

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Sunday, April 3, 2022 • Passion Sunday

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 1 - Is 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who
opens a way in the sea and

a path in the mighty waters, who leads out chariots and horsemen, a powerful army, till they lie prostrate together, never to rise, snuffed out and quenched like a wick. Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers. Wild beasts honor me, jackals and ostriches, for I put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland for my chosen people to drink, the people whom I formed for myself, that they might announce my praise.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

*R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

*R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

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Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

*R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

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we are filled with joy.*

READING 2 - Phil 3:8-14

Brothers and sisters: I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

PASSION OF CHRIST - see separate sheet

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Just As I Am"

COMMUNION HYMN -
"Nearer My God to Thee"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -
"I Walk in the Garden Alone"



St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

Take a moment out and pray...

† † † † † † **PRAYERS** † † † † † † †

Health Needs: Lord God, Jesus, our Savior, Mary and all the Saints, 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, Iris Cafran, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Sophia Kyriakakis, Billy Murphy, Helen de la Sota, Ottavia Daquino, Linda Frysztacki, Daniella Vasquez, Bill & Ann Siebuhr, Blanca Vasquez, John Luis Vasquez, Eileen McChesney, Rosemary Rosen, Joe Glovack, Carla Calabrese, Janis Siebuhr, Debbie Granaldi, Louise & Anthony Kuzniewski, Jorge Juan Vasquez, Jim Myers, Fred Frankel, Jessica Arrubla, Debbie Tino, Elena Accomando Capuano, Emily Smith & for all caregivers.

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.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY...

Lent is our season for healing and spiritual renewal... we are asked to prepare ourselves through fasting, prayer and doing works of charity. Please continue on your path and grow and renew your spirit...there remains so many paths to the Lord...

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen THE HEALING TOUCH

Touch, yes, touch, speaks the wordless words of love. We receive so much touch when we are babies and so little when we are adults. Still, in friendship, touch often gives more life than words. A friend's hand stoking our back, a friend's arms resting on our shoulder, a friend's fingers wiping our tears away, a friend's lips kissing our forehead - these bring true consolation. These moments of touch are sacred. They restore, they reconcile, they reassure, they forgive, they heal. Everyone who touched Jesus and everyone whom Jesus touched were healed. God's love and power went out from him (see Luke 6:19). When a friend touches us with free, nonpossessive love, it is God's incarnate love that touches us and God's power that heals.

BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS

Holy Saturday, April 16 at 1 p.m., a beautiful and simple blessing will take place in the blessing of Easter food baskets. We invite YOU to attend, please invite family and friends to attend this unique and special service.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

If possible, put a little extra donation in the collection for flowers to adorn our altar for this Easter season!

Important Upcoming Dates

Sunday, April 3 9:00 a.m. **Passion Sunday**

Sunday, April 10, 9:00 a.m. **Palm Sunday Mass**

Thursday, April 14, 7:00 p.m. **Holy Thursday Mass**

Friday, April 15, 7:00 p.m. **Good Friday Mass**

Saturday, April 16, 1:00 p.m. **Blessing of Easter Baskets**

Sunday, April 17, Easter, 9:00 a.m. **Mass**

Sunday, May 1, 3 p.m. **Spring Dinner Fundraiser**
Think of how you can help

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS - Helen Steiner Rice GOD IS LIFE

Every growing, living thing that you can touch or see at spring is but a message from above to say that God is life and love.

"The earth is filled with love, O Lord; teach me your decrees." —Psalm 119:64

Today respond to God's communication and His deep devotion that repeats itself over and over in the quality of existence observed in the season of spring!

THANKFUL

I am thankful, Lord, for everything—
Each flower that blooms and bird that sings,
That moon above watching at night,
Through my window He shines His light.
A baby's cry, 'tis sweet to hear,
My mother's arms to hold me near,
The stars on high in Heaven's blue —
For all these things, dear Lord, I thank You.

~Zitz Moak Lyles