St. Francis Polish National Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Lent

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.

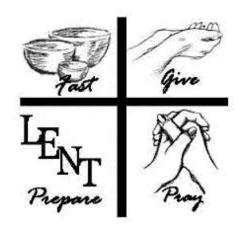
AMAZING GRACE

(Hyms for Lent CD #2)

Amazing Grace!
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first begun.



WE WILL RISE AGAIN

(OCP Music CD #10)

Like a shepherd I will free you; I will gather you with care. I will lead you and hold you, close to my heart.

Refrain:

We will run and not grow weary, for our God will be our strength, and we will fly like the eagle, we will rise again.

I am strength to the weary; to the weak I am new life. Though the young may grow weary, I will be their hope.

Refrain

Lift up your eyes, and see who made the stars. I lead you, and I know you, I call you each by name.

Refrain

Fear not, I am with you; I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you; uphold you in my hand.

Refrain twice

I COME TO THE GARDEN ALONE

(Hymns for Lent CD #6)

I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses, And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice, Is so sweet the birds hush their singing, And the melody that He gave to me, Within my heart is ringing.

Refrain



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March 8, 2020 - Second Sunday in Lent

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus. R/. Na wieki, wiekow.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ. R/. Now and forever. Amen. 9:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram: "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you.

"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you."

Abram went as the LORD directed him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM -

Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

R/Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

R/Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

R/Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

R/Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

READING 2 -Timothy 1:8b-10

Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him.

GOSPEL - Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

GENERAL CONCESSIONS

OFFERTORY HYMN - Amazing Grace

COMMUNION HYMN - We Will Rise Again

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

RECESSIONAL HYMN - I Come to the Garden

ANNOUNCEMENTS • THANKS • REQUESTS

Lectors: Joni Blenn, Cheryl Haase & Adam Koterba

Altar Servers: Adam Koterba, Shea McNeill-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 - 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.

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.

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.

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



MARCH

Adam Koterba (March 8th) Anne Klein-Sie (March 8th) Richie Scillia (March 9th)

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: Debbie Marciano, Beverly Hester, Gregory Klein, Tom Early, Jim Richards, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza,
Matt Pokalsky, Sophia Kyriakakis, Billy Murphy, Toni Panico, Helen de la Sota, Jeff Curtis, Ottavia Daquino, Linda Frysztacki,
Daniella Vasquez, Ann Klein-Siebuhr, Blanca Vasquez, Iris Cafran, John Luis Vasquez, Eileen McChesney, Carla Calabrese,
Janis Siebuhr, Debbie Granaldi & for all those who care for the sick and disabled.
<i>lequiem Intentions:</i> 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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St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"



LENT AND RECONCILIATION

In Lent we renew the life of Baptism. The life Baptism gives us is one of prayer and discipleship in Jesus. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) is sometimes called a "Second Baptism" because it restores and strengthens the life of Baptism. Lent is an excellent time to receive this sacrament. It purifies our prayer and lifts from us any weight of regret or fear. It frees us from old naoits of thinking and behaving. Reconciliation gives one a new heart and allows one to begin a new life in Jesus. its fruit is peace because God has taken away sin of the world. Reconciliation is God's deed. It is God's gift to us!

PRAYER FOR LENT

Jesus Christ, Lord and Redeemer, we who have been baptized into your death hope to be raised to new life in you. Send your Holy Spirit upon us this Lent so that we might have the courage to take up our cross each day, to fulfill our duties with great love and to hope always in your word. May this sacred season strengthen us to live as men and women dead to sin and alive in you. Help us to grow in faith so that we might be witnesses of your love to the world. Amen.

LENT HAS MANY PATHS...

This Season of Lent, remains a time of healing, a time to grow in your faith and renew in your spirit! Fasting, Prayer and works of charity remain. Take time...read the Bible, listen to a hymn, pray the rosary or just one Station of the Cross, meditate, pray from your heart and put goodness into action ...there remains so many paths...

2020 Upcoming Events

Sundays After Mass During Lent
Stations of the Cross
Sunday, April 5 - 9:00 am
Palm Sunday Mass & Procession
Thursday, April 9 - 7:00 pm
Holy Thursday Mass
Friday, April 10 - 7:00 pm
Good Friday Liturgy
Saturday, April 11 - 1:00 pm
Blessing of Easter Baskets
Sunday, April 12 - 9:00 am
Easter Sunday Mass

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen THE BAROMETER OF OUR LIVES

Although the table is a place for intimacy, we all know how easily it can become a place of distance, hostility, and even hatred. Precisely because the table is meant to be an intimate place, it easily becomes the place we experience the absence of intimacy. The table reveals the tensions among us. When husband and wife don't talk to each other, when a child refuses to eat, when brothers and sisters bicker, when there are tense silences, when the table becomes hell, the place we least want to be. The table is the barometer of family and community life. Let's do everything possible to make the table the place to celebrate intimacy.

HIS WORDS - FORGIVENESS

"But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn. and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."—Luke 6:35-38