

Reflection for Today—Saying NO!

The lesson we learn in today's readings is not that there is serious temptation awaiting us in the world; we already know that. It is not, as Paul reminds us, that sin has serious repercussions for ourselves and others; we already have experience of that. What we are hearing is a reminder that we are responsible for most of what goes on in our lives, and that we can say no—to our bad habits, our laziness, our inclination to lay blame on others for our failings, our small-mindedness, our waste of time and energy in fruitless worry, our impulses to bring others down. We humans can be as resistant and stubborn as we want to be. We can say no to anything we want, and stick to it. Think about it! We have the power; we use it all the time with things we don't like.

The devil in today's gospel displayed seductiveness by trying to get Jesus to consider values that were not in his best interests, but the greatest seduction of all is to make us believe that we are powerless over temptation, victimized by our weaknesses and failings. It is the ultimate deceit. Effective adult living will always require that we refrain from making excuses and blaming others and take full responsibility for what goes on in our lives.

Lent has traditionally been a season of mortification and self-denial. We mustn't deny ourselves something good, but something bad—something that is preventing us from being the best we can be, something that is putting our spiritual growth on hold. It will come as a pleasant surprise how much freedom awaits us and how more productive life becomes when we learn to "just say no!"



In your prayers remember:

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

Schedule of Masses

Monday, March 2—Blessed Charles the Good
10:00 am (Polish) +Halina i Stanislaw Dukiewicz
 (Vicki Kopowski)

Tuesday, March 3—No Mass—St. Katharine Drexel

Wednesday, March 4—St. Casimir

8:30 am *Rosary & Novena*

9:00 am (Polish/English)

+Florence (Lolly) Shulist (Shulist Family)

+Lucy Kuiack (Genevieve Yantha & Sally Weglarz)

+Alfie Stamplecoskie

(Charles & Rachel Stamplecoski)

Thursday, March 5—St. John Joseph of the Cross & St. Kieran

9:00 am +Dominic, Elsie, David & Rosie Brotton and Isadore, Mary, Gilbert, Kenny & Raymond Dombroskie (Anthony & Patricia Dombroskie)

Friday, March 6—St. Colette—First Friday of the Month

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

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm +Lornie Bloskie (10th Anniv)

(Mary Bloskie & Family)

+Mary Borutski (Barry & Wendy Biernaskie)

For all infant souls killed through abortion

(Anonymous)

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

5:00 pm +Dominic & Helen Yantha

(Barb & Joe Yaskolskie)

Sunday, March 8—2nd Sunday of Lent—St. John of God

11:00 am (Polish/English) For all of our parishioners

Thought for this Week

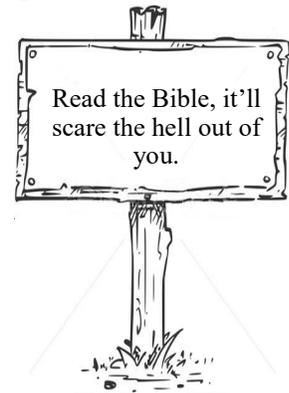
If you remove...the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil...then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

-Isaiah 58:9-10



Ministry Assignments next Sundays

	Sat, Mar 7- 5:00 pm	Sun, Mar 8- 11:00 am
Rosary	Susan Prince	Bronis Lorbetzkie
Altar Servers	Delmar Recoskie	Emilia Sadecki Benjamin Sullivan Tobias Sullivan Aaran Visutskie Janisa Visutskie
Lector	Michael Kosnaski	David Shulist / Andrzej Suska
Eucharistic Minister	Delmar Recoskie	Steve Platt
Ushers	Andrew Shulist David Burchat Aloysius Blank Emmett Pecarski	Zbigniew Szymkow Bernard Blank Brian Kuiack Michael Bloskie
Altar Guild	Fri, Mar 6—Lillian Shulist & Julie Burchat	



Announcements

Parishioners are invited to join us for **Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Czestochowa** on **Wed at 8:30 am** and **Adoration on Friday** beginning at **3:00 pm**. **Stations of the Cross on Fridays** beginning at **6:30 pm**. Please join us.

World Day of Prayer-March 6: It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. This recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, our community.

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.

Parish Council Meeting on Thurs, Mar 5th at 7pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

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

Participation in **last Sunday's Breakfast/Brunch** was resounding. Thanks to all of the individuals who prepared and served the meal in any way, and a huge thank you to all of you who came to support the venture. Thanks to organizers Sylvie and Susan. The Rosary Society and Knights are always looking for parishioners to join their groups so do consider joining by approaching Lorraine Coulter or Richard Brotton. The winner of the 50/50 was Marina Burchat of Tramore

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.

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). The theme of the retreat is the "*Easter Triduum*." Our guest speakers will be Father R. Holly and Sister S. Whelan, G.S.I.C. Registration deadline is Thurs, Apr 2nd. Please contact Deacon A. Chaput at (613) 732-7933 ext. 206

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Daylight Saving Times begins...
move your clocks **one hour** ahead
on Sun, **March 8th**.