

REFLECTION FOR THE DAY

It is characteristic of many who go through a midlife crisis to lament: “I haven’t done anything significant with my life.” Whether this is true or not, many of us come to points in our lives when we feel like failures for not having fulfilled our lives more substantially. An elderly woman lies dying in a nursing home and asks the chaplain, “Do you think God will let me into heaven? I’m no big sinner, but I’ve never done anything important.”

There seems to be a drive in all of us to be, and do, something significant. We might recall the dreams of our youth and our flamboyant ambitions. It seems we can’t be happy unless we’ve become “stars” in some way. Our culture supports this contention with its exaggerated emphasis on “hype.” Glamor sells. Bigger is better. Ordinary people doing ordinary things never make the news. We are consistently given the impression that wealthy jet-setters and highly successful business people are the happiest people in the world.

Our Christian faith should help us to see things from another perspective. Jesus was a carpenter’s son who lived most of his life in an insignificant town in an insignificant part of the world. His ministry lasted three years. His friends were fishermen. But the gospel reading offers Jesus a simple but eloquent tribute: “He has done all things well.”

We achieve greatness not only by doing great things but by doing the most ordinary things attentively and lovingly.

Take the time to consider how many “ordinary” things you do well and faithfully day in and day out, at home, in your parish and neighborhood, at school or work. You should take great encouragement from that. Ignore the “hype.” Show your appreciation to ordinary people doing ordinary things.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Church repairs are still ongoing, so please keep away from scaffolding area.

Church sweeping will take place on **Tues, Sept 7 at 9:30 am.** All volunteers are welcome.

The first get together for **Knight of Columbus** members will be **Thurs, Sept 16th.** Bring your appetite to the BBQ at **5:30 pm.**

The office had some computer issues. If you are **not receiving the parish bulletin through email**, please **send an email to stmaryswilno@gmail.com with your email address.** Thank you for your understanding.

Best wishes to all students who will be returning to class. Have a great year!



Father God, come be with us today. Fill our hearts with joy. Fill our minds with learning. Fill our classrooms with peace. Fill our lessons with fun.

Fill our friendships with kindness. Fill our school with love. Amen.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES—SEPTEMBER 6TH TO SEPTEMBER 19TH

For sacramental celebrations, in Step 3, as of July 16th, 2021, 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, September 6—*St. Zacharias*

10:00 am (Polish) +Dominic Bloskie (Ernie & Bernadette Dudack)

Tuesday, September 7—No Mass—*St. Regina, St. Cloud, St. Krizin*

Wednesday, September 8—*Birth of Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00 pm (Polish/English) +Isadore Yantha (Colleen Kluge)

Thursday, September 9—No Mass—*St. Peter Claver*

Friday, September 10—*St. Nicholas of Tolentino, Blessed Martyrs of Japan*

6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm +Shaun Lapenskie & Jonathan Robinson (Raymond & Drenda Lapenskie)

Saturday, September 11—*St. Adelphus*

5:00 pm +Alfie Stamplecoskie (Andrew & Marlene Shulist)

Sunday, September 12—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time—*Holy Name of Mary*

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

Monday, September 13—*St. John Chrysostom*

10:00 am (Polish) +Bennie Kutchkoskie (Knights of Columbus #16003)

Tuesday, September 14—No Mass—*Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

Wednesday, September 15—*Our Lady of Sorrows*

7:00 pm (Polish/English) +Anthony & Agnes Laturski (Laturski Family)

Thursday, September 16—No Mass—*St. Cornelius, St. Cyprian*

Friday, September 17—*St. Robert Bellarmine*

6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm +Ambrose Chippior (Chippior Family)

Saturday, September 18—*St. Joseph of Cupertino, St. John Macias, St. Stanislaw Kostka*

5:00 pm For all of our Parishioners

Sunday, September 19—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time—*St. Januarius*

11:00 am (Polish/English) Halina & Eugeniusz Gaweda (45th Wedding Anniversary)

