

Reflection for Today

Fear Not

Fear is not only one of our deepest instincts, it is generally one of our most constant companions in life. We fear all kinds of things. There are people obsessed with fear of heights, crowds, confined places, leaving the house, having dirty hands, and the like. In some cases, fear is providential because it saves us from danger or getting into trouble. We do well, for example, to fear the consequences of engaging in criminal activity or insulting an employer. For the most part, however, fear is not providential but the result of certain ways of thinking that play out in our imagination. In such cases, fear is nonproductive and crippling. Fear has little tolerance for risk and the unknown and, as such, is the single most significant factor preventing our spiritual growth and improvement in the quality of our lives.

In the gospel reading from Luke, Jesus tells us: “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” This is wonderful encouragement, but how do we “fear not”? To find a solution, we turn to the reading from Hebrews, where we are told: “Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” In other words, faith is an antidote to fear. If we truly feel assured in one way or another, fear disappears and the unknown ceases to be threatening. Fear can only exist where our thoughts keep us unsure of ourselves, or of the world around us.

Adopt faith as an antidote for fear. Which means, work on changing your perspective. Use the eyes of Christ when you look upon yourself, other people, and the world around you; his teachings provide a way of seeing. “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” From a kingdom perspective, you have nothing to fear.

It’s very hard, O God, to be brave, to compete well in the race of life. There are so many complicated situations and so many demands on my time. I want to believe that you are always with me, helping me step out “into the unknown.” I need deeper faith in you and greater confidence so that I might run toward the imperishable prize of your grace and love fearlessly and well. Amen.

Schedule of Masses

Monday, August 12—St. Jane Frances de Chantal

10:00 am +Piotr Niedojadlo (Wanda Niedojadlo)

Tuesday, August 13—No Mass—Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus

Wednesday, August 14—St. Maximilian Kolbe

6:30 pm Rosary & Novena

7:00 pm (Polish/English)

O zdanie egzaminów poprawkowych dla

Grzegorza Dziełaka (ciocia Zosia)

+Peter Murack (Tom & Sue Sheridan)

+Alfie Prince (Stanley Golka)

Thursday, August 15—Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am +Emma Zelney (Rita & Alphone Belaskie)

Friday, August 16—Sts. Roch & Stephen of Hungary

3:00 pm Adoration

7:00 pm +Alex Ostroskie (Gerard & Helen Trader)

+Stephen Lorbetskie (Norbert Brotton & RoseRita Sernoskie)

+Geraldine Lorbetskie (Mary Lynn Beatty)

Saturday, August 17—St. Hyacinth, Our Lady of Knock,

Bl. Elisabeth Turgeon

+Mary Yantha (Family of Mary Yantha)

Sunday, August 18—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time—St. Helena

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.

Thought for this Week

Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did.
-St. Maximilian Kolbe



Ministry Assignments Next Weekend

	Sat, August 17—5:00 pm	Sun, August 18—11:00 am
Rosary	Rita Coulas	Silas Lorbetskie
Altar Servers	Delmar Recoskie	Emilia Sadecki Janisa Visutskie Aaran Visutskie Tobias Sullivan Benjamin Sullivan
	Lector	Rita Coulas Michael Dombroskie/Andrzej Suska
	Eucharistic Minister	Sylvester Prince Michael Coulas Dominic Coulas Barbara Blank
Ushers	Terry Burchat	Henryk Bartul
	Clarence Stamplecoskie	Stanley Dombroskie
	Dominic Burchat	Michael Brotton
Altar Guild	Sat, Aug 17th to Fri, Aug 23rd —Julie Burchat & Lillian Shulist	



Announcements

Parishioners are invited to join us for **Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Częstochowa on Wed at 6:30 pm and Adoration on Friday beginning at 3:00 pm.**

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

Blessing of flowers and herbs will be held during the **11:00 am Mass on Sun, Aug 18th.**

As last year, instead of door to door canvassing for **Chicken Supper donations**, we are asking you to enclose donation in envelope that was attached to last weekend's notice. Extra copies of this special bulletin and envelopes are available at the back of the church. **Please indicate your church envelope number (if you know it) and place your donation into the collection basket by Sun, Aug 18th.** You may also include other donation details inside the envelope, other than money. **Thank you for your support.**

Because of Lottery Licence requirements, the **Chicken Supper tickets** that were specifically assigned to envelope holders, **must be returned sold, partially sold or unsold** in collection basket. All tickets **must be accounted for** before the draw at our Annual Chicken Supper. **Please return by Sun, Aug 25th. Thank you.**

A reminder that there is a **special collection** for **Missions** on Aug 18th. Please support.

UPCOMING CHURCH SUPPERS:

St. Andrew's Parish, Killaloe serving turkey, ham, stuffed pork, etc. on **Sun, Aug 11th** beginning at 1:30 pm.

St. Hedwig Parish, Barry's Bay serving roast turkey and the trimmings on **Sun, Aug 18th** beginning at 2 pm.

Our Lady of Angels, Brudenell serving turkey, ham and bean supper on **Sun, Aug 25th** beginning at 1:30 pm.

St. Mary's Parish, Wilno serving chicken and trimmings on **Sun, Sept 1st** beginning at 1pm.

St. Ignatius Martyr Parish, Maynooth serving turkey, ham, beans, etc. Supper on **Sun, Sept 1st** beginning at 12 noon.

The Fall Diocesan **Marriage Preparation Program** is coming up on Sat, Oct 19th and Sat, Oct 26th, 2019 at St. James the Less Parish, Eganville. **Deadline to register is Oct 11th, 2019.** Registration is available online at www.pembrokediocese.com, Inquiries can be directed to Yvette Bourque at 613 732-7933 ext. 208.

You are invited to a Boneless Leg Ham Dinner at the Royal Canadian Legion on Fri, Aug 23rd from 5-6 pm. Meal tickets must be reserved by Tues, Aug 20th at noon. \$15 per plate. Call 756-6535 or email wendishqueen@gmail.com