

Reflection for Today

“Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?”

This observation by Jesus in the reading from Luke offers us an important lesson about criticizing others. We are definitely two-faced when we put down other people for the very faults we have ourselves. This tendency is called “projection.” When we become upset, for instance, that someone has not fulfilled a promise, it may be that we regularly renege on our promises. When we become angry with another’s immaturity, we are likely burdened with our own. If it bothers us that a friend is inconsiderate or selfish it is more than likely that our own selfishness is being triggered by what he or she does.

Understanding how projection works, we can learn a lot about ourselves through our judgments of others. Self-knowledge is very important to effective living and spiritual growth. It’s to our benefit if we can accept criticism from others, and learn from it, without immediately going on the defensive and attacking our critics. But it is also of great benefit to our development if we can look upon our judgments of others as indicative of something we need to work on in ourselves. In short, criticizing others has merit as long as we are committed to see if the shoe fits us first.

Check yourself out by catching on to your judgments of others. Ask yourself: “What kind of projection is going on here?” What faults are you continually noticing in people around you? What habitually annoys you about the people you work with? Do you get upset easily when others are not on time, or are lacking in focus, or are half-hearted in their endeavors? What cause your blood pressure to rise, or embarrasses you? Are you not perhaps looking into a mirror? Take your criticisms seriously, therefore. They have a lot to teach you about yourself-if you are open enough to learn. Does the shoe fit?

Schedule of Masses

Monday, March 4—St. Casimir

10:00 am (Polish)

Dziękczynna z okazji 100. urodzin Aliny Ślusarz
z prośbą o wszelkie potrzebne łaski
(Basia i Zbyszek z Rodziną)

Tuesday, March 5—No Mass

Wednesday, March 6—Ash Wednesday

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

7:00 pm (Polish/English)

+Lornie Bloskie (Anniv) (Mary Bloskie & Family)
+Dominic Bloskie (Julianne & Audrey Yaskolskie)
+Martha Chippior (Anthony & Patricia Dombroskie)

Thursday, March 7—St. Perpetua & St. Felicity

9:00 am +Alex Ostroskie (Vernon & Rosanne Pecarskie)

Friday, March 8— St. John of God

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 3:00 pm

6:30 pm *Stations of the Cross*

7:00 pm +Florence Lorbetskie (Dianne Ross)

+Lucy Kuiack (Jerome Lorbetskie)
+Helen Smaglinskie (Smaglinskie Family)

Saturday, March 9—St. Frances of Rome

5:00 pm +Dominic & Helen Yantha (RoseRita Sernoskie)

Sunday, March 10—1st Sunday of Lent

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.

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.

Ministry Assignments next Sundays

	Sat, Mar 9- 5:00 pm	Sun, Mar 10-11:00 am
Rosary	Susan Prince	Bronis Lorbetskie Emilia Sadecki
Altar Servers	Delmar Recoskie	Janisa Visutskie Aaran Visutskie
Lector	Sylvester Prince	Steve Platt / Andrzej Suska
Eucharistic Minister	Ed Chippior	Michael Coulas
	Ray Kutchkoskie	Michael Brotton
Ushers	Patrick Kutchkoskie	Arthur Shulist
	Stanley Golka	Zbigniew Mroz
	Justin Recoskie	Michael Coulas
Altar Guild	Sat, Mar 9th to Fri, Mar 15th—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 **Abigail Joan Sullivan**, daughter of Patrick and Kyla Sullivan who received the sacrament of Baptism and is entering the community of church. God Bless!

During Lent, penance is an important requirement of Christian life. Fulfillment of this duty involves prayer, works of piety and charity, and self-denial by fulfilling one's obligations more faithfully especially by observing the prescribed fast and abstinence. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** in the Roman Rite, are **days of Fasting and of abstinence from meat**.

Mass at MVDHS on Ash Wednesday, Mar 6th at 11 am celebrated by Fr. Pawal Ratajczak, OMI. Ashes will be distributed. **Mass also on Wed, Mar 20th at 11 am** celebrated by Fr. Michael Weitzl, Madonna House.

Parish Council Meeting on Thurs, Mar 7th at 7pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

Reminder that there is a **special collection** for the **Oblates of Assumption Province** next weekend.

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 note of **thanks** to all of you who worked at preparing for, and working at, the Breakfast/Brunch last Sunday. Thanks Susan and Sylvester Prince for commanding a successful event. Obviously a big thank you to all of you that supported the event.



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.

A copy of the **weekly Diocesan E-News** will be posted on the bulletin board at the back of the church for anyone wishing to read it.

Daylight Saving Times begins...move your clocks one hour ahead on Sun, Mar 10th.

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.