

REFLECTION FOR THE DAY

On the first day of the new calendar year we honor Mary as the Mother of God. This title derives from the fact that Mary was the mother of Jesus who was both fully human and fully divine. It also highlights the important role that Mary has played, and continues to play, in God's plan of salvation. Specifically, by living her life in perfect fidelity to the will of God and saying yes to God's request to become the mother of his Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus, was born into the world.

After Jesus was born, Mary lovingly cared for him, and once he reached adulthood she became his first disciple. And then when the earthly course of her life was finished, she was assumed body and soul into heaven, where she now reigns as Queen of heaven and earth. She also is our spiritual mother who continually intercedes for us, that we might be strengthened to resist temptation and grow in our faith and love for her Son, Jesus.

As we begin this new calendar year and honor Mary as the Mother of God, it seems appropriate to make some spiritual resolutions to work on keeping throughout 2023. One resolution that should top our list is to ensure we are setting aside at least ten minutes to spend in prayer each day. Spending time in prayer is non-negotiable if we are serious about growing in our love for the Lord and allowing his peace to reign more fully in our hearts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Thanks to the Rosary Society for buying new LED lights to decorate our church tree.

Men and women volunteers will be needed to take down Christmas decorations on Sat, Jan 21st beginning at **9:30 am**.

Please note that **Mass on Wed, Jan 4** will be at **9:30 am**.

Visitation of the sick will be on **Fri, Jan 6th**. If you wish to be added to the list, please contact the office.

Knights of Columbus Meeting will be held on **Thurs, Jan 12 at 7:30 pm** at the church hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

Fr. R. Majek, OMI, will be at the **Annual Oblate Study Days** from **Sun, Jan 8th, following Mass to Fri, Jan 13th. No Masses during that week.**

If you were a **reader or eucharistic minister** before Covid, and would like to be put back on the list, please call the parish office or send an email.

Kindergarten registration at Renfrew County Catholic District School Board is opening soon! From **Jan 23rd to Feb 3rd** go to **www.rccdsb.ca** to **enrol your child** and learn about our inclusive caring and engaging Kindergarten program. Then make an appointment with your designated school to finalize your registration.

If you're looking for a religious article that is not on display, please drop off suggestion in the box located near the guest book and we will try our best to find something.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Please use stmaryswilno@gmail.com when you are making an e-transfer 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.

2023 Envelopes that were not picked up at the back of the church, **are now in rectory office. They can be picked up on Thursday or Friday mornings.** If you would like to receive a set, call parish office. Thank you for your generosity. To keep our database updated, please indicate your **mailing address** on the first envelope you use for **2023.**

Just a **reminder** that your income tax receipts will be issued near the end of January and **all monies need to be in the office by Dec 26th to be shown on the 2022 year.** Any monies received after this date will be shown on your 2023 tax receipt.

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS	
Sat, Dec 31—5:00 pm	Rita Coulas
Sun, Jan 1—11:00 am	Catherine Bloskie / Ryszard Prusakiewicz
Sat, Jan 7—5:00 pm	Steve Platt
Sun, Jan 8—11:00 am	Len Gignac / Andrzej Suska
<i>Altar Guild: Mon, Jan 9 to Sun, Jan 22</i>	<i>Virginia Platt & Helpers</i>
Sat, Jan 14—5:00 pm	Edwin Echavarry
Sun, Jan 15—11:00 am	Catherine Bloskie /Ryszard Prusakiewicz
Sat, Jan 21—5:00 pm	Ana & Tobias Sullivan
Sun, Jan 22—11:00 am	Len Gignac / Andrzej Suska
<i>Altar Guild: Mon, Jan 23 to Sun, Feb 5</i>	<i>Drenda Lapenskie & Helpers</i>

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

SCHEDULE OF MASSES—Jan 1st to Jan 15th

Sunday, January 1—THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD—New Year's Day
11:00 am (Polish/English) **God's Blessing for all of our families & parishioners in 2023**

Monday, January 2—St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory Nazianzen
10:00 am (Polish) **+Carl Lorbetskie** (Knights of Columbus #16003)

Tuesday, January 3—No Mass—Holy Name of Jesus, St. Genevieve, St. Munchin

Wednesday, January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
9:30 am (English / Polish) **+Shaun Lapenskie** (Tom & Carolyn Etmanskie)
+Za Genowefa Ropego (Syn i Synowa)
+Ambrose Blank (Blank Family)

Thursday, January 5—No Mass—St. John Neumann

Friday, January 6—FIRST FRIDAY—St. Guarinus
6:00 pm **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
7:00 pm **+Adolph Burchat** (Tom E. Prince)
+Aloysius Lorbetskie (Arthur & Lillian Shulist)
+Donald Recoskie (Wayne Etmanskie)

Saturday, January 7—St. Andre Bessette
5:00 pm (English) **For all of our Parishioners**

Sunday, January 8—The Epiphany of the Lord, St. Raymond of Penyafort, St. Apollinaris the Apologist
11:00 am (Polish/English) **+Marie** (corka Joanna i zięć Andrzeja Ropegeo)

Monday, January 9 to Friday, January 13—No Masses

Saturday, January 14—St. Felix of Nola, St. Sava
5:00 pm **For all of our parishioners**

Sunday, January 15—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—St. Paul the Hermit, St. Ita
11:00 am (Polish/English) **+Marta Michalowski (1st Anniv)** (Kazimiera Michalowski)



In your prayers remember:

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

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 email at yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com . Forms available at back of church. Course dates are as follows:**

LOCATIONS	1 st Saturday	2 nd Saturday
WINTER: St. Francis Xavier Parish, Renfrew <i>(Deadline: Feb. 11)</i>	Sat, Feb. 25 - 2023 9- 4:00 p.m.	Sat, Feb. Mar. 11 - 2023 9- 4:00 p.m.
SPRING: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Pembroke <i>(Deadline: Mar. 16)</i>	Sat, Apr 1 - 2023 9- 4:00 p.m.	Sat, Apr 15 - 2023 9-4:00 p.m.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: Sat, Dec 17—69 Sun, Dec 18— 86 Sat, Dec 24—121 Midnight-52 Sun, Dec 25—95

Be Our Light for the New Year

Come, Holy Spirit,
Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.
Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.
Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.
May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,
A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,
A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,
A time for growing in virtue and goodness.
Come, Holy Spirit,
Be with us today and always.

- Author Unknown

Happy New Year