

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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August 23, 2020 - Twenty-first 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.

8:30 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

Mass Book page 63.

READING I - Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace: "I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM -

Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

R/ Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple.

R/ Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth: When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

R/ Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

R/ Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

READING 2 -

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor? Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid? For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL - Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Just As I Am"

COMMUNION HYMN - "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

RECESSIONAL - "Gather Your People"



TODAY'S MASS INTENTIONS:

Healing Prayers for:

Jay Lasker

injured in Wantagh State Parkway Car Accident

St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

COME WALK WITH ME

Come walk with me down a little lane
And we'll let our spirits soar
Like the birds that fly toward a clear blue sky
And where Nature shall offer us more.

Come walk with me down a little lane
And we'll pick wildflowers there
That grow at god Will near a peaceful hill
When the days are warmer and fair.

Come walk with me down the lane again
Where a little church stand by the way...
Though deserted now, it is till, somehow,
A haven where one may pray.

Come walk with me and angels we'll see
Beckoning from the church door
That they opened wide to invite us inside
Where God's Spirit dwells evermore.

Lou Ella Cullipher

JUST WALK

We cannot travel on the path
We're called upon to walk
Without the One Who leads us on,
With Whom we share and talk
About the joys and woes of life.
Rather that we stay
And simply walk along with Him
To know we're on Right's Way.

Ruthmarie Brooks Silver

OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA, August 26

Saint Luke the Apostle painted this picture of Our Lady with the Child Jesus, on top of a cypress table, which was supposed to have been made by Joseph and Jesus in Nazareth.

The holy picture was taken to Constantinople in 326 by St. Helena, the mother of Constantine the Great, who built a church in honor of the Holy Name of Mary.

The picture remained there and was venerated for about 500 years. In the ninth century a Byzantine Emperor took this picture to Ruthenia. There it remained for another 500 years.

When the Ruthenians inter-married with the Poles and the Tartars invaded Poland, the then Duke of Opole, Ladislaus, fleeing to save the icon, brought it from Belz to Silesia. When the picture arrived at Czestochowa, on August 26, 1382, the horses refused to move. It was a sign from heaven that the Blessed Virgin wanted a church built there.

The Pauline Fathers came from Hungary to Poland to take care of the Holy Picture. The church was built on Jasna Gora ('The Bright Mountain), by Ladislaus, the Duke of Opole. The Hussites damaged the picture in 1430, with a sword, leaving two scars on Mary's right cheek.

In 1655, the Blessed Virgin, performed a miracle on Jasna Gora. The monastery was attacked by the Swedish armies and the church was protected by the Blessed Virgin. This repulsed the enemies. Following this miracle, King John Casimir V, proclaimed Mary Queen of Poland, at Lvov Cathedral. The Shrine of Czestochowa became the symbol of her sovereignty.

Take a moment out and pray...

† † † † † † PRAYERS † † † † † † †

Health Needs: 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, firefighters, cashiers, truck drivers, delivery personnel, government officials, fast food and restaurant employees, etc. 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, Jim Richards, Richard Majewski, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Sophia Kyriakakis, Billy Murphy, Helen de la Sota, Jeff Curtis, Ottavia Daquino, Linda Frysztacki, Daniella Vasquez, Ann Klein-Siebuhr, Blanca Vasquez, Iris Cafran, John Luis Vasquez, Eileen McChesney, Jay Lasker, Joe Glovack, Carla Calabrese, Janis Siebuhr, Debbie Granaldi & for all those who care for the sick and disabled.

Requiem Intentions for faithfully departed:

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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