

## REFLECTION FOR THE DAY

The crowd have come a long way to hear Jesus and now find themselves in a deserted area without food and are feeling the pangs of hunger. In his compassion, Jesus inquires about the food supply on hand and discovers all that is available is five barley loaves and two fishes in the possession of a boy. However, his sacrifice is well rewarded when he sees Jesus feed the multitude with the food he has provided.

The gift was insignificant, but what gift isn't, when offered to God, owner of the universe? It's not the size or value of the gift that's important, but the love and spontaneity with which it's given. Remember how Jesus was impressed by the widow's penny in the collection basket? He openly marvelled at the rich faith attached to her small gift.

The Lord does wonders with simple offerings, given in genuine love. Big gifts presented in His name—for tax deductions or to impress others—don't seem to capture His delicate attention. We all have many small but beautiful gifts we can offer. Who can't afford to give a few minutes of prayer to Him each day? Some possess talents for special services like reading at the Sunday liturgy, leading songs, playing the organ, or assisting the crippled. There are hundreds of valuable voluntary services (gifts) we can offer. Your freewill donation in the collection envelope is another example of an offering to the Lord. Remember no gift is too small or useless if given in the proper spirit.

Common bread is multiplied spiritually to feed a hungry soul. The Lord can change a simple jar of water to wine; a cup of wine to His own life-giving blood. Add His blessings to little gifts (a few loaves and fishes) and there's enough for all.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays at 6:00 pm.** Please join us.

Our **deepest sympathy** to family and friends of **Aniela Cyfko**. May her soul rest in peace.

There will be some church repairs taking place in the next few weeks. Please keep away from scaffolding area.

Fr. Roman will be visiting the **sick and housebound parishioners** on **Fri, Aug 6th**. For new visits, please phone the parish office 613-756-2344.

**Church sweeping** will take place on **Aug 9th after the 10:00 am Mass**. Volunteers welcomed.

Our annual **Chicken Supper** is **cancelled** for another year. With various covid restrictions still in place, safety is our primary concern for cancellation. In lieu of donation of time, money and materials our parishioners brought forth each year, we would like you to consider still making a donation in the Chicken Supper envelope that can be found in your envelope box dated **July 25th**.

Anyone interested in purchasing a used Newmac wood/electric furnace? If interested, please send an offer to church email—[stmaryswilno@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswilno@gmail.com) or send the quote in a sealed envelope marked **Furnace** and drop off in our mail slot by garage door. Furnace will be available for pick up when the new one is being installed.

## PARISH COLLECTIONS

The Parish has **changed** the dedicated email address for etransfers. **Please use stmaryswilno@gmail.com when you are making an etransfer from your bank account.** It will be directly deposited and the church will be notified. There is a section to make a note, **please indicate if donation is regular Sunday collection, building fund or In Memory Of (with name).** **Also, if you are not a parishioner, please provide mailing address there.** All donations will be recorded as usual, designated as per request, and will appear on the year end tax receipt.

## **Ministry Assignment**

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**Sat, July 24—5:00 pm**

**Sun, July 25—11:00 am**

**Lector** Edwin Echavarry

Catherine Bloskie

Andrzej Suska

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**Altar Guild** Sat, July 24th to Fri, Aug 6th—Lillian Shulist & helpers (2 weeks)

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**Sat, July 31—5:00 pm**

**Sun, Aug 1—11:00 am**

**Lector**

Rita Coulas

Catherine Bloskie

Ana Sullivan

Ryszard Prusakiewicz

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**Sat, August 7— 5:00 pm**

**Sun, August 8—11:00 am**

**Lector** Steve Platt

Len Gignac

Andrzej Wielgosz

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**Altar Guild** Sat, Aug 7th to Fri, Aug 20th—Virginia Platt & helpers (2 weeks)

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**Sat, July 17—5:00 pm**

**Sun, July 18—11:00 am**

**Lector** Michael Kosnaskie

Len Gignac

Andrzej Suska

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## **SCHEDULE OF MASSES—July 26-August 8**

For sacramental celebrations, in Step 3, as of July 16th, there is no capacity limit for places of worship. However, physical distancing of 2 metres (6 ft) is still required between parishioners attending Mass who are not from the same household, therefore our capacity remains at **125 people**.

At the same time, we have to keep in place all the former restrictions, we sanitize our hands, we sign in after coming to the church, follow one way traffic in the church building, abstain from singing and receive Holy Communion with our hands. **Bishop Desrochers is reminding us once again, that the Renfrew County District Health Unit is asking us to wear the mask throughout the whole celebration, not just at certain times.**

Similar to other sacramental celebrations, there are no capacity restrictions for funerals as long as 2 metres (6 ft) of physical distancing can be maintained between attendees who are not from the same household.

Masses will be still transmitted through the radio station **88.3 FM**.

**Monday, July 26—Sts. Anne & Joachim**

**10:00 am (Polish) Z podziękowaniem za otrzymane łaski z prośbą o dalsze dla Zofii i Zbigniewa Morgilewicz z okazji 51. rocznicy małżeństwa**

**Tuesday, July 27—No Mass—St. Celestine I**

**Wednesday, July 28—Sts. Nazarius & Celsus, St. Vladimir the Great**

**7:00 pm (Polish/English) +Catherine Recoskie (Monica Burchat)**

**Thursday, July 29—No Mass—St. Martha**

**Friday, July 30—St. Peter Chrysologus**

**6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**7:00 pm +Clemence Stamplecoskie (Theresa Shulist)**

**Saturday, July 31—St. Ignatius of Loyola**

**5:00 pm For all of our parishioners**

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**Sunday, August 1 —18th Sunday in Ordinary Time—St. Alphonsus Liguori**

**11:00 am (Polish/English) +Genowefa Bigda (John & Mary Rak)**

**Monday, August 2—St. Peter Julian Eymard, St. Eusebius of Vercelli**

**10:00 am (Polish) Souls in Purgatory (Parishioner)**

**Tuesday, August 3—No Mass—St. Lydia, St. Germanus**

**Wednesday, August 4—St. John Vianney**

**7:00 pm (Polish/English) +Witold Sokolski (Anniv) (Sokolski Family)**

**Thursday, August 5—No Mass—Bl. Frederic Janssoone, Dedication of St. Mary Major**

**Friday, August 6—First Friday—Transfiguration of the Lord**

**6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**7:00 pm +Frank, Mary, Marcel, Jerome & Andy Lapenskie (Raymond & Drenda Lapenskie)**

**Saturday, August 7—St. Sixtus II & Comp., St. Cajetan**

**5:00 pm +Tony Yaraskavitch (Doreen Yaraskavitch)**

**Sunday, August 8—19th Sunday in Ordinary Time—St. Dominic, St. Mary MacKillkop**

**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.

## **NEWS FROM PEMBROKE DIOCESE**

**Dear grandmothers and grandfathers, dear elderly brothers and sisters,**

On this First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Sunday, July 25th, we give thanks to God for each of you and the many gifts He grants to us through you.



The theme for this First World Day, as chosen by Pope Francis, is: “I am with you always” (cf. Mt 28:20). Despite these uncertain and turbulent times, the Lord and the Church are close to you, dear grandmothers, grandfathers and elderly persons. The Holy Father wishes to remind the whole world that the voice of the elderly “‘is precious’ [...] ‘because it sings the praises of God and preserves the roots of the peoples.’” [1]

These past many months have been marked with significant challenges. All over the world, many elderly people have experienced terrible isolation. Families, grandchildren, mothers and fathers, friends and neighbours have been separated, distanced, and many have lost loved ones.

It has been difficult to navigate these times without being physically present to one another: how we have missed not being able to visit one another, to hold hands, to give and receive hugs, to gather around tables to share a meal and enjoy one another’s company.

We have relied on the digital world, telephone calls, and hand-written letters as a way to unite us, to communicate and to lighten the load, and for that, we are thankful.

At the end of Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reassures the disciples that he will be with them always, as they are sent forth to preach the Good News and baptize all nations in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. When we read this scripture passage, the promise that we are never alone rings true today, just as it did for the disciples. We rejoice in the great gift that you, grandparents and the elderly, are for the Church and society. You are keepers of the faith, steadfast and persevering. Saint John Paul II wrote that the elderly are “guardians of our collective memory [...] which support and guide life in society.” [2]

Very often, you are our storytellers. Grandchildren and younger generations gather at your side, hoping to better understand our families, our histories, our communities, and our world. Please continue to share with affection, tenderness and enthusiasm the ways the Lord has walked with you your whole life. Accompany your grandchildren by showing them how to sow and nurture the seeds of faith.

Your stories, your experiences, your ups-and-downs allow young people to dream and value that there is lasting truth, goodness and beauty throughout the seasons of life. While you recall and connect with the past, you stand as powerful witnesses to our present and future. Pope Francis reminds us that you have a mission of evangelization, proclamation and prayer. Let the joy of the Gospel continue to transform your lives so that you may continue to encourage those who suffer and are lost. Pray for an outpouring of grace upon your families and your communities.

Just as you help young people to believe in their dreams for the future, our wish is that you too, will continue to contemplate the wonder and beauty of God’s gift of life. Please do not be discouraged by the pandemic and its effects. As we mutually support and help one another, we will heal from heartache caused by sadness and isolation.

On this special day for Grandparents and the Elderly, we pray that young people draw close to you, spend time with you, pray for and with you. As you journey through this stage of life, let us walk with one another, each of us holding our fragilities and limitations.

Together we praise the Lord of life and love with the words of the psalmist, “You show me the path of life, in your presence there is fullness of life” (Ps 16:11).

On behalf of the CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life, THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts!

[1] Vatican News, “Pope establishes World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly”, 31 January 2021.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-01/pope-establishes-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly.html>

[2] Pope John Paul II, Letter To The Elderly, 1999. [https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/letters/1999/documents/hf\\_jp](https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/letters/1999/documents/hf_jp)

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