

Reflection for Today

“Faith,” like “Love,” has a hundred definitions. It means different things for different people. Some look at faith as a form of trust, taking people at their word. We have faith, for example, that our physician makes an accurate diagnosis of an illness. Some see faith as an act of self-confidence. Others understand faith as an acceptance of certain religious beliefs or a code of moral practices. By far, however, a majority view faith as a tentative suspension of judgment, an attitude of “wait and see.” This kind of faith is highly conditional; it is based on demands for evidence. It is the faith of Thomas in the gospel readings of John- “Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe.” Thomas is not a man of faith; he is a detective seeking proof.

Faith is more than a code of beliefs, a “leap in the dark,” or a suspension of judgment “till all the facts are in.” Real faith is the attitude of a loving heart; it’s what makes someone known as a “faith person.” Faith people do not start out with something specific to believe in, but with a viewpoint of soul. If Thomas lived from a perspective of love, of real faith, when he learned that Jesus had been present in the upper room, he would have said, “I’m sorry I missed him.”

Jesus calls his faith people “blessed.” They are blessed because they don’t have to “see” in order to believe it is loving faith that allows them to really see. As we grow in the spiritual life, we become faith people. As we become more loving, belief becomes second nature to us. Faith, therefore, is basically a way of being.

Schedule of Masses

Monday, April 29—St. Catherine of Siena

10:00 am (Polish) +Beatrice Brotton

(Dominic & Lowanda Coulas)

Tuesday, April 30—No Mass

Wednesday, May 1—St. Joseph, the Worker, St. Pius V

9:30 am Rosary & Novena

10:00 am (Polish/English)

+Nicholas Stamplecokie

(Arnold & Michelle Etmanskie)

+Edward Beanish (Catherine Lorbetskie)

+Felix Coulas (Bernard Blank)

Thursday, May 2—St. Athanasius

9:00 am +Alex Shulist (Joe Kutckoskie)

Friday, May 3 —St. Philip & St. James

3:00 pm Adoration

7:00 pm +Bernadette Ostroskie

(Susan Coulas & Irene Rumleskie)

+Wilfred Stoppa (Frank & Iris Yantha)

+Stella Rutherford (Pam Rutherford)

Saturday, May 4—Blessed Marie-Leonie Paradis & St. Florian

5:00 pm +Dianne Pecarskie (Eldon Pecarskie & Family)

Sunday, May 5—3rd Sunday of Easter

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 Weekend

	Sat, May 4—5:00 pm	Sun, May 5—11:00 am
Rosary	Susan Prince	Silas Lorbetskie
Altar Servers	Delmar Recoskie	Emilia Sadecki Janisa Visutskie Aaran Visutskie Tobias Sullivan Benjamin Sullivan
Lector	Rita Coulas	Michael Dombroskie / Catherine Bloskie
Eucharistic Minister	Sylvester Prince	Len Gignac
Ushers	Xavier Hudder	Stanley Dombroskie
	Jerome Kuiack	Michael Brotton
	Ray Kutchkoskie	Arthur Shulist
	Patrick Kutchkoskie	Zbigniew Mroz
Altar Guild	Sat, May 4th to Fri, May 10th —Virginia Platt & Bernice Bleskie	



Announcements

Parishioners are invited to join us for **Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Czestochowa on Wed at 9:30 am and Adoration on Friday beginning at 3:00 pm.**

We welcome **Gabriela Dianne Eve Walczak**, daughter of Peter Walczak and Miranda Blank, who received the sacrament of Baptism and is entering the community of church. God Bless!

Thank you to all who swept the church floors.

National Day of Mourning for all injured or killed workers on **Sun, Apr 28th at 4 pm** in Wilno on **Shrine Hill** at the monument. Everyone welcome.

Please pick up this year's **Chicken Supper Raffle Tickets** from the back of the church today, if you haven't already done so. Funds from this raffle help towards the upkeep of the church. For more tickets contact Lorraine Coulter or Gertie Blank.

Fr. R. Majek will be on sabbatical leave for May and June. We welcome **Fr. Daniel Janulewicz, OMI.**

Our deepest sympathy to family and friends of **Robert Shulist**, husband of Theresa Smaglinskie. May he rest in peace.

Visitation of the sick will be on Fri, May 3rd. If you wish to be added on the list, contact the office.

Celebrate our annual **Kashub Day Festival** on **Sat, May 4th** from **11 am to 7 pm** at the **Wilno Heritage Park**. Great food and music.

Catholic Education Week is May 5-10. Theme for this year is '*Living As Joyful Disciples*'. Please check your child's school for events.

Sacred Heart League is inviting you to their annual **May Tea** on **Sun, May 5th** in St. Hedwig Parish Hall from **2-4 pm**. Adults-\$8, children 4-12-\$6, children under 4—Free.

Hope For The Loving Mother! The Confraternity of Christian Mothers invites all women to our **Annual Spring Retreat**, with guest speakers Fr. S. Helferty and Dr. R. Helferty, N.D. on **Sat, May 11th** beginning with Mass at **9 am** until 2:30 pm at St. Hedwig's. A light lunch and morning refreshments will be provided and a free will offering will be collected. **Please RSVP by May 1st** to maryannekluke@gmail.com or leave a message at 613-281-6970.

Knights of Columbus **Mother's Day Breakfast** at **St. Casimir Parish** on **Sun, May 12th** from **9 am to 1 pm**. Free will offering. Tickets will be sold for 10 gift baskets. All are welcome!

We would like to extend a **heartfelt thank you** to the Conference of Polish Priests in Eastern Canada for organizing the Annual Pilgrimage to our parish on the occasion of Divine Mercy Sunday. In a very special way, we **thank Abp Tadeusz Wojda, SAC** from Bialystok, Poland for bringing the reality of Divine Mercy closer to our hearts. We also **thank all of the pilgrims and all of our parishioners** for their efforts in making this celebration a very meaningful and joyful event. **Jesus, I trust in You.**