## St. Francis Polish National Catholic Church

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

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# Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 11, 2019

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 - Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

In those days, the princes said to the king: "Jeremiah ought to be put to death; he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin." King Zedekiah answered: "He is in your power"; for the king could do nothing with them. And so they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah, which was in the quarters of the guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the cistern, only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud.

Ebed-melech, a court official, went there from the palace and said to him: "My lord king, these men have been at fault in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah, casting him into the cistern. He will die of famine on the spot, for there is no more food in the city." Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18

#### R. Lord, come to my aid!

I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me.

#### R. Lord, come to my aid!

The LORD heard my cry. He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp; he set my feet upon a crag; he made firm my steps.

#### R. Lord, come to my aid!

And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and trust in the LORD.

#### R. Lord, come to my aid!

Though I am afflicted and poor, yet the LORD thinks of me. You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, hold not back!

#### R. Lord, come to my aid!

READING II -Hebrews 12:1-4

Brothers and sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

#### GOSPEL - Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Sweet Hour of Prayer" COMMUNION HYMN - "Bread of Life" RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Gather Your People"

# St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

## **Upcoming Confirmation:**

**Sunday, August 25, 2019 • 4 p.m.** Cheryl Haase, Adam Koterba, Shea McNeil-Peck (Note: No 9 a.m. Mass next Sunday, only 4 p.m.)

#### THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY, August 22

Following the feast of Mary's Assumption into heaven on August 15, the feast of her Queenship celebrates her place among the angels and saints as the Queen of heaven and earth. Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eves of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

# HUGS by Dean Walley

Great to see you! - or "Where've you been?" A hug can soothe a small child's pain And bring a rainbow after rain.

The hug! There's just no doubt about it, We scarcely could survive without it. A hug delights and warms and charms, It must be why God gave us arms.

Hugs are great for fathers and mothers, Sweet for sisters, swell for brothers, The chances are some favorite aunts Love them more than potted plants.

Kittens crave them. Puppies love them. Heads of state are not above them. A hug can break the language barrier, And make the dullest day seem merrier.

No need to fret about the store of 'em. The more you give, the more there are of 'em, So stretch those arms without delay And give someone a hug today.

#### **NOTES ON TODAY'S READINGS:**

Words such as "mud", "starvation", "empty cistern", pop out in the First Reading from Jeremiah. These words are followed by the Lucan Gospel where Jesus tells the disciples he came not to bring peace, but division. We've probably all had bad days, some as bad as Jeremiah's! Or it almost seemed so. And just when we think it can't get any worse, it does! In the second reading, Paul calls attention to those who have gone before — A cloud of witnesses — to encourage the disciples to run the race — the marathon — to the finish. He finishes the excerpt from the Bible with the words, "In your struggle against sin you have yet resisted to the point of shedding blood." Isn't that like saying in our time that nasty things are happening, but at least it's not the Inquisition.? No, Paul is referring to Jesus' all-embracing sacrifice and his focus on his Father's will to the end! He encourages his readers to do so.

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, Joan Paczkoski, 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.