

**REFLECTION FOR THE DAY***He opened my eyes. (John 9:30)*

Today's Gospel seems to be a simple miracle story. But it contains rich insight for us if we, like the blind man, allow Jesus to open our eyes.

Notice that this man was born blind. He had never been able to see his mother's face or the light of a sunrise. For his entire life, he saw only darkness, and his condition was considered incurable.

Since we were born with the blindness of original sin, we can all identify with the challenges this man faced. Just as his physical blindness made it difficult for him to live in freedom and independence, so our spiritual blindness causes us to struggle to find our way to God. We lack the light to walk in love and holiness, and God can seem distant to us.

Jesus spotted the man in his isolation and suffering and reached out to him (John 9:1). He applied mud to his eyes and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam. Suddenly, this man, who had never seen anything before, "came back able to see."

Just as Jesus healed this man of his blindness, he has washed you clean of sin and healed your spiritual blindness in the waters of Baptism. No more stumbling in darkness—you have Jesus, the Light of the World, to guide you! No more hiding in shame over your sin—you are forgiven! No more isolation—you are a child of God and a member of his family! You may experience some lingering effects of the sin, but Jesus offers you an opportunity to see more clearly each and every day. In time, he will overcome all your darkness.

Rejoice: Jesus has opened your eyes!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays at 6:00 pm. Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm.** Please join us.

We welcome **Charles Patrick Dombroski**, son of Gregory and Amber Dombroski, who received the sacrament of Baptism and is entering the community of the church. God Bless!

**Lectors Meeting** after Mass on Sat, Mar 25th and Sun, Mar 26th.

**Parish Council Meeting on Thurs, Mar 30th at 7:00 pm** in the rectory. All members are encouraged to attend.

**Rosary Society meeting on Mon, Apr 3rd at 6:30 pm.** New members are welcome. All members are encouraged to attend.

You are **invited** to join us for **coffee** in the parish hall **after the 11:00 am Mass on Sundays.**

The Knights intend to have another **Yard Sale** this year so after your Spring cleaning call Delmar 613-756-1785 or Ed 613-756-6535 for pick up anytime.

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.

## MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

In preparation for **Lent**, we invite you to join our Bible study, that looks at the last days of Jesus, taught by our very own Patrick Sullivan, Catholic Evangelist. The study promises to bring you closer to Christ and His passion more than ever before. We hope to see you there.

When? 7:30 p.m. [following Wednesday evening Mass]

Where? St. Mary's Parish Hall or Rectory Meeting Room

What do I bring? A Bible!

## DIOCESAN NEWS

The Diocesan Office of Faith Formation and Leadership Development is sponsoring an Adult Faith Lenten Retreat on **Saturday, April 01, 2023** at St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall, 331 Plaunt Street South, **Renfrew, Ontario** from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with registration at 09:30 a.m. Celebration of the Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Cost is \$15.00 per person (lunch and refreshments provided). This retreat is open to all the faithful. The theme of the retreat is the “The Eucharist.” Our guest speaker will be Emeritus Archbishop Terrence Prendergast SJ Ottawa Cornwall. Please join us for this very special day. To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Adrien Chaput at (613) 732-7933 ext. 206 or [dcadriendchaput@pembrokedioocese.com](mailto:dcadriendchaput@pembrokedioocese.com) . **Registration deadline is Thursday, March 30, 2023.**

Beginning 28 March 2023, the *CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis* will offer a webinar series, *The Call of the Catechist*. This three-part series will explore the needs of the catechist today and will be of interest to those involved in evangelization and catechesis. Keynote speakers include Sherry Weddell (*Catherine of Siena Institute*), Sr. Janet Schlawfler, OP (*Adrian Dominican Sisters*), and Anne Walsh, D.Min. (Redemptorist Lay Missionary). We hope that people engaged in evangelization and catechesis today, including clergy, consecrated persons, lay ministers, directors, and Catholic educators, will register for this free-of-cost webinar series.

Please go to website: [https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/1316776042871/](https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/1316776042871/WN_Dhjog2k8R8i626WAcmCu1Q)

**WN\_Dhjog2k8R8i626WAcmCu1Q** to access the online registration form. Please note that the packaged webinar recordings and reflection guide will be available on the CCCB website and YouTube channel following the last session on 18 April 2023.

I wish to inform you that the CCCB video series *Journey through Lent* will be available once again on the CCCB website. This year's Lenten reflections are delivered by His Eminence Gérald Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada, and the Most Reverend Brian Joseph Dunn, Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth. <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent-2023/> Every Monday throughout Lent, a video will continue to be posted on the CCCB website.

**Earthquake in Turkey and Syria:** People are wondering how they can help victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Here are links to two Catholic aid organizations:

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada: <https://www.dev.org/en/>

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

## **SCHEDULE OF MASSES- Sun, Mar 19th to Sun, Apr 2**

**Sunday, March 19—4th Sunday of Lent —St. Adrian**  
11:00 am (Polish/English) For all of our parishioners

**Monday, March 20—St. Joseph, spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Cuthbert**  
10:00 am (Polish) For successful operation & gift of health for Karolina (Parents)

**Tuesday, March 21—No Mass—St. Nicholas of Flue**

**Wednesday, March 22—St. Lea**  
7:00 pm (English / Polish) +Doris Hudder (Christine Hudder)  
+Souls in Purgatory (Bernie)

**Thursday, March 23—No Mass—St. Turibius of Mogrovejo**

**Friday, March 24—St. Karin of Sweden**  
6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross  
7:00 pm +Mary E. Luckasavitch (Frances & Sylvie Belaskie)  
+Peter Sr & Theresa Yantha (23rd Anniv) (Peter Yantha)

**Saturday, March 25—Annunciation of the Lord, St. Dismas**  
5:00 pm (English) For all of our Parishioners

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**Sunday, March 26—5th Sunday in Lent—St. Ludger**  
11:00 am (Polish/English) +Barbara i Tadeusz Szymanscy (Dorota i Mirosław Magdziak)

**Monday, March 27—St. Gregory of Narek, St. John Damascene**  
10:00 am (Polish) +Anthony Yaraskavitch (Mr. & Mrs. Ken Lehovitch)

**Tuesday, March 28—No Mass—St. Guntram**

**Wednesday, March 29—St. Gundleus**  
7:00 pm (English / Polish) Healing for Logan Martin (Linda Shulist)  
+Xavier Laginski (Joan MacLeod)

**Thursday, March 30—No Mass—St. John Climacus**

**Friday, March 31—St. Benjamin**  
6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross  
7:00 pm +Delmer Sernoskie (RoseRita & Family)  
+Nicholas Stamplecoskie (Nancy Lemire)

**Saturday, April 1—St. Hugh**  
5:00 pm For all of our parishioners

**Sunday, April 2—Palm Sunday —St. Francis of Paola**  
11:00 am (Polish/English) In Thanksgiving for the Pontificate of John Paul II & asking for his assistance  
in our journey of faith.

## PARISH COLLECTIONS

Please use [stmaryswilno@gmail.com](mailto: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.

We have envelopes with *In Memory Pamphlet* available for pick up at the funeral home or back of the church for **St. Mary's Building and Renovation Fund, St. Mary's and St. Stanislaus Koska cemeteries or Mass Offering**. Thank you for your continued support.

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS	
Sat, Mar 18—5:00 pm	Edwin Echavarry
Sun, Mar 19—11:00 am	Len Gignac / Andrzej Suska
<i>Altar Guild: Mon, Mar 20 to Sun, Apr 2</i>	<i>Lillian Shulist &amp; Helpers</i>
Sat, Mar 25—5:00 pm	Ana & Tobias Sullivan
Sun, Mar 26—11:00 am	Catherine Bloskie / Joanna Ropego
Sat, Apr 1—5:00 pm	Rita Coulas
Sun, Apr 2—11:00 am	Len Gignac / Andrzej Wielgosz
<i>Altar Guild: Mon, Apr 3 to Sun, Apr 16</i>	<i>Virginia Platt &amp; Helpers</i>

<b>CHURCH ATTENDANCE:</b> Sat, Feb 25—52	Sun, Feb 26—79
Sat, Mar 4—48	Sun, Mar 5—85
Sat, Mar—67	Sun, Mar 12—87