. At midnight someone shouted, 'The groom is here! Come out and greet him!' At the outcry all the virgins woke up and got their torches ready. The foolish ones said to the sensible, 'Give us some of your oil. Our torches are going out.' But the sensible ones replied, 'No, there may not be enough for you, and us. You had better go to the dealers and buy yourselves some.'" While they went off to buy it the groom arrived, and the ones who were ready went in to the wedding with him. Then the door was barred. Later the other bridesmaids came back. 'Master, master!' they cried. 'Open the door for us.' But he answered, 'I tell you, I do not know you.' The moral is: keep your eyes open, for you know not the day or the hour."

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

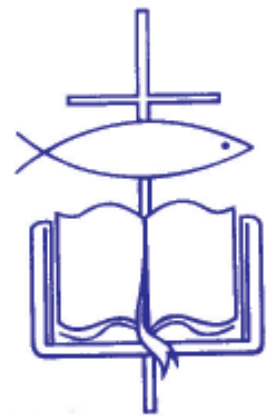
GENERAL CONCESSIONS: **God, Hear Us!**

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Be Not Afraid"*

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COMMUNION - *"On Eagle's Wings"*

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



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN LATERAN, November 9

THE EMPEROR CONSTANTINE, after ending three centuries of Church persecution, gave the Lateran Palace in Rome for use as a church in 324. The church was named for St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. An early inscription describes this church as "the mother and head of all churches," because here the Christians of Rome were baptized. The Popes resided next to this church until the fourteenth century when they moved their residence to the Vatican.

The Catholic Church has always revered its churches as places of God's grace. Its people, "living stones," "temples of God," gather for worship there. God's word is proclaimed, his sacraments are celebrated within the church walls. As we celebrate the dedication of certain churches, we recall the holiness of every church as a house of prayer where God's love is at work preparing a family for the heavenly city of Jerusalem.

O God, we praise you in your temple.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen THE SAINTS WHO LIVE SHORT LIVES

As we see so many people die at a young age, through wars, starvation, AIDS, street violence, and physical and emotional neglect, we often wonder the value of their short lives. It seems that their journeys have been cut off before they could reach any of their goals, realize any of their dreams, or accomplish any of their tasks. But, short as their lives may have been, they belong to that immense communion of saints, from all times and all places, who stand around the throne of the Lamb dressed in white robes proclaiming the victory of the crucified Christ (see Revelation 7:9).

The story of the innocent children murdered by King Herod in his attempt to destroy Jesus (see Matthew 2:13-18), reminds us that saintliness is not just for those who lived long and hard-working lives. These children,

and many others who died young, are as much witnesses to Jesus as those who accomplished heroic deeds.

HIS WORDS...ETERNAL LIFE

"In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." —John 14:2-3

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice PRAYERS OF PRAISE

Prayers are not meant for obtaining what we selfishly wish to acquire, for God in His wisdom refuses the things that we wrongly desire.

"I remember your ancient laws, O Lord, and I find comfort in them." Psalm 119:52

Today infuse your prayers with praise and thanksgiving to God!

ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

VETERANS DAY! Tuesday, November 11. This day we honor all veterans of the armed forces. God Bless America!

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED. The Church sets aside this 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.

INTER-FAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held on Sunday, November 23rd at 8 p.m. at the Community Reform Temple, 712 The Plain Rd., Westbury. This annual East Meadow Service invites the entire community to attend. Contact Fr. Andrew for additional information. We hope to see you!

Bury Me With Soldiers (Author Unknown)

*I've played a lot of roles in life; I've met a lot of men, I've done a lot of things I'd like to think I wouldn't do again.
And though I'm young, I'm old enough to know someday I'll die.
And to think about what lies beyond, beside whom I would lie. Perhaps it doesn't matter much; still, if I had my choice,
I'd want a grave amongst Soldiers — when at last death quells my voice
I'm sick of the hypocrisy, of lectures of the wise.
I'll take the man, with all the flaws, who goes, though scared, and dies.
The troops I knew were commonplace, they didn't want the war;
They fought because their fathers, and their fathers, had before.
They cursed and killed and wept...God knows they're easy to deride...
But bury me with men like these; they faced the guns and died. It's funny when you think of it, the way we got along.
We'd come from different worlds to live in one where no one belongs.
I didn't even like them all; I'm sure they'd all agree. Yet I would give my life for them. I know some, did for me.
So bury me with soldiers, please, though much maligned they be.
Yes, bury me with soldiers, for I miss their company. We'll not soon see their likes again; we've had our fill of war
But bury me with men like them, till someone else does more.*