



ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2018

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN - "Hymn of Faith"

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book pg. 63

READING I - Jon 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed," when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

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Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice and teaches the humble his way.

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READING II - 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent and believe in the Gospel.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - Gospel Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS - "God, Hear Us"

OFFERTORY HYMN - "O Lord I Am Not Worthy"

COMMUNION HYMNS - "Holy, Holy, Holy"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -

"I Come to the Garden Alone"

ST. TIMOTHY AND ST. TITUS, First Century

Their feast day is January 26th. St. Timothy and St. Titus were co-workers of St. Paul in spreading the Gospel to the Gentile world. As he is described in Paul letters, Timothy was young and timid by nature. He was born in Lystra, Asia Minor. His father was Greek; his mother, Eunice, was a devout Jew who instilled in her son a warm, vibrant faith nourished in the Scriptures. Timothy was converted to Christianity by Paul about the year 47. Paul had deep affection for the young man and encouraged him to be unswerving in his ministry. Timothy was with Paul on many of his journeys and was imprisoned with him in Rome. Upon his release, he went to Ephesus and was appointed its first bishop. Tradition reports that Timothy was martyred under Emperor Nerva in 97.

St. Titus was converted by Paul and also considered to be one of his closest associates. His solid faith, zeal, and capacity for administration prompted Paul to entrust to him the care of a number of churches in Corinth. Titus was ordained Bishop of Crete by Paul and accompanied him to the Council of Jerusalem. About 65, Paul wrote Titus a letter from Macedonia concerning the spiritual administration of the Christian community of Crete. Reportedly, Titus died at Crete at the age of ninety-three.

*"The Spirit God has given us in no cowardly spirit,
but one that makes us strong, loving and wise."
— 2 Timothy 1*



ST. FRANCIS HALL RENTALS

Yes, our hall rentals add a great financial support to our parish. Please, continue to encourage and promote our hall rentals to others. It's a great space for parties or meetings, clean, reasonably priced and dates are available! Call 516-794-5189!

REMEMBER, PRAY FOR OTHERS

In a prayerful way remember others during the Celebration of Mass. You can obtain Mass Intentions for Joyful Occasions, Requiem, or for Health Needs. This remains another opportunity for prayer and a unique time to invite family and friends to join in special remembrances. Please, contact Fr. Andrew, with your intentions. Thank you and God's care, always!

BLESS OUR HOUSE

There is still opportunity to have your house blessed for the new year. Fr. Andrew, has opened this tradition to the parish and community. It is a short blessing at the entrance of your home and remains an added addition for our spiritual growth. Interested? Contact Fr. Andrew for an appointment. Blessings!

IRS TAX DEDUCTIONS

Tax letters will be out for your St. Francis Charitable Deductions for the tax year 2017. For any information or questions, contact Cheryl Haase.

ST. AGNES (d.304) January 21

Toward the end of his reign, Emperor Diocletian, fearful that Christians were causing the gradual decline of the Roman empire, began a general persecution of the Church in the year 303. For about two years, the Christians of Rome lived in fear.

Agnes, born into a wealthy family, was a beautiful young girl of thirteen. She was brought before the Roman governor by some young men who were incensed by her refusal to marry them. They thought the ordeal of a trial would shake her belief in Jesus Christ and bring her over to their sensual style of life.

At first, the judge tried to coax her to renounce her faith by promises of a luxurious and comfortable life. When Agnes remained firm, he tried to terrify her by showing the instruments of torture she would experience if she did not yield. Agnes was then sent to a house of prostitution. Upon her release, she angered the governor when she bravely defended her vow to give herself only to Christ. As a result, he had her executed by the sword. Christians honored this young, defenseless girl for her invincible faith and celebrated her memory by building a great shrine in Rome over the place she was buried on the Via Nomentana. Her prayer: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. —Ps. 22

