

Reflection for Today

We live in a time when excellence and perfection are much sought after when it comes to the things of this world, but can be ignored when it comes to our spiritual lives. For example, it is a great American goal to have a perfect body. But how many of those physically gorgeous people do you see every day?

The pursuit of perfection is likewise true with regard to our intellectual faculties. Getting an excellent education is quite laudable. Academic achievement comes at a high cost. But what of moral perfection—moral excellence? If our humanity is to be transfigured, and if Christ’s transfiguration is an icon of that goal, then what do we need to do?

If we want to be transformed by Christ, we must be willing to pay the price.

The Transfiguration is meaningless if we do not understand the context: Jesus was about to suffer and die in order to release God’s transforming power unto humanity. Jesus Christ enters into suffering, loss, pain and even death in order to lead us through it into the resurrection and a higher and better life. Transcendence comes only through death and resurrection. That’s the guts of Christianity, a religion that goes way beyond simply being “nice”.

As we move through Lent towards Easter, have courage. Make the hard decisions. Move away from merely being comfortable and embrace the cost of discipleship. If you are in Christ, then you must live his life and enter into the cost of growth, transformation and transcendence. History shows us that this upward climb is the only way to achieve nobility, beauty and God-likeness.

Schedule of Masses

Monday, March 18—St. Cyril of Jerusalem

10:00 am (Polish)

Souls in Purgatory (Parishioner)

Tuesday, March 19—No Mass—St. Joseph

Wednesday, March 20—St. Cuthbert

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Polish)

7:00 pm (Polish/English)

+Felix Coulas (Hugh & Jeanette O’Malley)

+Edward Beanish (Eldon Pecarskie)

+ Bernadette Ostroskie (Bronis Lorbetskie)

Thursday, March 21

9:00 am +Tony Trebinskie (Michael & Cheryl Hudder)

Friday, March 22—St. Lea

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 3:00 pm

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross (English)

7:00 pm +Alex Shulist (Tom & Diane Smaglinskie)

+Sylvester Recoskie (Maxine Smaglinskie)

+Nicholas Stamplecoskie

(Donnie Etmanskie)

Saturday, March 23

5:00 pm For all of our parishioners

Sunday, March 24—3rd Sunday of Lent

11:00 am (Polish/English)

+Beatrice Brotton (Anniv)

(Dennis, Josephine, Denise & Angel Etmanskie)

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 23- 5:00 pm	Sun, Mar 24-11:00 am
Rosary	Phyllis Blank	Silas Lorbettsloe Emilia Sadecki
Altar Servers	Delmar Recoskie	Janisa Visutskie Aaran Visutskie
Lector	Rita Coulas	David Shulist and Joanna Ropego
Eucharistic Minister	Sylvester Prince David Burchat	Len Gignac Joanna Ropego
Ushers	Aloysius Blank Emmett Pecarski Dominic Coulas	Stanley Dombroskie Michael Brotton Arthur Shulist
Altar Guild	Sat, Mar 23th to Fri, Mar 29th—Virginia Platt & Bernice Bleskie	



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 **Henry Joseph Bartul** son of Alexander and Marie-Therese Bartul who received the sacrament of Baptism and is entering the community of church. God Bless!

Mass at MVDHS on Wed, Mar 20th at 11 am celebrated by Fr. Michael Weitzl, 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.pembrokedioocese.com**. Inquires can be directed to Yvette Bourque at 613 732-7933 ext. 208 or yvettebourque@pembrokedioocese.com.

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.

Local Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a bus to Ottawa on **Thurs, May 9th** to support the **Pro Life Movement**. Sign up sheets will be available in April.

Pamphlets **available** at the back of the church on **Cremation and Funeral Litugies**.

All you can eat **Pancake Breakfast** at the **Barry's Bay Legion** on **Sun, Mar 17th** and **Sun, Apr 14th**. Adults \$10, children \$6 and children under 6, Free.

