

St. Francis Polish National Catholic Church

1752 Harton Avenue • East Meadow, NY 11554 (516) 794-5189 • www.StFrancisPNCC.org • Pastor Andrew Koterba "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." —St. Francis

February 23, 2020 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 - lv 19:1-2, 17-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.

"You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 *R/ The Lord is kind and merciful.*

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

R/*The Lord is kind and merciful.*

He pardons all your iniquities,

heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction,

crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R/ The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

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R/*The Lord is kind and merciful.*

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

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READING 2 - 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.

Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God, for it is written: God catches the wise in their own ruses, and again: The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

So let no one boast about human beings, for everything belongs to you, Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or the present or the future: all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Whoever keeps the word of Christ, the love of God is truly perfected in him. *R*: Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. "You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

GENERAL CONCESSIONS

OFFERTORY HYMN - Holy God, We Praise Thy Name COMMUNION HYMN - Shepherd Me, O God RECESSIONAL - Lead Me, Lord

St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

SEASON OF LENT

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, directly after his baptism, prepared Himself for His public life and mission by a fast of forty days in the desert, which extends from Jericho to the mountains of Judea. Let us prepare ourselves by fast, prayers and works of charity for the solemn Feast of Easter.

ASH WEDNESDAY - February 26th

This day opens the liturgical season of Lent. In Old Law ashes were generally a symbolic expression of grief, mourning or repentance. In the Early Church the use of ashes had a like signification and with a sackcloth formed part of the public penances. The blessing of the ashes is one of the great liturgical rites of the year. It was originally instituted for public pennants, but is now intended for all Christians, as Lent should be a time of penance for all. The ashes used this day are obtained by burning the palms of the previous year. Four ancient prayers are used in blessing them; having sprinkled them with holy water and incensed them, the priest puts them on the foreheads of the faithful with the words; "Remember man, that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shall return."

Ash Wednesday, Mass and Distribution of Ashes will be held on Wednesday, February 26th at 7 p.m.

AN INTERESTING "DID YOU KNOW"

Who decided on the placement of the keys on a typewriter (or a computer keyboard)?

We had to go to the expert on this one. Anthony Casillo, collector and historian of typewriters, informs me that Christopher Latham Sholes, who invented the typewriter in 1868, patented as the Sholes & Glidden Type-Writer, first used the QWERTY arrangement as a result of trying to avoid the type bars clashing at the printing point. At first the keys were arranged alphabetically, but the machine kept jamming. When frequently used combinations of letters were separated mechanically in order to avoid this problem, the end result at the keyboard was QWERTY.

UPCOMING EVENTS ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND Wednesday, February 26th - 7 p.m.

Mass and Distribution of Ashes

Annual Parish Council meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, March 1**st. However, in the case of snow, we will reschedule for **Sunday, March 8**th. Mass on either March 1st or March 8th will be at 11:00 a.m. followed by the meeting.

Sunday, May 24th First Holy Communion of Keith Darbouze

SMILE OF THE DAY

The Pope just finished a tour of the East Coast and was taking a limousine to the airport. Since he'd never driven a limo, he asked the chauffeur if he could drive for a while. The reluctant chauffeur pulled over along the roadside climbed into the back of the limo, and the Pope took the wheel. The Pope then merged onto the highway and accelerated to over 90 mph to see what the limo could do.

Suddenly, the Pope noticed the blue light of the State Patrol in his side mirror so he pulled over. The trooper approached the limo, peered in through the windows, then said, "Just a moment please, I need to call in."

The trooper called in and explained to the chief that he had a very important person pulled over for speeding. "How do I handle this, chief?"asked the trooper. "Is it the Governor?" questioned the chief. "No! This guy is even more important!" "Is it the President?" asked the chief.

"No! Even more important!"

"Well, who the heck is it?" screamed the chief.

"I don't know, sir," replied the trooper, "but he's got the Pope as his chauffeur." *shared by Debbie Scillia*

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*: Debbie Marciano, Beverly Hester, Gregory Klein, Tom Early, Jim Richards, Nancy Foley, Thomas Maloney,

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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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