

Seedlings 🌱 : "Let us resolve that in the face of hatred, we will show love..."

Patriot Day



"A Hymn for the Lost and the Living"
You may listen HERE or at the above link.

*Holy God,
Creator of all people and all nations,
It is with sorrow and apprehension we remember
the tragic events
That occurred on this day.*

*We lift to You in prayer all those who died
In the Twin Towers, at the Pentagon, and on
United Airlines Flight 93*

In Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

***We entrust them to Your loving care.
Console their families, friends, and all who
mourn this loss
In the hope that all who trust in You find peace
and rest in Your Kingdom.***

***We pray for those who courageously responded
to provide aid and comfort to the afflicted.
May their painful memories of that day
Be healed and transformed into strength and
positive resolution.***

***We also pray for ourselves as we seek Your
strength and guidance.
We live in the aftermath of this tragedy and
under the shadow of future acts of aggression;
We stand in need of Your assistance.***

***Enable us, Dear God, to put an end to fear:
By resolving to live lives that are based on
respect for one another;
By resolving to abide in a peaceful manner
and never settle disagreements in our lives in a
violent way;
By resolving not to fall into the trap of blaming
entire ethnic groups, races, or religions
in response to acts of hostility;
By resolving that justice, not revenge, prevail in
our world.***

***Let us resolve that in the face of hatred, we will show love;
That in times of despair, we will be voices of hope
And creators of new dreams;
That in times of darkness, we will be sources of light.***

***Let us resolve that we never regard forgiveness as weakness,
But rather as a source of strength in our lives and in our world.***

***And, let us honor the memory of nearly 3,000 individuals who died on September 11, 2001
By resolving, with Your help Almighty God,
To truly live this way so You may be glorified and Your love made known to others through us.
Amen***

Brother Darrell Burns, S.J.



**O Lord God, we see signs of summer's passing in
golden leaves, shortening days,
misty mornings, autumn glow.
We sense its passing in rain that dampens, winds
that chill, harvest bounty placed on show.
Creator God, who brings forth both green shoot
and frost, sunrise and sunset, we bring our thanks
for seeds that have grown, harvests gathered,
storehouses filled, mouths fed.
And, as your good earth rests through winter's
cold embrace, we look forward to its re-awakening
when kissed by spring's first touch.**



**Final Open Air Worship 2024
in the Church Gardens**

**on the Twentieth Sunday after
Pentecost, October 6th
with the Blessing of Animals**



“Canticle of the Creatures”
Ascribed to St. Francis of Assisi

*Most High, all powerful, good Lord, Yours are the
praises, the glory, the honor, and all blessing.*

To You alone, Most High, do they belong, and no one is worthy to mention Your name.

Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures, especially through my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day; and you give light through him. And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor!

Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

Praise be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven you formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather through which You give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water, which is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom you light the night and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains us and governs us

*and who produces varied fruits with colored
flowers and herbs.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give
pardon for Your love,
and bear infirmity and tribulation.
Blessed are those who endure in peace for by You,
Most High,
they shall be crowned.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister
Bodily Death, from whom no living [person] can
escape...*

*Blessed are those whom death will find in Your
most holy will,
for the second death shall do them no harm.*

*Praise and bless my Lord, and give Him thanks
and serve Him with great humility. Amen*

**Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226
Friday, October 4th, 2024**

Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary."

Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.



Pastor Andrea Valentinova
visits on September 10th





Pastor Andrea Valentinova of Slovakia was welcomed to Sts. Peter and Paul for a visit yesterday by Pastor Dennis and Jane and Cynthia Sajid of St. Peter and St. Paul in Blue Island. Pastor Andrea has served for 20 years as a pastor and also teaches at a Lutheran high school which is supported by the Western District of the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession.

Shown above: Jane Lauritsen, Pastor Andrea and Pastor Dennis near the gardens.

Center: Pastor Andrea and Pastor Dennis with stained-glass depictions of

Daniel Krman, Jan Hus and Svetozár Hurban-Vajanský.

Below: Pastor Dennis explaining a theory of the origin of the saying "Your goose is cooked."

(Clue: "Hus" = "goose" and

Jan Hus was burned at the stake for heresy some 100 years before Martin Luther.)

[The Junkification of American Life](#)

by David Brooks

You may read [HERE](#) or click on the link above.

“Religious man was born to be saved; psychological man is born to be pleased” (Philip Rieff in his 1966 book, *The Triumph of the Therapeutic*).

Outdoor Worship this past August







Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain

the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."



***Lord, give us weak eyes for things of
little worth,
and eyes clear-sighted in all of your
truth.***

This prayer of 19th century Danish pastor, theologian and philosopher Søren Kierkegaard is quoted at the front of his book The Sickness Unto Death which was published in 1849.



Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the sanctuary.



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***For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water...
(Isaiah 35:6b-7a).***

Join us every Sunday at 10:15 a.m.
For continuing live streaming of the
liturgy
please click [HERE](#).

**Recordings of the services are uploaded to the same site for
viewing at a later date.**



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Noon**