

REFLECTION FOR THE DAY

Excerpt from Pope Francis' Message for the 4th World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly (July 28th, 2024)

Sacred Scripture as a whole is a story of the Lord's faithful love. It offers us the comforting certainty that God constantly shows us his mercy, always, at every stage of life, in whatever situation we find ourselves, even in our betrayals. The Psalms are filled with the wonder of the human heart before God who cares for us despite our insignificance (cf. Ps 144:3-4); they assure us that God has fashioned each one of us from our mother's womb (cf. Ps 139:13) and that even in hell he will not abandon our life (cf. Ps 16:10). We can be certain, then, that he will be close to us also in old age, all the more because, in the Bible, growing old is a sign of blessing.

At the same time, in the Psalms we also find this heartfelt plea to the Lord: "In my old age do not abandon me" (cf. Ps 71:9). Words that are strong, even crude. They make us think of the extreme suffering of Jesus, who cried out on the cross: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mt 27:46).

In the Bible, then, we find both the certainty of God's closeness at every stage of life and the fear of abandonment, particularly in old age and in times of pain.

Note: To encourage us in our works of charity, on this day (July 28th 2024) the church offers a plenary indulgence to all the faithful who visit the elderly, the sick, the homebound. The visit could be in person or by calling them. As usual, to gain the indulgence the good work must be accompanied by a sacramental confession several days before or after, reception of holy communion and prayers for the Pope's intentions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Visitation of the sick will be on **Fri, Aug 2nd**. If you wish to be added to the list, please call the parish office.

Our deepest sympathy to family and friends of Catherine Serran. May her soul rest in peace.

During the summer, if you have any extra fresh flowers that would be available to place on the altars, please bring to the flower room on Friday mornings. Thank you.

Our ticket draw was held on **Sun, July 14th**. **The winner was Audrey Bromwich**. There are only **100 tickets printed** and each ticket sells for **\$20.00**. **Next draw date: Aug 25th**. Contact Basil Borutski, Lorraine Coulter, Marilyn Glofcheskie, Krystna Kearney or Andrew Shulist, if you wish to purchase a ticket

You are **invited** to join us for **coffee** in the parish hall **after the 11:00 am Mass on Sundays**. Coffee Club has covered the cost of flowers for Corpus Christi and Confirmation (\$69.72) and made a donation to Polish Catholic Mission (\$280.60). Rosary Society collected (\$57.15). **Thank you for your support.**

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—Sunday, July 21, 2024 to Sunday, August 4, 2024

**Sunday, July 21—16th Sunday in Ordinary Time—*St. Lawrence of Brindisi*
11:00 am (Polish/English) +Teresa Kasek (Andrzej Bigda & Family)**

**Monday, July 22—*St. Mary Magdalene, Disciple of the Lord*
10:00 am (Polish/English) +Souls in Purgatory (Parishioner)**

Tuesday, July 23—No Mass—*St. Bridget of Sweden*

**Wednesday, July 24—*St. Olga, St. Anthony of the Caves, St. Sharbel Makhluf*
7:00 pm (Polish / English) +Dianne Pecarski & Adolph & Stella Burchat (Michael & Joan Coulas)
Mary Lynn & Len Gignac & Family (Darlene & Darryl Luckovitch)**

Thursday, July 25—No Mass—St. James, Sts. Philip Evans & John Lloyd

**Friday, July 26—*Sts. Anne & Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm (English) +Lucy & Edward Kuiack (Anna Mary & Gerald Cybulski & Barbara & Ken Recoskie)
For living & deceased family members of Alfie & Jean Stamplecoskie
(Stamplecoskie Family)**

**Saturday, July 27—*St. Celestine I*
5:00 pm (English) For all of our Parishioners**

**Sunday, July 28 —17th Sunday in Ordinary Time—*Sts. Nazarius & Celsus, St. Vladimir the Great*
11:00 am (Polish/English) Danuta & Wladyslaw Wrzosek (50th Wed. Anniv)**

**Monday, July 29—*St. Martha, Mary & Lazarus*
10:00 am (Polish/English) Souls in Purgatory & Special Intention for Eliash (Elizabeth)**

Tuesday, July 30—No Mass—*St. Peter Chrysologus*

**Wednesday, July 31—*St. Ignatius of Loyola*
7:00 pm (Polish / English) +Louie Zucchiatti (The Zakrzewski Family)
+Glen & Anna Wright (Peter Yantha)**

Thursday, August 1—No Mass—*St. Alphonsus Liguori*

**Friday, August 2—FIRST FRIDAY—*St. Peter Julian Eymard, St. Eusebius of Vercell*
6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm (English) +Alphonse Prince (Anniv) & Frank & Catherine Prince (Bernadette Prince & Family)
+Alex Shulist (Shirley Kuiack)**

**Saturday, August 3—*St. Lydia, St. Germanus*
5:00 pm (English) For all of our Parishioners**

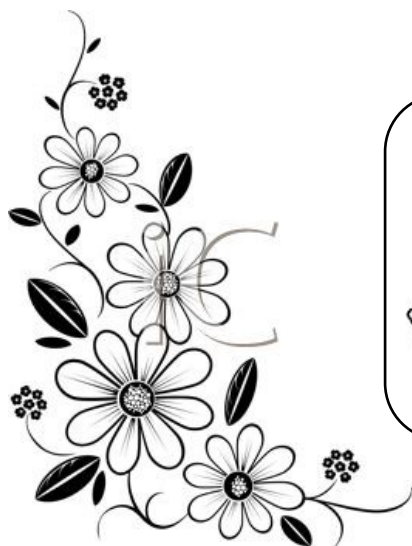
**Sunday, August 4—18th Sunday in Ordinary Time—*St. John Vianney*
11:00 am (Polish/English) +Dr. Victor & Jadwiga Szyrnski (Stachulak Family)**

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, July 20—5:00 pm	Edwin Echavarry
Sun, July 21—11:00 am	Len Gignac / Andrzej Wielgosz
<i>Altar Guild: Mon, July 22 to Sun, Aug 4</i>	<i>Lillian Shulist & Helpers</i>
Sat, July 27—5:00 pm	Ana & Tobias Sullivan
Sun, July 28—11:00 am	Catherine Bloskie / Ryszard Prusakiewicz
Sat, Aug 3—5:00 pm	Rita Coulas
Sun, Aug 4—11:00 am	Len Gignac / Andrzej Suska
<i>Altar Guild:: Mon, Aug 5 to Sun, Aug 18</i>	<i>Virginia Platt & Helpers</i>
Sat, Aug 10—5:00 pm	Steve Platt
Sun, Aug 11—11:00 am	Catherine Bloskie / Andrzej Wielgosz



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

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College Charity Yardsale, on Sat, July 27th 9am-3pm. Items available: furniture, appliances, artwork, toys, electronics, movies, sporting goods and much more. Sales are by donation and all proceeds go to Madawaska Valley Food Bank.

Walk the Opeongo Line to St. Ann's Shrine: From July 25th to July 28th. Join pilgrims from all ages (7-77) in this life-changing, 4-day journey from Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Renfrew to St. Ann's Shrine, Cormac. Walk, pray, sing and camp your way to St. Ann's! For more information, or to register, visit the website at <https://walktheopeongoline.org/>.

84th Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Ann in Cormac on Sun, Jul 28. The triduum of preparation will be led by Fr. R. Holly. The principal Pilgrimage Mass will be at **11:00 am at the Shrine**. A **Mass of healing** with the Anointing of St. Ann's oil will be celebrated at **2:00 pm**. Please bring your own seating. On site: religious articles, food and refreshments. Welcome everyone!

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 *donnaiggs@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.**

Rev Michael Brehl, C.S.s.R. named the 10th Bishop of Pembroke. With great cause for rejoicing, I announce that our Holy Father, Pope Francis has named Rev Michael Brehl, C.S.s.R. as the 10th Bishop of Pembroke. Fr. Brehl was born in Toronto in 1955 and entered the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists) in 1975. He professed vows as a Redemptorist on August 15, 1976, and was ordained priest on March 15, 1980. Fr. Brehl currently serves as Provincial Superior of the Canadian Province of the Redemptorists, a role that he held for the Edmonton-Toronto Province from 2002-2009. In addition to many years in parish ministry, preaching missions and the formation of novices, Fr Brehl served two terms as the Redemptorist Superior General in Rome from 2009-2022. **The episcopal ordination and canonical possession will take place at the Cathedral of St. Columbkille in Pembroke on Thur, Aug 15, 2024, the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at 10:00 am.** (Rev G. R. Holly, Diocesan Administrator)

Grandparents
are a delightful blend of
Laughter,
Caring deeds,
Wonderful stories,
and Love!