



# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Lord, make me a channel of your peace." —St. Francis

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*November 5 2017- Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Mass will be dedicated to all faithfully departed family & friends of St. Francis Parish)*

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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**READING I** - Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

A great King am I, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations. And now, O priests, this commandment is for you: If you do not listen, if you do not lay it to heart, to give glory to my name, says the LORD of hosts, I will send a curse upon you and of your blessing I will make a curse. You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction; you have made void the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts. I, therefore, have made you contemptible and base before all the people, since you do not keep my ways, but show partiality in your decisions. Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us? Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 131:1, 2, 3

**R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.**

O LORD, my heart is not proud, nor are my eyes haughty; I busy not myself with great things, nor with things too sublime for me.

**R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.**

Nay rather, I have stilled and quieted my soul like a weaned child. Like a weaned child on its mother's lap, so is my soul within me.

**R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.**

O Israel, hope in the LORD, both now and forever.

**R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.**

**READING II** - 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13

Brothers and sisters: We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children.

With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us.

You recall, brothers and sisters, our toil

and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

You have but one Father in heaven and one master, the Christ..

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**GOSPEL** - Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.' As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Fairer Lord Jesus"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION HYMN -

"Christ Be Our Light"

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.

+ 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 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

## BLESSINGS ...

'The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings.' —Eric Hoffer

'Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has many - Not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.' —Charles Dickens

'Blessed are those who give without remembering, and who take without forgetting.' —Bernard Meltze

'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' —Acts 20:35

- God loves to get KNEE-MAIL!
- More is accomplished by folding your hands instead of wringing them.

*shared by Louise Kuzniewski*

## ALL SOULS NOVENA

Let us remember those who have gone before us.  
(please print names below or attach another sheet).

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Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...

## PRAYER for the DECEASED

Lord, we beseech you, free the souls of your departed servants from the chains of their sins. They have died for the world, to live for you.

In your immeasurable mercy, Lord, forgive them their sins, which they committed because of their human weakness, we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

May the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

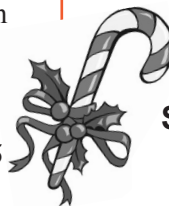
All names submitted will be read at Sunday Masses during the entire month of November.

Donations made for All Souls Novena will be used toward a fund-raiser to buy an outdoor church sign.

You may e-mail Fr. Andrew your names and mail your donation to: St. Francis Catholic Church PNCC  
1752 Harton Avenue, East Meadow NY 11554.

Or use the supplied form at the back of the church.

*Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*



## 2017 ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> - 3:00 p.m.**  
**CHRISTMAS/ST. NICHOLAS  
FUND-RAISER DINNER**

Always a great day! Lots of delicious food and, of course, a visit from St. Nick with gifts for all the children. Please ask how you can help.

***Monetary donations are always welcomed.***