

REFLECTION FOR THE DAY

The gospel today tells the story of God's own banquet. A special invitation of the king goes out to honored guests. Everyone would leap at the opportunity, we might think, but such is not the case. Some gladly accept, while others, decline the invitation, offering spurious excuses. The rejection is baffling. It is like offering someone a five-pound gold bar, which is refused, in preference for a dollar bill because the paper bill is lighter and fits easily into a wallet. This gospel passage is about a sense of appreciation.

Lack of appreciation is very damaging to effective living. Without a developed sense of appreciation, opportunities for personal growth and enhancement go unnoticed. When we forget to say "thank you," for example, favors from others are less forthcoming. When we take people for granted, our relationships suffer. When our priorities no longer take account of what is truly important or unimportant, we lose the focus we need to ensure a fuller, richer life.

For all your problems, think about how good you have it, how many blessings you still enjoy. Thank God for the love shown you, that you hear God's invitation to a higher and better life. Acknowledge how honored and blessed you are.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The month of **October** is dedicated to **Our Lady of the Rosary**. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays at 6:00 pm.** Please join us.

Thank you to the **gardeners** who are preparing the flower beds for winter.

Due to a price increase for our **5-day lumen candles**, the cost per candle will now be **\$4.00 each**.

World Mission Sunday-October 22nd: The special collection on this Sunday is organized by the Pontifical Missions Society. The funds collected assist some 1,250 mission dioceses under the responsibility of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. Any support received, is much appreciated.

Parish Council meeting on Thurs, Oct 26th at 7:00 pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

St. Mary's Youth Group gathering on **Fri, Oct 27th from 7:30-9:30 pm** for students between the ages of **13 to 18**. Supervisor: Patrick Sullivan.

The **5th draw** will be held this **Sun, Oct 15th**. There are only **100 tickets printed** for the \$1,000 Raffle prize and each ticket sells for **\$20.00**. The next draw will be held on Sun, Nov 19th and **tickets** will be **available** at the back of the church on **Sat, Oct 21st** after the Mass. Contact Basil Borutski, Lorraine Coulter, Marilyn Glofcheskie, Krystna Kearney or Andrew Shulist, if you wish to purchase a ticket.

All Souls Day envelopes are available at the front and back of the church. Place in collection basket or drop off slot at garage door by **Sun, Oct 29th**.

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



"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love."
St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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, Oct 1st to Sun, Oct 15th

Sunday, October 15—28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—St. Teresa of Avila
11:00 am (Polish/English) For all of our parishioners

Monday, October 16—St. Marguerite d'Youville, St. Richard Gwyn
10:00 am (Polish) +Souls in Purgatory (Parishioner)

Tuesday, October 17—No Mass—St. Ignatius of Antioch

Wednesday, October 18—St. Luke
10:00 am (Polish / English) +Michael Dowbenka (Catherine & Michael Bloskie & Family)
+Ambrose Blank (Blank Family)
+Stanisława Agas (Zosia Kosinski)

Thursday, October 19—No Mass—St. Paul of the Cross

Friday, October 20—St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm +Mary Luckasavitch (Knights of Columbus #16003)
+Anthony & Agnes Laturski (Laturski Family)



Saturday, October 21—St. Caspar
5:00 pm For all of our Parishioners

Sunday, October 22—29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—World Mission Sunday—St. John Paul II
11:00 am (Polish/English) +Julia Lorbetskie (Kazia Michalowski-Ganko & Janusz Ganko)

Monday, October 23—St. John of Capistrano
10:00 am +Stanisław & Krystyna Orlowski (Alexandra Kucharckj & daughters)

Tuesday, October 24—No Mass—St. Anthony Mary Claret

Wednesday, October 25—40 Martyrs of England & Wales
7:00 pm (Polish/English) +Glen Wright (Knights of Columbus #16003)
God's blessing for Michael (Mother)

Thursday, October 26—No Mass—St. Demetrius, St. Evaristus

Friday, October 27—St. Frumentius
6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm +Deceased members of the Recoskie & Lorbetskie Family (Aponary & Doreen Recoskie)
+Adolph Burchat (Anthony & Patricia Dombroskie)

Saturday, October 28—St. Simon, St. Jude
5:00 pm For all of our parishioners

Sunday, October 29—30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—St. Narcissus
11:00 am (Polish/English) O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Krzysztofa w dniu urodzin (żona z rodziną)

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.

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, Oct 14—5:00 pm	Rita Coulas
Sun, Oct 15—11:00 am	Catherine Bloskie / Andrzej Wielgosz
Sat, Oct 21—5:00 pm	Steve Platt
Sun, Oct 22—11:00 am	Len Gignac / Andrzej Suska
Sat, Oct 28—5:00 pm	Edwin Echavarry
Sun, Oct 29—11:00 am	Catherine Bloskie / Andrzej Wielgosz
Sat, Nov 4—5:00 pm	Ana & Tobias Sullivan
Sun, Nov 5—11:00 am	Len Gignac / Andrzej Suska

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: Sat, Sept 30—51	Sun, Oct 1—130
Sat, Oct 7—81	Sun, Oct 8—180



DIOCESAN NEWS

The new Archbishop, **The Most Reverend Guy Descrochers**, will be installed in the presence of His Excellency Archbishop Ivan Jurkovic, Apostolic Nuncio in Canada on **Wed, Oct 18th at 3:00 pm** at the **Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption in Moncton, New Brunswick.**

Hot Roast Beef Dinner is being offered at **St. John Chrysostom Parish** in Arnprior on **Sun, Oct 15th from 12:00 noon until 6:00 pm.** Adults: \$20, Children under 12: \$10 and children under 6—Free.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) – Registration is OPEN for Pembroke Level 1 CGS at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. This Montessori-based (experiential learning) and child-centered catechetical program offers children a deep engagement of Scripture and Liturgy, to facilitate the child's encounter with the Mystery of God and Our Lord, the Good Shepherd. **A Saturday morning session**, from 10:15 am - 12:00 pm will run Oct 28 to the end of May. Open to children ages 3-5 from Pembroke and area. **Register before Oct 20**, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Office during regular office hours. Registration is \$150/child, plus \$100 for any additional sibling. To learn more about this beautiful program for our young children, visit cgsac.ca (The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Association of Canada), or contact Maria Reilander st.hedwigs.cgs@gmail.com or 613-756-0528.

YOU Theology of the Body for Teens by Ascension Press: For all teens from age 14 – 19. Come learn what LOVE really is, why we were made male and female, how do we know what the truth is, what is our true value, what does God want to reveal to us about our bodies and so much more. **Saturdays Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 9 from 10 – 3:30 pm.** \$40 per participant includes student workbook and daily lunch. ***Special parent session on Oct. 21, 10 a.m -12:30 p.m. Includes lunch. No cost*.** Online registration and further details at www.pembrokediocese.com (front page) or register here <https://pembrokediocese.com/tobforteens/> Questions? Contact Yvette at yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com.

Project Rachel at the Refuge is offering a retreat **Oct 27-29, 2023**, for women who are suffering the effects of abortion. We have been offering Project Rachel retreats for more than fifteen years. At our retreats, we welcome women whose pain has been silenced and denied by the world. See our web site (stmarysrefuge.org/rachel), and phone or e-mail us in confidence, 289 691 6840 or projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org.

Marriage Preparation Program: 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 the back of the church.**

Winter: St. Francis Xavier Parish, Renfrew on Sat, Mar 2, 2024 from 9:00-4:00 pm and second Sat, Mar 23, 2024 from 9:00-4:00 pm. **Deadline to register is Feb 22nd.**

Spring: Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Pembroke on Sat, Apr 6, 2024 from 9:00-4:00 pm and second Sat, Apr 20, 2024 from 9:00-4:00 pm. **Deadline to register is Mar 21st.**

In your prayers remember:



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

