

REFLECTION FOR THE DAY

We are a people with a passion for things. The primary agenda for most of us is to be a consumer. Shopping malls have become new churches where we bring our needs and desires in hopes of finding salvation. Credit cards have become a new form of grace for millions. Modern advertising is the most potent preaching force in the history of mankind, and we are mesmerized by its persuasions. In terms of being influenced otherwise, we are in many respects, “hooked”. Mere ownership of many things, however, is not of itself a crying spiritual problem. The real problem is not that we are consumers, but that we have learned to identify with our possessions; our self-esteem is associated with what we own. We buy more and more in hopes of elevating our status in our own eyes and in the eyes of others. We compare what we have with what others have, and become either smug with pride, or green with envy.

All the reading today are singularly focused: they deplore any personal identification with possessions. “Vanity of vanities,” cries the reading from Ecclesiastes, “All is vanity.” Paul entreats the Colossians: “Set your mind on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” He bluntly calls passion for things, “idolatry.” Jesus in the gospel of Luke, stresses, “for a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” The challenge is that we come to terms with our true essence as human beings. What is our meaning and purpose? Are we primarily spiritual beings or material beings? Is it reasonable to give primary concern to satisfactions of the body which is mortal, rather than the spirit which is immortal?

We are more than what we have. The truth of what we must give up at death puts the life to any associating with what we own. Living for possessions is the root of evil and suffering. Crime is not so much the result of passion, but of unvarnished cupidity of someone’s else’s goods. So many of our problems, our unnecessary heartaches, our long nights of worry and anxiety, are usually over things. We have to ask ourselves, is it worth all the suffering we endure to identify with something of such fleeting value?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Father R. Majek is away on holidays. If you are in need of a priest during Fr. Roman’s absence, please contact **Fr. Lenius at 613-756-7722.**

Our annual **Chicken Supper** is **cancelled** for another year. 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.

81st Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Ann in Cormac. Theme: “History of the Devotion to St. Ann”. Principal Pilgrimage Mass on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. with Bishop Guy Desrochers. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 1:00 p.m. Priests will bless the faithful with St. Ann’s oil. **Please bring your own seating.** All welcome!

PARISH COLLECTIONS

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 ASSIGNMENTS	
Sat, July 30—5:00 pm	Edwin Echavarry
Sun, July 31—11:00 am	Len Gignac / Ryszard Prusakiewicz
Sat, Aug 6—5:00 pm	Ana & Tobias Sullivan
Sun, Aug 7—11:00 am <i>Altar Guild: Mon, Aug 8 to Sun, Aug 21</i>	Catherine Bloskie / Andrzej Wielgosz <i>Virginia Platt & Helpers</i>
Sat, Aug 13—5:00 pm	Rita Coulas
Sun, Aug 14—11:00 am	Len Gignac / Andrzej Suska
Sat, Aug, 20—5:00 pm	Steve Platt
Sun, Aug 21—11:00 am <i>Altar Guild: Mon, Aug 22 to Sun, Sept 4</i>	Catherine Bloskie / Ryszard Prusakiewicz <i>Drenda Lapenskie & Helpers</i>

DIOCESAN NEWS

Marriage Preparation Programs

Online registration is available at <https://pembrokediocese.com/young-adult/marriage-and-family/>. Registration Fee is **\$100.00/couple**. E-Transfer is now available via *donnabiggs@pembrokediocese.com* or a cheque can be mailed to: Diocese of Pembroke – FLYMO – P.O Box 7, Renfrew St. Pembroke, ON K8A 6X1 along with this form filled out. Questions? Contact Yvette Bourque at (613) 585-6301 or yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com. Forms available at back of church. Course dates are as follows:

LOCATIONS	1 st Saturday	2 nd Saturday
FALL : St. James the Less Parish, Eganville <i>(Deadline: Sept. 30)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Oct 15 - 2022 9- 4:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Oct 29 - 2022 9- 4:00 p.m.
WINTER: St. Francis Xavier Parish, Renfrew <i>(Deadline: Feb. 11)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Feb. 25 - 2023 9- 4:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Feb. Mar. 11 - 2023 9- 4:00 p.m.
SPRING: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Pembroke <i>(Deadline: Mar. 16)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Apr 1 - 2023 9- 4:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Apr 15 - 2023 9-4:00 p.m.

The Discalced Carmelite Secular Order: Would you be interested in discerning a secular (lay) vocation? Are you spiritually attracted to St. Therese of Lisieux or St. Teresa of Avila? Our group (not a prayer group) meets monthly at St. Andrews Parish, Killaloe. For more information, please call Mila at [613-754-5275](tel:613-754-5275) or 613-281-6078.

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College is hosting its annual **Wojtyla Summer Institute** in-person in Barry's Bay **from Aug 4-7**. This year's theme, "Know Thyself": Catholic Perspectives on the Human Person," addresses ways in which the integrity of the human person is being challenged, and seeks to find connections among the various Catholic perspectives to form a unified view of who we are and how we should live. The conference features a keynote address by Fr. Mark Goring, CC, in St. Hedwig's Parish, which will be free and open to the public, as well as livestreamed. Some accommodations are available. Space is limited for the in-person conference. Find more information, and register at seatofwisdom.ca/wojtyla-2022.

In your prayers remember:



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

We expect that a good number of parishioners will continue to wear masks, especially as attendance increases at our Masses. We encourage anyone who wishes to wear a mask to do so as their comfort is very important to all of us. Please self-monitor for any signs of illness, and to continue to avoid circumstances where you could transmit COVID-19 to others.

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

SCHEDULE OF MASSES—July 31st Aug 14th

Sunday, July 31—18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—*St. Ignatius of Loyola*
11:00 am (Polish/English) +**Nelson & Eva Olsheskie** (Arthur & Lillian Shulist)

Monday, August 1—*St. Alphonsus Liguori*—Civic/Provincial Holiday
10:00 am (Polish) +**Krystyna Suska** (Michael & Catherine Bloskie & Family)

Tuesday, August 2—No Mass—*St. Peter Julian Eymard, St. Eusebius of Vercelli*

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

Thursday, August 4—No Mass—*St. Jean-Marie Vianney*

Friday, August 5—*Bl. Frederic Janssoone, Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major*—First Friday
6:00 pm **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
7:00 pm +**Anthony Yaraskavitch** (Doreen Yaraskavitch)
+**Witek Sokolski** (Hanna Sokolski)
+**Alfie Prince (Anniv) & Frank & Catherine Prince** (Bernadette Prince)

Saturday, August 6—*The Transfiguration of the Lord*
5:00 pm **For all of our Parishioners**

Sunday, August 7—19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—*St. Sixtus II & Companions, St. Cajetan*
11:00 am (Polish/English) +**Stanisława Modlińska** (Kłasinsay Family)

Monday, August 8—*St. Dominic, St. Mary MacKillop*
10:00 am (Polish) +**Ambrose Blank** (Blank Family)

Tuesday, August 9—No Mass—*St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*

Wednesday, August 10—*St. Lawrence*
7:00 pm (Polish/English) +**Brenda Pepin (nee Shulist) (2nd Anniv)** (Esther Yantha)
Healing for Logan Martin (Linda Shulist)
+**Mary Borutski** (John & Ursula Jeffrey)

Thursday, August 11—No Mass—*St. Clare, St. Philomena*

Friday, August 12—*St. Jane Frances de Chantal*
6:00 pm **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
7:00 pm +**Monica Burchat** (Gerard & RoseMarie Lorbetskie)
+**Dolores Beland, Jackie Heath, Margaret & Elmer Dombroskie** (Florence Trebinskie & Family)
+**Ron Coulas** (Debbie Coulas)

Saturday, August 13—*St. Pontian, St. Hippolytus, St. Irma Dulce Pontes*
5:00 pm **For all of our Parishioners**

Sunday, August 14—20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—*St. Maximilian Kolbe*
11:00 am (Polish/English) **For all of our Parishioners**