

**REFLECTION FOR THE DAY**

The passage from Mark tells us that after Jesus was baptized, he went off into the desert to reform his life and prepare for his ministry. For forty days he was tempted by Satan, tested by wild beasts, and ministered to by angels. We begin Lent in much the same manner. Lent invites us to set some time aside to re-form our lives and re-establish our priorities as Christians. We too need to confront our “beasts” and assess our “angels.” The journey to the glory of Easter is through a desert experience.

Most of us are fearful of desert experiences. We get used to cozy surroundings and the predictability of our daily routine. We don't like to be alone in quiet and we prefer not to challenge our lifestyles. The Lord's example, however, cautions us that not breaking away from our usual routines and not taking time for a re-evaluation of our lifestyles is hazardous to our well-being and happiness. We tend to get stuck in ruts and fail to continue in the development that is essential to fulfilling our destinies. Stagnation is one of the greatest threats to effective and happy living. We need to “get away,” turn our eyes inward and examine where we are going in life. Lent is a time for looking at ourselves and considering if we like what we see.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

The parish had a very successful breakfast last Sunday with 384 plates served. A huge **thank you** to Emmett, Frances and Lorraine for organizing this event. Thanks to those who helped prepping on Saturday and cooking/serving on Sunday .... Barbara Ann, Margaret, Christine, Muriel, Marilyn, Julie-Ann, Dorothy, Carol, Marlene, Brenda, Delmar, Mike M, Michael R, Ken, Richard S, Richard B, Clarence, Andrew, Stephen, Dennis, Raphael and Ed. Thank you to caretaker Mike for running in twice to get extra supplies. Thank you also to all who donated food: Potatoes (St. Joseph House, Bob / Dorothy Fife), Syrup (Davie, Jackie, Mary Ellen, Gerard Hudder, Basil, Darryl Luckovitch, Robert/Kathleen Luckovitch), Milk (Tony Yantha Dairy), Muffins (by many). Obviously, those of you who came out to support the event, a big thank you. **Without all of you, the fund raiser would not have been possible.**

**Mass on Wed, Mar 1st at 9:30 am,** not in the evening.

**Visitation of the sick** will be on **Fri, Mar 3rd.** If you wish to be added to the list, please call the parish office.

**Knights of Columbus meeting on Thurs, Mar 9th at 7:30 pm.** 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.**

**Secretary will not be in the office on March 9th & 10th.**

**Daylight Savings Time begins Sun, Mar 12th.** Clocks are moved **forward** one hour.

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.

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE:** Sat, Feb 11—57  
Sat, Feb 18—50

Sun, Feb 12—109  
Sun, Feb 19 —146

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—Feb 26th to Mar 19th**

**Sunday, February 26—1st Sunday of Lent —St. Alexander**  
**11:00 am (Polish/English) +Florence Cybulski (Arthur & Lillian Shulist)**

**Monday, February 27—St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows**  
**10:00 am (Polish) For the Conversion of Rafal Siedlecki...(Vicky Skoczylas)**

**Tuesday, February 28—No Mass—St. Hilary, St. John Cassian**

**Wednesday, March 1—St. David, St. Albinus**  
**9:30 am (English / Polish) +Mary Luckasavitch (Rosary Society)**  
**Healing for Logan Martin (Linda Shulist)**

**Thursday, March 2—No Mass—Bl. Charles the Good**

**Friday, March 3—FIRST FRIDAY— St. Katharine Drexel—World Day of Prayer**  
**6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**7:00 pm +Florence Cybulski (Andrew & Marlene Shulist and three sons)**  
**+Dominic Burchat Sr (Dominic & Julie Burchat & Family)**

**Saturday, March 4—St. Casimir**  
**5:00 pm (English) +Florence (Lolly) Shulist (Shulist Family)**

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**Sunday, March 5—2nd Sunday in Lent—St. John Joseph of the Cross, St. Kieran**  
**11:00 am (Polish/English) For all of our Parishioners**

**Monday, March 6—St. Colette**  
**10:00 am (Polish) +John, Victoria & Lornie Bloskie (Mary Bloskie)**

**Tuesday, March 7—No Mass—St. Perpetua & St. Felicity, Martyrs**

**Wednesday, March 8—St. John of God**  
**7:00 pm (English / Polish) +Ambrose Blank (Blank Family)**  
**+Alfie Stamplecoskie (Gerard & Rose Marie Lorbetskie)**

**Thursday, March 9—No Mass—St. Francis of Rome**

**Friday, March 10—St. Macrius, St. John Ogilvie**  
**6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**6:30 pm Stations of the Cross**  
**7:00 pm +Rene Prince (Darlene & Ron Stamplecoskie & Family and the Prince Family)**  
**God's blessing on Marc Arsenault (Monique Perry)**

**Saturday, March 11—St. Eulogius**  
**5:00 pm +Dominic & Helen Yantha (RoseRita Sernoskie & Yantha Family)**

**Sunday, March 12—3rd Sunday of Lent —St. Theophanes**  
**11:00 am (Polish/English) For all of our parishioners**

**Monday, March 13—St. Roderick**  
**10:00 am (Polish) +Souls in Purgatory** (Parishioner)

**Tuesday, March 14—No Mass—St. Matilda**

**Wednesday, March 15—St. Louise de Marillac**  
**7:00 pm (English / Polish) +Shaun Lapenskie** (Mandy Kutchkoskie)  
**+Agnes & Anthony Laturski** (Laturski Family)

**Thursday, March 16—No Mass—St. Herbert**

**Friday, March 17—St. Patrick**  
**6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**6:30 pm Stations of the Cross**  
**7:00 pm +Alex Shulist** (Brian & Donna Luckovitch)  
**+Adolph Burchat** (Aponary & Doreen Recoskie)

**Saturday, March 18—St. Cyril of Jerusalem**  
**5:00 pm +Clemence Stamplecoskie (3rd Anniv)** (Rose Stamplecoskie & Family)

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

### MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

In preparation for **Lent**, we invite you to join our six week Bible study, which began on Feb 15th, 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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com) . Form available at back of church. **Course date is Sat, Apr 1 from 9 am-4 pm and Sat, Apr 15 from 9 am-4 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Pembroke. Deadline to register is Mar 16, 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 Gerald 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.devp.org/en/>

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association: <https://cnewa.org/ca/>


**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, Feb 25—5:00 pm	Rita Coulas
Sun, Feb 26—11:00 am	Catherine Bloskie / Ryszard Prusakiewicz
Sat, Mar 4—5:00 pm	John Morris
Sun, Mar 5—11:00 am	Len Gignac / Andrzej Suska
<i>Altar Guild: Mon, Mar 6 to Sun, Mar 19</i>	<i>Drenda Lapenskie &amp; Helpers</i>
Sat, Mar 11—5:00 pm	Steve Platt
Sun, Mar 12—11:00 am	Catherine Bloskie / Ryszard Prusakiewicz
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>

***In your prayers remember:***



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