

Reflection for Today

In the gospel reading today, Jesus spells out in specific terms what it means to live from a perspective of love. For all of us who are products of our culture, however, his prescriptions for a concrete manifestation of our love can appear alarming, if not discouraging. We feel we have survived in life as well as we have because we have learned important lessons through the hard knocks we have experienced.

The way of life that Jesus calls us to strikes us as an affront to common sense. We hear that we should “turn the other cheek” to someone who strikes us, but we experience how pathetic someone looks who doesn’t fight back. That “if pressed to go a mile, go two,” but we have learned the hard way that if you give people an inch, they’ll take a yard. When Jesus advocates helping beggars, we take it for granted they would only waste what we give them on some addiction. When he counsels that we never turn our back on a borrower, we know that lending money is one of the quickest ways to lose a friend. As for loving your enemies, well, that sounds like a formula for masochism. It seems impossible to live out these expectations; they don’t make sense.

But that is exactly what Jesus prescribes. He tells us that living by these standards is how we show that we are true “children of our heavenly Father.”

God’s sun shines on the good and the bad without restrictions; God’s rain falls on the worthy and the unworthy without qualification. This is what is specifically asked of us: that we try to see things from God’s point of view.

Schedule of Masses

Monday, February 24—St. Ethelbert & St. Oscar Romero

10:00 am (Polish) +Terry Hoffman (Kevin O’Reilly)

Tuesday, February 25—No Mass—St. Tarasius

Wednesday, February 26-ASH WEDNESDAY

—St. Alexander

6:30 pm *Rosary & Novena*

7:00 pm (Polish/English)

Recovery of Dwayne Kearney

(Jim & Carolyn Kearney)

+Agnes & Anthony Laturski (Laturski Family)

+Bernadette Ostroskie (Arthur & Lillian Shulist)

Thursday, February 27—St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00 am +Anthony Yaraskavitch (Bronis Lorbetskie)

Friday, February 28—St. Hilary & St. John Cassian

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3 pm to 6:30 pm

6:30 pm **Stations of the Cross**

7:00 pm +Aloysius Lorbetskie

(Geard & RoseMarie Lorbetskie)

+Gertrude Pecarskie (Alphonse & Bev Brotton)

+Theodore Dombroskie

(Anthony & Patricia Dombroskie)

Saturday, February 29

5:00 pm +Felix Burchat (Monica Burchat)

Sunday, March 1—1st Sunday of Lent—St. David & St. Albinus

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

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

(Matthew 5:8)



Ministry Assignments next Sundays

	Sat, Feb 29- 5:00 pm	Sun, Mar 1- 11:00 am
Rosary	Rita Coulas	Silas Lorbetskie
		Emilia Sadecki
		Benjamin Sullivan
Altar Servers	Ed Chippior	Tobias Sullivan
		Aaran Visutskie
Lector	Rita Coulas	Edwin Echavarry/Catherine Bloskie
Eucharistic	Ed Chippior	Andrzej Suska
	Patrick Kutckoskie	Arthur Shulist
Ushers	Stanley Golka	Zbigniew Mroz
	Justin Recoskie	Michael Coulas
	Delmar Recoskie	Tony Murack
Altar Guild	Fri, Feb 28—Virginia Platt & Bernice Bleskie	



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**. **Stations of the Cross on Fridays** beginning at **6:30 pm**. Please join us.

Our **Annual Parish Financial Summary and Cemetery Report** was included in last week's bulletin. Extra copies are available at the back of the church. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask one of the members on the Finance Committee and Cemetery Committee.

There are two **advertising spaces available** on the back of our bulletin. These ads reach many individuals as well as our website.



St. Mary's Rosary Society and Knights of Columbus **breakfast/brunch** this **Sunday, Feb 23rd from 9 am to 1 pm**. Great selection of food. Adult—\$10 and children \$5. Yummy.

There will be a Mass at MVDHS on **Ash Wed, Feb 26th at 11:00 am**. Fr. P. Ratajczak, OMI, will be the celebrant.

We will be having our second annual **church yard sale in May**. As your doing your New Year's house and garage cleaning, set aside those items that you feel have a second life in a new household. Pickup will occur closer to the date.

Annual Women's Retreat: To be held **Feb 28 – Mar 1, 2020** at Graphite Bible Camp in Maynooth. Fr. Denis Lemieux and Philomena Lim from Madonna House will be leading the retreat. This year the theme is "FIAT: Living a life of surrender to God." The cost is \$150. For information, contact us Posie 613 281-5522, Kristan 613 585-0579 or Mary 613 756-0148.

Starting **Mar 2nd**, St. Andrew's Church in Killaloe will be inaccessible for 4-5 weeks for floor renovation. During this time there will be **one** Mass celebrated on Sunday mornings at **10:00 am** in **St. Andrew's School gym**.

St. Lawrence O'Toole CWL are hosting a **St. Patrick's Day Tea** in the parish hall on **Sun, Mar 15th** from **2-4 pm**. Cost: \$8 Adults and \$4 for Children. Please join us for an enjoyable afternoon of tea/coffee, delicious sandwiches, sweets and prizes.

The Diocesan Office of Faith Formation Office and Leadership Development is sponsoring an **Adult Faith Lenten Retreat** on **Sat, Apr 4th** at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Renfrew from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Registration and coffee at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$15.00 per person (lunch and refreshments provided). This retreat is open to all the faithful. The theme of the retreat is the "*Easter Triduum*." Our guest speakers will be Father Ryan Holly and Sister Sheila Whelan, G.S.I.C. Please join us for this very special day. Registration deadline is Thurs, Apr 2nd. To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Adrien Chaput at (613) 732-7933 ext. 206 or dcadriendchaput@pembrokediocese.com.