

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace! — St. Francis* 1752 Harton Avenue • East Meadow, NY • (516) 794-5189 StFrancisPNCC.org • Father Andrew Koterba, Pastor

> OS unday, February 17, 2019 OS eptuagesina OS unday

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 - Jeremiah 17:5-8

Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth. Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 1, 1-2, 3-4, 6)

# **R**: Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, Nor walks in the way of sinners, Nor sits in the company of the insolent, But delights in the law of the Lord and meditates on his law day and night.

# R/: Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

He is like a tree planted near running water, That yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves never fade. [Whatever he does, prospers.]

## R/: Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Not so the wicked, not so; they are like chaff which the wind drives away. For the Lord watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked vanishes.

## R/: Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

## READING II - 1 Cor. 15:12, 16-20

Brothers and sisters: If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.



## Priest/Lector: ALLELUIA (3x). R/: ALLELUIA (3x).

Priest/Lector: Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.

# R/: ALLELUIA (3x).

GOSPEL - Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way." This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ. OFFERTORY HYMN - Blessed Assurance" OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95 COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE - "Here I Am Lord" RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Center of My Life



# St. Francis Weekly "faith Renewed"

#### BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY ... Henri Nouwen SEEING THE BEAUTY AND GOODNESS IN FRONT OF US

We don't have to go far to find the treasure we are seeking. There is beauty and goodness right where we are. And only when we can see the beauty and goodness that are close by can we recognize beauty and goodness on our travels far and wide. There are trees and flowers to enjoy, paintings and sculptures to admire; most of all there are people who smile, play, and show kindness and gentleness. They are all around us, to be recognized as free gifts to receive in gratitude.

Our temptation is to collect all the beauty and goodness surrounding us as helpful information we can use for our projects. But then we cannot enjoy it, and we soon find that we need a vacation to restore ourselves. Let's try to see the beauty and goodness in front of us before we go elsewhere to look for it.

#### **WORDS THAT CREATE**

Words, words, words. Our society is full of words; on billboards, on television screens, in newspapers and books. Words whispered, shouted, and sung. Words that move, dance, and change in size and color. Words that say, "Taste me, smell me, eat me, drink me, sleep with me," but most of all, "buy me." With so many words around us, we quickly say, "Well, they're just words." Thus, words have lost much of their power.

Still, the word has the power to create. When God speaks, God says, "Let there be light" (Genesis 1:3), light is,. God speaks light. For God, speaking and creating are the same. It is this creative power of the word we need to reclaim. What we say is very important. When we say, "I love you," and say it from the heart, we can give another person new life, new hope, new courage. When we say, "I hate you," we can destroy another person. Let's watch our words!

#### ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ... Helen Steiner Rice 'LOVE ONE ANOTHER'

"Love one another as I have loved you" may seem impossible to do—but if you will try to trust and believe, great are the joys that you will receive.

'The wise in heart accept commands, but a chattering fool comes to ruin.' —Proverbs 10:8

Today identify the unloved and the unwanted in your community and then reach out to them with a sign of love and concern!

# **STEADFAST LOVE**

by Deborah J. Birdoes

His love is unchanging, Today and tomorrow.' He is with us in our joy As well as our sorrows. He will never leave you. Nor will He forsake you. For He loves us always No matter what we do. His love is unchanging His love is so deep. Hold on to His promises For they are yours to keep. It doesn't matter where you are, Or what you've been through, You have a loving Father Who is always there for you!

The Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. ~Deuteronomy 31:6

On Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. followed by our Annual Parish Meeting. All are welcome to come. We value your thoughts, ideas and any suggestions to help our Parish thrive and grow in God's graces.

Take a moment out and pray...

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Health Needs: Jesus, we ask you to bring peace and your healing touch to those who are ill, afraid or worried. Amen.

Health Needs of: Gregory Klein, Jim Richards, Nancy Foley, Thomas Maloney, Linda Frysztacki, Lorri Russo, Rich Majewski, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Susan Leach, Stella Silva, Michele Feudale, Linda Maloney, Lorraine Avitabile, Blanca Vasquez, Thomas Kompa, Bill Piro, Iris Cafran, Frank Kompa, John Luis Vasquez, Sophia Kyriakakis,
Billy Murphy, Con Boyle, John Blenn, Carla Calabrese, MaryAnn McEvoy, Gary P. Ribis, Rosalie Drenckhahn, James Kostolni, Elena Guigui, Theresa Kasmark, Emma Zaradich, Constance Citrola, Elizabeth Zitzmann, Anne Grusell, Teresa Kay, Sidra Lewis, Toni Panico, Ann Klein-Siebuhr, Nina Dobrowolski, George Heyen, Eileen McChesney, Mickey Gagliano, Jenna Ipplito, Theresa Daquino, Nick Daquino, Ottavia Daquino & for all those who care for the sick and disabled.
Requiem Intentions: Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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