St. Francis Polish National Catholic Church Confirmation of Cheryl Haase, Adam Koterba & Shea McNeill-Peck

Procession

BLESSED IS HE WHO TRUSTS IN GOD ALMIGHTY

Blessed is he who trusts in God almighty. And he who hopes in God's most gracious mercy. He shall acknowledge: God is my protector. In life's dark journey, I shall fear no danger. I shall fear no danger.

Hear what the Lord says: who in truth shall love me, And who shall follow all that I have asked thee, He shall be blessed, and shall find salvation, And dwell forever, safe in my protection. Safe in my protection.

Savior, we heed they wondrous invitation, And we accept the strength of they protection. Lord, in they mercy, keep us safe forever, And in life's journey, Lord, forsake us never. Lord, forsake us never.

Celebration of the Eucharist

HYMN OF FAITH

To Thee we come, O Lord our God, Before Thine altar Father, Thou knowest best our yearning hearts, This supplication answer. Lift up from want thy people, Lord. Bless us O God, O Father bless our toil.

Under Thy Cross we stand prepared, To serve Thee with devotion, Be it with sweat of blood or tears, Or humble resignation. For we Thy people are, O Lord, Save us O God, O Father bless our toil.

Hymn to the Holy Spirit after the Gospel

COME, HOLY GHOST

refer to the THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION booklet (first 2 stanzas only)

Offertory Hymn

IN THY PROTECTION

In Thy protection, Father in Heaven, Lo we Thy children place our life our all. Lord wilt Thou bless us, Save us from temptation, Keep us from danger lest in sin we fall.

Though all be peaceful, though storms beset us, In Thy protection we shall find our rest. Father we pray Thee, Humbly we beseech Thee, Deliver us, Thy children Thou hast blessed.

Communion Hymn

(I MYSELF AM) THE BREAD OF LIFE

Refrain:

I myself am the bread of life. You and I are the bread of life. Taken and blessed, broken and shared by Christ That the world might live.

This bread is spirit, gift of the Maker's love, and we who share it, know that we can be one: a living sign of God in Christ.

Refrain

Here is God's kingdom, given to us as food. This is our body, this is our blood: a living sign of God in Christ.

Refrain

Lives broken open, stories shared aloud, Become a banquet, a shelter for the world: a living sign of God in Christ.

Refrain

That the world might live! That the world might live!

Recessional Hymn

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light. And where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek So much to be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand, To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning, that we are pardoned, In giving of ourselves that we receive, And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Repeat Refrain

Make me a channel of your peace. (3x)

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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.

Mass Book page 63

READING I - Isaiah 11:1-4 (Adam Koterba) A reading from the book of prophet Isaiah

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD— and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

9:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - PS 104

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O lord, my God, you are great indeed! How manifold are your works, O lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all—the earth is full of creatures.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

They all look to you to give them food in due time. When you give it to them, they gather it; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord be glad in his works!

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

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I will sing to the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to God while I live.
Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the lord.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit,

READING II - Acts 1:3-8 (Shea McNeill-Peck)
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my

Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Priest: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest:The Father will send you the Holy spirit, says the Lord, to be with you forever.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL - John 15:18-21, 26-27 (Fr. Andrzej Koterba) A reading from the holy gospel according to John "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me. When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

HOMILY - Rt. Rev. Bernard J. Nowicki

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT - "Come, Holy Ghost"

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - Cheryl Haase

OFFERTORY HYMN - "In Thy Protection"

COMMUNION HYMN - "Bread of Life"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Prayer of St. Francis"

Take a moment out and pray...

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: Beverly Hester, Gregory Klein, Tom Early, Jim Richards, Nancy Foley, Thomas Maloney, Linda Frysztacki, 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, Peter Rapanaro, Sr., Toni Panico, Ann Klein-Siebuhr, Nina Dobrowolski, George Heyen, Eileen McChesney, Mickey Gagliano, Helen de la Sota, Joanne Ippolito, Jeff Curtis, Eddie Money, 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.

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS • THANKS • REQUESTS</u>

Lectors: Joni Blenn, Cheryl Haase & Adam Koterba
Altar Servers: Adam Koterba, Shes McNeil-Peck, Robert Koterba & Jafet Alvarez
10:00 AM - "Breakfast/Social Hour" - Please join us in the Hall downstairs after Mass! All Invited!

New Parishioners - Welcome New Parishioners. All new and prospective parishioners are invited to St. Francis Hall for coffee and doughnuts after the 9:00 am Mass. Come and learn more about the St. Francis community. Current parishioners are encouraged to attend and make our new members feel welcome.

Baptism - Sunday at 9:00 am Holy Mass - Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Confession - It is important to maintain this sacrament in preparing ourselves to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Confession will be held the first Sunday of each month immediately before 9:00 am mass. Use page 39 of the red hymn book, Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral CHORAL MASS HYMNS FOR THE CHURCH YEAR. If you can get to church a bit early and review pages 1-7 of tan & yellow The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Private Confessions will be held as requested. Contact Fr. Andrew at 516-794-5189.

Hall Rentals - Our Hall rentals add great financial support to our Parish. Please support, promote and encourage our hall rentals. If you know of someone in need of a hall, keep St. Francis Parish Hall in mind. A great space for parties or meetings; dates are available and reasonable in price! Call (516) 794-5189.



Lillyan Tobon (August 5th) Henry Zaradich, Sr. (August 23rd) **Marriage - Arrangements** must be made at least six months prior to wedding.

Sick Visit and Anointing of The Sick- Please note that Fr. Andrew is available for these calls. Remember this opportunity is not only for parishioners of St. Francis, but for anyone seeking a priest! Call Fr. Andrew at 516-794-5189 or frandrew@StFrancisPNCC.org.

Welcome to Our Visitors - We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please introduce yourself to the Pastor, Rev. Andrew Koterba after Mass. Please remember that you are always welcome to join us in worship at St. Francis Parish.

Health need requests or requiem intentions - to be placed in bulletin, contact Joni at 516-578-9123 or joancapuano@aol.com or Fr. Andrew at frandrew@St.FrancisPNCC.org or 516-794-5189.

If you have any words of wisdom, a favorite poem, a cute or religious story to share in our Weekly Bulletin, please e-mail Joni at joancapuano@aol.com.

And, don't forget about offering Mass for birthday wishes, health intentions or requiem intentions.

PARISH HALL CALENDAR ZUMBA & JAZZERCISE

see websites for classes in East Meadow

St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"



Congratulations to our Cheryl Haase, Adam Koterba and Shea McNeill-Peck as they are confirmed today. May the Holy Spirit reside within them always.

WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Confirmation is a rite of initiation in Christian churches, carried out through anointing and/or the laying on of hands and prayer for the purpose of bestowing the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Within Christianity, confirmation is seen as the sealing of the covenant made in Holy Baptism. In the Catholic Church, confirmation "renders the bond with the Church more perfect", because a baptized person is already a full member.

Confirmation is a sacrament. Among Catholics who practice teen-aged confirmation, the practice may be perceived, *secondarily*, as a "coming of age" rite.

SINCERE THANKS

- ...to Rt. Rev. Bernard J. Nowicki, Bishop Ordinary, for celebrating with us today on this most joyous occasion of confirmation;
- ...to Joanne and her mom, Carolyn for beautifying our flower beds
- ...to our organist, Joan DelaHunt, whose playing and singing totally enhanced our Confirmation service:
- ...to the Koterba and McNeill-Peck families who generously invited all of us to attend the delicious reception in our beautiful Church Hall;
- ...to Father Andrej and Monika, who do so much around the church that goes both noticed and unnoticed; and
- ...to our Altar Servers (Shea, Adam, Robert Koterba & Jafet Alvarez) and Parish Council Officers (Joni, Cheryl & Anne Klein-Siebuhr) for keeping our humble church running smoothly
- ...to all our Parishioners and loyal Friends (especially Debbie Scillia & John Hanft) who donate time, energy, items and money to keep St. Francis Parish alive and well! Stolot! 1932-2019 - Our 87th!