

**Reflection for Today**

In his Message for Lent 2019, Pope Francis reminds us that we are invited to embody the paschal mystery more deeply and concretely in our personal, family and social lives, above all by fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

“Fasting, that is, learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation turning away from the temptation to ‘devour’ everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts.”

“Prayer, which teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy.”

“Almsgiving, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us.”

“...Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus’ Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ’s victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation.”

***May your Lenten season be indeed a season of grace.***

**Schedule of Masses**

**Monday, March 11—St. Eulogius**

**10:00 am (Polish)**

**+Anna i Antoni Syty (corka Anna)**

**Tuesday, March 12—No Mass**

**Wednesday, March 13—St. Roderick**

**6:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Polish)**

**7:00 pm (Polish/English)**

**+Shaun Lapenskie (Sally Kuiack)**

**+Geraldine Lorbetskie**

(Morris & Karen Utronki)

**+Peter Murack (Doreen Dombroskie)**

**Thursday, March 14—St. Matilda**

**9:00 am +Anastasia Shulist (Joan Pecarskie)**

**Friday, March 15—St. Louise de Marillac**

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 3:00 pm*

**6:30 pm Stations of the Cross (English)**

**7:00 pm +Elsie Brotton (Catherine Lorbetskie)**

**+Paul Shulist (Shirley Etmanskie)**

**+Michael Ostrowski (Andrew Norlock)**

**Saturday, March 16—St. Herbert**

**5:00 pm +Theresa (Anniv) & Peter Yantha**

(Peter Yantha Jr)

**Sunday, March 17—2nd Sunday of Lent—St. Patrick**

**11:00 am (Polish/English)**

**For all of our parishioners**



***In your prayers remember:***

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

## Ministry Assignments next Sundays

	Sat, Mar 16- 5:00 pm	Sun, Mar 17-11:00 am
<b>Rosary</b>	Sylvester Prince	Anna Burdzinski Emilia Sadecki
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Sylvester Prince	Janisa Visutskie Aaran Visutskie Edwin Echavarry
<b>Lector</b>	Vicky Cybulski-Blank	Bozena Szymkow
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Delmar Recoskie Carl Lorbetskie	Catherine Bloskie Tony Murack
<b>Ushers</b>	Andrew Shulist Delmar Recoskie Chris Kutchkoskie	Zbigniew Szymkow Barbara Blank Henryk Bartul
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sat, Mar 16th to Fri, Mar 22nd—Julie Burchat & Lillian Shulist	



## Announcements

Please attend our Lenten Season devotions: Stations of the Cross (Polish) on Wed at 6:30 pm followed by Mass (Polish/English), and Stations of the Cross on Fri (English) at 6:30 pm followed by Mass (English). We will also sing the Lamentations following Sunday Mass at 11 am. **Adoration on Fridays** beginning at **3:00 pm**.

We welcome **Jase Matthew Recoskie** son of Jonathan and Jessica Recoskie who received the sacrament of Baptism and is entering the community of church. God Bless!

Our deepest sympathy to family and friends of **Max Prince**. May he rest in peace.

**Thank you** to all the ladies for sweeping and mopping the church floors.

**Knights of Columbus** meeting on **Thurs, Mar 14th** at 7:30 pm.

**Mass at MVDHS on Wed, Mar 20th at 11 am** celebrated by Fr. Michael Weigl, Madonna House.

The parish again is looking for **prizes** for this year's **Chicken Supper Raffle**. If you would like to donate a prize, please call Lorraine Coulter at 613-756-1571, or Doris Hudder at 613-756-3700. They would be glad to hear from you.

A copy of the **weekly Diocesan E-News** will be posted on the bulletin board at the back of the church.

The next **Marriage Preparation Program** is coming up on Mar 30th and Apr 13th at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Pembroke. **Deadline to register is Mar 23th.**

**Registration is available online at** [www.pembrokediocese.com](http://www.pembrokediocese.com). Inquires can be directed to Yvette Bourque at 613 732-7933 ext. 208 or [yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com](mailto:yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com).



**Memorial Gift:** If you wish to make a donation to St. Mary's as a Memorial Gift in memory of someone, we have a supply of cards on the religious counter at the back of the church. These can ideally be

used as inserts in Sympathy/Bereavement cards.

**SHARE YOUR BREAD WITH THE HUNGRY.** We will collect **non-perishable food** items in the Lenten Season to help provide people in need, as our almsgiving. **Please check expiry dates.** 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, Apr 17th.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** Groups of 2 ladies/men to join the **altar guild**. One hour/week at your convenience. Involves shaking of ferns, vacuum sanctuary carpets, dust railings; does not include flower arranging. Call Lorraine at 613-756-1571.

St. Lawrence O'Toole CWL is hosting a **St. Patrick's Day Tea** on **Sun, Mar 17th** from **2-4 pm**. Adults: \$8, Children \$4. Come out and enjoy an afternoon.