

Reflection for Today

We begin a new liturgical year on this first Sunday of Advent with a call from the Scriptures that we commit ourselves to live righteously. The prophet Jeremiah foresees the coming of the Messiah who will “execute justice and righteousness in the land.” It is righteousness that will allow Jerusalem to “dwell securely,” and “The Lord is our righteousness” will be its new name. Paul exhorts the Thessalonians that they be “unblameable in holiness” by living according to the instructions that he left them. Luke presents Jesus forecasting ominous signs that will preface the coming of redemption, and warning his followers not to be “weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the cares of this life.”

The theme is clear enough, but what exactly is “righteous living”? In the first place, righteous living is not to be confused with the self-righteousness that Jesus found so deplorable in the attitudes of many of the Pharisees. This kind of righteousness is characterized by an intellectual smugness and hardness of heart that is closed to spiritual growth. No, righteous living can be defined simply as *doing what is right*. Righteous living is behaving in a way that we know is right.

Our society is staggering under confusions about right or wrong. If we are dedicated to living as true disciples of Christ, we will now what is “right.” Love has a remarkable talent for clearing up confusion. If we commit ourselves to live lovingly, we will do what is right whatever the situation or circumstances.

Beloved God, teach me how to “pray in the Spirit at all times,” not just for my needs but because I love you, praise you, and thank you. Help me to take away from my parish community all that it teaches me in its “school of prayer”, especially the Eucharist, my meeting time with Christ. May my prayer be ardent and genuine, and may I remember to pray daily. Amen.

Schedule of Masses

Monday, December 3 (Polish) - St. Francis Xavier

9:00 am za +Stanisława Warchulskiego

Tuesday, December 4—St. John Damascene

No Mass

Wednesday, December 5 (Polish/English) -

8:30 am Rosary

9:00 am za + Jozefa i Antoninę Warchulskich

+Mary Borutski (Frank Borutski)

+Eleanor Cybulski (Gary & Sue Rozek)

Thursday, December 6—St. Nicholas

9:00 am +Alfie Prince (Kazimiera & Janusz Ganko)

Friday, December 7 —St. Ambrose

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3 pm to 7 pm

7:00 pm +Paul Shulist (Michael & Debbie Palubskie)

+Aloysius Lorbetskie (Rita Etmanskie)

+Mary Yantha (Genevieve Yantha)

Saturday, December 8—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 pm +Alex Shulist (Jim & Caroline Kearney)

Sunday, December 9 (Polish/English)

—2nd Sunday of Advent

11:00 am For all of our Parishioners

In your prayers remember:



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

Ministry Assignments next Sunday

	<u>Sat, Dec 8—5:00 p.m.</u>	<u>Sun, Dec 9—11:00 a.m.</u>
Rosary	Sylvester Prince	Silas Lorbetskie
		Emilia Sadecki
Altar Servers		Janisa Visutskie
		Aaron Visutskie
Lector	Rita Coulas	Michael Dombroskie /
E.M.	Delmar Recoskie	Jerzy Kozicki
Ushers	Delmar Recoskie	Joanna Ropego
	Andrew Shulist	Stanley Dombroskie
	Chris Kutchkoskie	Michael Brotton
	David Burchat	Arthur Shulist
Altar Committee	Dec 7th—Dec 14th—Virginia Platt & Bernice Bleskie	



Announcements

Parishioners are invited to join us for **Rosary on Wed** at **8:30 am** and **Adoration on Friday** beginning at **3:00 pm**.

Our deepest sympathy to family and friends of **Joe Yaraskavitch**, brother of Tony. May he rest in peace.

On **Mon, Dec 3rd**, starting at **10 am**, we will be installing the new lights in the Church. We need helping hands, not to necessarily climb, but to make this happen. Movable scaffolding has to be built. Please consider helping and giving our church and parishioners an early Christmas present.

Pastoral Council Meeting-**Thurs, Dec 6th at 7:00 pm**

Visitation of the sick will be on **Fri, Dec 7th**. If you wish to be added on the list, contact the office.

The **Rosary Society** would like to thank everyone who helped out with our annual craft sale...set up of tables, preparation of food, contributing to our bake table, Santa's elves, and supporting our vendors. All was very much appreciated.

The **Rosary Society** is donating **one religious calendar per family**, available at the back of the church. Any additional calendars are \$5.00 each. Please place money in envelope located beside the calendars and drop off in collection basket.

Thank you to Wayne's Auto Repair for donating lamp posts for our exterior lights.

We also thanks to **Zdzislaw Jachna, Michael Blank and Zbigniew Mroz** for installing the exterior lights.

Upcoming Events:

St. Andrew's Church, Killaloe-**Turkey & Cash Bingo, Tues, Dec 4th at 7 pm**. Doors open at 6 pm. \$300 jackpot to go.

'Renfrew County Right to Life' will hold its quarterly meeting on **Thurs, Dec 6th at 7 pm** in the Pembroke Giant Tiger Meeting Room. All who share pro-life views are welcome to attend.

St. Andrew's School Council **Christmas Craft Sale, Sat, Dec 8th** from **10-3** in St. Andrew's Church Hall. Anyone wishing to rent a 6-ft table \$15, contact 613-757-3113.

Our Lady of Angels Church, Brudenell invites you to a wonderful family evening of music, singing and treats on **Fri, Dec 14th beginning at 7 pm**. Donation of local charity in lieu of admission.

Our Catholic men are invited to the **Annual Men's Retreat** to be held from **Jan 18-20** at Graphite Bible Camp, near Bancroft. Cost is \$150. Fr. D. May and S. Heroux from Madonna House will be leading the retreat 'The Lord is My Strength and My Song'. See poster at back of church for more information.