

Reflection for Today

Lawsuits have become one of the biggest industries in the land. Social stratification, the worship of private property, and fierce economic competition bordering on thievery, divide us, as does suspicion, and an unprecedented level of mistrust. While diligent care of one's personal well-being is certainly a reasonable objective for any individual, self-love has often degenerated into a self-centeredness that is exacting a terrible toll on whole segments of society that are lonely, alienated, and fixated in narcissistic additions.

Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, is well aware of the dangers of exaggerated individualism, especially among Christian believers. Paul is a passionate promoter of the unity of the body of Christ and knows how easily that unity can be fragmented. He fully acknowledges our individuality—"For the body does not consist of one member but of many"—but emphatically reminds us that we are members of one body sharing "one Spirit." What Paul is encouraging here is an attitude that respects the whole as well as the parts. Individualism has its limits. We may be different, with different gifts and destinies to pursue, but we are one. Just as our body has many parts, each functioning according to its design, it is still one body.

Can you appreciate individual rights but, at the same time, the importance of the common good? What do you do to foster the well-being of any group or relationship of which you are a part? Do you find it easy to make personal sacrifices for the welfare and happiness of others? Take care of yourself and your needs, but never at another's expense.

Dear Creator God, Saint John Paul reminds me that I am invited to "cooperate with the gift of your grace." I tend to focus only on myself and my needs, but you are calling me to a different way of life, one that is centered on you and your kingdom. May I allow your beloved Son, Jesus to be my guide and inspiration. Amen.

Schedule of Masses

Monday, January 28—St. Thomas Aquinas

9:00 am (Polish)

Souls in Purgatory (Teresa Ostoya)

Tuesday, January 29—No Mass

Wednesday, January 30

6:30 pm *Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Częstochowa*

7:00 pm (Polish/English)

+Irene i Kazimierza oraz Kasimierza (Jr) i

Zbigniewa (Barbara)

+Aloysius Lorbetskie (Doreen & Aponary Recoskie)

+Bernadette Ostroskie (Andrew & Shirley Yantha)

Thursday, January 31—St. John Bosco

9:00 am +Tony Trebinskie (Florence Trebinskie & Family)

Friday, February 1

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3 pm to 7 pm

7:00 pm +Lydia Jaklic (Arthur & Lillian Shulist)

+Nicholas Stamplecoskie

(Frank & Diane Kutchkoskie)

+Agnes Pecarskie (Mary E. Luckasavitch)

Saturday, February 2—The Presentation of the Lord

5:00 pm For all of our parishioners

Sunday, February 3—4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 am (Polish/English)

+Felix Coulas & departed souls of Coulas Family

(Susan Coulas)



Thought for this Week

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." -

Ministry Assignments next Sundays

	Sat, Feb 2- 5:00 pm	Sun, Feb 3- 11:00 am
Rosary	Rita Coulas	Anna Burdzinski Emilia Sadecki
Altar Servers	Sylvester Prince	Janisa Visutskie Aaran Visutskie
Lector	Vicky Cybulski-Blank	Edwin Echavarry/Bozena Szymkow
Eucharistic	Delmar Recoskie	Len Gignac
Minister	Dominic Burchat	Michael Brotton
Ushers	Xavier Hudder Jerome Kuiack Ray Kutchkoskie	Arthur Shulist Zbigniew Mroz Michael Coulas
Altar Guild	Sat, Feb 2nd to Fri, Feb 8th—Lillian Shulist and Julie Burchat	



Announcements

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

Our church records need to be updated. Would you **kindly indicate your name, mailing address and phone number on your envelope** that has your collection. Thank you.

St. Andrew's is hosting a Pancake Supper on Fri, Feb 1st in their parish hall from 4:30-6:30 pm. Menu includes potato and batter pancakes, sausages, and baked beans. Adults is \$7, children 5-12 is \$3 and children under 4 are free. All are welcome.

Women's Retreat on Fri, Feb 22-24, at Graphite Bible Camp, Maynooth. Cost is \$150. C. Donnelly and Fr. R. Johnson will be leading retreat '*The Joy of the Lord is my Strength*'. See poster at back of church for more information.

Church Rectory at Brudenell available for rent. Large unfurnished and newly renovated, suitable for a large family or approved share tenancy. Located on church property where some restrictions apply. References required. Rent approximately \$500 monthly, utilities not included. Wood and oil heated. Contact Alice Power if interested or for more information at 613-757-0408.

In your prayers remember:



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