

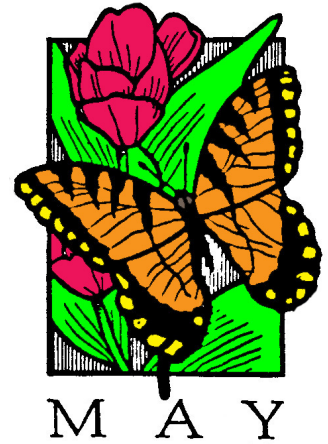
# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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"Lord, make me a instrument of your peace." —St. Francis

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May 17 2020 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter



Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - "*Come Rejoice, Our Lord Is Risen*"

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**READING I** - Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city.

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** -

Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

**R/ Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise. Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

**R/ Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!" Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

**R/ Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

He has changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let us rejoice in him. He rules by his might forever.

**R/ Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me. Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness!

R/ Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

**READING 2** - 1 Peter

3:15-18

Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you

for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame.

For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

Priest or Lector: Alleluia (3x)

**R. Alleluia (3x)**

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

**R. Alleluia (3x)**

**GOSPEL** - John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." This is the gospel of the Lord.

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

OFFERTORY HYMN - "*Blessed Assurance*"

COMMUNION HYMN - "*Hail Mary, Gentle Woman*"

RECESSIONAL - "*Prayer of St. Francis*"

# St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

Take a moment out and pray...

## † † † † † † PRAYERS † † † † † † †

**For the Health & Safety of Our First Responders during the Pandemic:** Lord God, Jesus, our Savior, Mary and all the Saints, please watch over and keep safe those who respond first to our needs, doctors, nurses, EMTs, orderlies and LPNs, as well as those who risk their lives every day to serve us, firemen & women cashiers, truck drivers, delivery personnel, government officials, fast food and restaurant employees, etc. We ask especially for our own at St. Francis Parish, Sandras Darbouze & Lillian Zaradich, RNs; Lillyan Tobon's niece, Jessica Arrubla, NYPD; Linda Frysztacki's daughter-in-law, Karlye Frysztacki and her sisters, RNs.

**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:** All who have the Coronavirus & Debbie Marciano, Beverly Hester, Gregory Klein, Tom Early, Jim Richards, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, 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, Joe Glovack, Carla Calabrese, Janis Siebuhr, Debbie Granaldi & for all those who care for the sick and disabled.

**Requiem Intentions, especially for those who have passed from the coronavirus:**

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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"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness."  
—Mother Theresa

Where there is great love, there are always miracles.  
—Willa Cather

Love is the only flower that grows and blossoms without the aid of the seasons.  
—Kahil Gibran

### BLESSINGS...Charles Swindoll

God is in no hurry. We tend to think that if God is really engaged, He will change things within the next hour or so. Certainly by sundown. Absolutely by the end of the week. But God is not a slave to the human clock. Compared to the works of mankind, He is extremely deliberate and painfully slow. As religious poet George Herbert wisely penned, "God's mill grinds slow, but sure."

"And now, Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in You."  
—Psalm 39:7

### BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY... Henri Nouwen JESUS IS POOR

Jesus, the Blessed One, is poor. The poverty of Jesus is much more than an economic or social poverty. Jesus is poor because he freely chose powerlessness over power, vulnerability over defensiveness, dependency over self-sufficiency. As the great "Song of Christ" so beautifully expresses: "He...did not count equality with God something to be grasped. But he emptied himself...becoming as human beings are" (Philippians 2:6-7). This is the poverty of spirit that Jesus chose to live. Jesus calls us who are blessed as he is to live our lives with that same poverty.

### ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ...

#### Helen Steiner Rice - A WONDERFUL THING

God's love endureth forever - what a wonderful thing to know when the tides of life run against you and your spirit is downcast and low. "For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord."

—Psalm 117:2

Today let God's steadfast love assist you in improving your outlook on life!



Emily Zaradich (May 12<sup>th</sup>)  
John Hanft (May 17<sup>th</sup>)  
Shea McNeil-Peck (May 18<sup>th</sup>)  
John Blenn (May 25<sup>th</sup>)