

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 18 (Marzec) 2018 (#11)

Reflection for Today

In today's gospel, Jesus makes disturbing statements for anyone trying to build a better life. "Those who love their life lose it and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life." The statement causes concern because it seems to discourage our efforts to live a more enhanced life in this world. But the intent of Jesus is just the opposite; what he is telling us is not discouraging at all. Jesus is not saying we should cease our efforts to improve the quality of our lives. What he asks is that we give up attachment to our present way of life and remain open to change and improvement.

This, of course, isn't easy to do. The older we get, the more comfortable we become with our lifestyles, the more set we become in our ways. We get into routines in hopes of maintain a peaceful and predictable life. We like the security of a predictable income, the comfort of a well-furnished home, and enjoyment of plenty of material possessions.

Made in the image of God, we are given life to pursue a personal destiny of perfecting ourselves in God's likeness. This means that human life is meant to be dynamic, ever in process to higher degrees of awareness and love. The status quo must never be a resting place for us but only a jumping off point to the next step in fulfilling more of our potential.

Pure Hearts

Good and loving God, you have written your law within our hearts. In these final Lenten days, examine our hearts and purge them of all that keeps us from you. Grant us, who were baptized into Christ Jesus, the strength of the Holy Spirit to release our selfish desires and through this dying to self, rise to new life. Grow within our hearts a deep desire to live in union with you and aid our journey as we follow your will. Give us pure hearts that remain obedient to your promises so that, filled with the grace of your covenant, we may imitate your Son and proclaim your goodness throughout the earth. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Schedule of Masses

Monday - March 19—*Feast of St. Joseph*

9:00 am (Polish)

**+Za zmarlych z rodziny Prusakiewicz,
Tadyszak I Szczepaniak** (W.R. Prusakiewicz)

Tuesday – March 20- No Mass

Wednesday – March 21

6:30 pm *Droga Krzyzowa/Stations of the Cross*

7:00 pm **+Helen Smaglinskie** (Estate)

Thursday – March 22

9:00 am **+Alex Trebinskie**

(Anthony & Patricia Dombroskie)

Friday – March 23

3:00 pm *Chaplet to Divine Mercy*

6:30 pm *Stations of the Cross*

7:00 pm **+Geraldine Lorbetskie** (Theresa Shulist)

Saturday - March 24

5:00 pm **+Elsie Brotton** (Julia & Silas Lorbetskie)

Sunday - March 25 – Palm Sunday

8:00 am **For all of our Parishioners**

10:00 am **O szczeniwa operacje Zofii Beben**
(Bogumila, Bronislaw Komonski)

In your prayers remember:

- * Our sick and hospitalized
- * Our elderly parishioners.
- * All those at the manor, lodge and homebound.
- * Our deceased friends & relatives



Thought for this Week

True charity consists in doing good to those who do us evil, and in thus winning them over.

- St. Alphonsus Liguori



Ministry Assignments Next Sunday

	<i>Sat, Mar 24 5:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Sun, Mar 25 8:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sun, Mar 25 10:00 a.m.</i>
Rosary	Rita Coulas	Drenda Lapenskie	Anna Burdzinski
Altar Servers		John Platt	Emilia Sadecki Janisa Visutskie
Lector	Sylvester Prince	Edwin Echavarry	Andrzej Suska
E.M.	Sylvester Prince	Ray Smaglinski	Gerard Blank
Ushers	Stanley Golka Justin Recoskie Carl Lorbetkie Michael Brotton	Jerome Kuiack Ray Kutchkoskie Patrick Kutchkoskie Chris Kutchkoskie	Brian Kuiack Gerard Blank Andrew Shulist Zbigniew Mroz
Altar Committee	Mar 23rd to Mar 30th - Audrey Y. & Drenda L.		



Announcements

Penitential Services for Easter:

St. Lawrence O'Toole	Sun, Mar 18 at 3 pm
St. Casimir's	Tues, Mar 20 at 7 pm
St. Andrew's	Wed, Mar 21 at 3 pm & 7 pm
St. Hedwig's	Fri, Mar 23 at 3:30 pm
St. Mary's	Sun, Mar 25 at 3 pm

Wilno Heritage Society invites you to a special guest speaker event on **Sun, Mar 18th at 2 pm** in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Wilno. Grzegorz Schramke will have a 1 hour presentation followed by an open forum. Presented in English. Everyone welcome!

Bishop Mulhall will preside at the celebration of the **Chrism Mass** to be held on **Tues, Mar 27th at 10:30 am** at St. Columbkille Cathedral, Pembroke.

This Sunday there is a special collection for Lenten Mission and Development.

We will collect **non-perishable food** items in the Lenten time to help provide people in need as our almsgiving. Please leave your items in the box provided at the front of the church. Items will be delivered to Madawaska Valley Food Bank on **Wed, March 28th**.

Volunteers are needed to prepare the church for the Easter Season on **Wed., Mar 28th at 10:00 am**. Please come and help, if you can.

Please attend our **Lenten Season devotions**: Stations

of the Cross (Polish) on Wednesday 6:30 pm followed by the Mass (in Polish), and Stations of the Cross on Friday (English) at 6:30 pm followed by the Mass (in English).

Ecumenical Way of the Cross through the streets of Pembroke will be held on **Good Friday, Mar 30th** beginning at **11:30 am** at Metro, 425 Pembroke St. E. Voluntary donations for the poor will be accepted. For more information contact 613-732-7933 ext 206.

Polish Priests Conference for Eastern Canada is organizing a **Pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Sanctuary in Wilno, Kaszuby, on Sat, April 7, 2018** in the occasion of Divine Mercy Feast Day. Solemn Mass will be celebrated and the homily will be preached in Polish by **Bishop Tadeusz Bronakowski from Lomza**. The schedule is as follows:

11:00 am—Rosary
11:30 am—Solemn Mass
3:00 pm—Chapelet to the Divine Mercy.
All are welcome.

On **Mon, Mar 19th**, the church observes the **Solemnity of St. Joseph**, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and guardian of Jesus Christ. We invite parishioners to attend **Mass at 9:00 am** to honor this man of great faith and love, who dedicated his life for God's glory.

*St. Joseph-patron saint of Canada and of families,
pray for us.*