

REFLECTION FOR THE DAY: The season of Advent

Advent, this powerful liturgical season that we are beginning, invites us to pause in silence to understand a presence. It is an invitation to understand that the individual events of the day are hints that God is giving us signs of the attention he has for each one of us. How often does God give us a glimpse of his love! To keep, as it were, an “interior journal” of this love would be a beautiful and salutary task for our life! Advent invites and stimulates us to contemplate the Lord present. Should not the certainty of his presence help us see the world with different eyes? Should it not help us to consider the whole of our life as a “visit,” as a way in which he can come to us and become close to us in every situation?

Advent becomes an opportunity to reawaken within ourselves the true meaning of waiting, returning to the heart of our faith which is the mystery of Christ, the Messiah who was expected for long centuries and was born in poverty, in Bethlehem. In coming among us, he brought us and continues to offer us the gift of his love and his salvation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Deepest sympathy to family and friends of Theresa (Kuiack) Yaskolskie. May her soul rest in peace.

2025 Envelopes are available for **pick up at the back of the church, near elevator, until the end of December.** If you did not receive a set, please call the parish office or send an email to stmaryswilno@gmail.com. If you would like to receive a set, kindly fill out the parish registration form found at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

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 Sun, Dec 29th to be shown on the 2024 receipt.** Any monies received after this date will be shown on your 2025 tax receipt.

The **Rosary Society** is donating **one religious calendar per family**, available at the back of the church. Any **additional calendars are \$5.00 each.** Please place money in an envelope **marked calendar** and drop off in collection basket. **Thank you to the Rosary Society.**

Thank you to all vendors, workers and food donations to make our annual Christmas Craft Sale, once again, a success.

The regular monthly **Knights of Columbus meeting** will be held at **St. Casimir's Parish** on **Thurs, Dec 12th at 7:00 pm.** If you're willing to carpool call Ed at 613-602-6535 or Delmar 613-717-0850. A social will follow.

Notice to Knights of Columbus Members: A new field agent has been assigned to our area. You will find his contact information in the ad at the back of the bulletin.

If anyone would like to donate a large christmas tree for our christmas decorations, please call the office.

Christmas **church decorating** will take place on **Sat, Dec 21st beginning at 9:30 am.** **Sweeping** will be done after the decorating is completed. Volunteers will be appreciated.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Penance services: St. Casimir's— Sun, Dec 15 at 4 pm and **St. Mary's on Sun, Dec 22 at 4 pm.**

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve—St. Casimir's—7:00 pm

Christmas Eve—St. Mary's—10:00 pm (Polish/English)

Christmas Day—St. Casimir's—9:00 am

Christmas Day—St. Mary's—11:00 am (Polish/English)

The Wilno Heritage Society Community Choir in collaboration with the Polish Heritage Institute Kazuby presents **Kolędy**, a collection of traditional Polish Christmas Carol on **Fri, Dec 27th at 7 pm** in **St. Mary's Church, Wilno**. Accompanist-Joseph Platt and Director-Peter Glofcheskie. Come join us!

Next draw will be held **Sun, Dec 29th, 2024** at noon in parish hall. There are only **100 tickets printed** for the \$1,000 Raffle prize and each ticket sells for **\$20.00**. Please contact Basil Borutski, Lorraine Coulter, Marilyn Glofcheskie, Krystyna Kearney or Andrew Shulist, if you wish to purchase a ticket.

Mark you calendars for the annual **Parish Pot Luck** on **Sun, Jan 5th at 2:00 pm**

To register your child to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, First Communion and/or Confirmation for 2025, please complete the appropriate registration form located at the back of the church. **Registration forms are due by Jan 15th, 2025** and can be dropped off in collection basket or mail slot at rectory garage.

Empties for Parish Playground - drop off empties at the tractor shed or the Wilno Waste Transfer site

Saturday Men's Group every Sat from 7:00 am. - 8:30 am. in the Parish Hall. All men are welcome to join us for our weekly Saturday breakfast. Expect great conversations, a good meal, and the perfect way to start your day. Any questions? Text Patrick at 905-391-9593.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Please **pray** for **Rev. J. Kenneth O'Brien** who passed away Tues, Dec 4th. Reception of the Body at St. James the Less Church, Eganville on Sun, Dec 8th at 2:00 pm, followed by public visitation until 4:00 pm and again from 6:00-8:00 pm. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. James on Mon, Dec 9th at 12:00 noon. May God grant Fr. Ken O'Brien eternal peace in heaven.

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 donaggs@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.****

In your prayers remember:



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



We encourage anyone who wishes to wear a mask to do so as their comfort is very important to all of us. **Masses will continue to be transmitted through the radio station on 88.3 FM.**

SCHEDULE OF MASSES—Sunday, December 8th to Sunday, December 22nd

Sunday, December 8—2nd Sunday of Advent

11:00 am (English) +Anthony Yaraskavitch (Jerome Kuiack)

12:30 pm (Polish) For all of our parishioners

Monday, December 9—Immaculate Conception, St. Juan Diego

10:00 am Mass at St. Casimir's, Round Lake

Tuesday, December 10—No Mass—St. Lady of Loreto, St. John Roberts

Wednesday, December 11—St. Damasus I

7:00 pm +Ambrose Blank (Blank Family)

+Julia Lorbetskie (Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Yeretch)

Thursday, December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

10:00 am Mass at St. Casimir's, Round Lake

Friday, December 13—St. Lucy

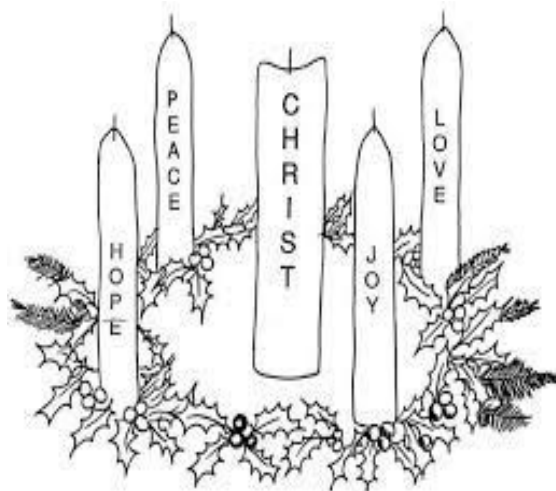
6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm +Sylvester Prince (Teresa Fox)

+Linda Mullin (Andrew & Marlene Shulist)

Saturday, December 14—St. John of the Cross

5:00 pm +Gary Pecarskie (Rose Stamplecoskie & Family)



Sunday, December 15—3rd Sunday of Advent—St. Christiana

11:00 am (English) +Souls in Purgatory (Parishioner)

12:30 pm (Polish) For all of our parishioners

Monday, December 16—St. Adelaide

10:00 am Mass at St. Casimir's, Round Lake

Tuesday, December 17—No Mass—St. Lazarus, St. Olympias

Wednesday, December 18—St. Gatian

7:00 pm +Alfie & Jean Stamplecoskie (Stamplecoskie Family)

+Theresa Yaskolskie (Joe & Barb Yaskolskie)

Thursday, December 19—Bl. Urban V

10:00 am Mass at St. Casimir's, Round Lake

Friday, December 20—Sts. Abraham, Isaac & Jacob

6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm +Stanisława & Adam Zakrzewski (Chris & Wendy Zakrzewski)

+Dominic Babinski (Rose Stamplecoskie & Family)

Saturday, December 21—St. Peter Canisius

5:00 pm For all of our parishioners

Sunday, December 22—4th Sunday of Advent—Bl. Gratian

11:00 am (English) +Agnes & Anthony Laturski (Laturski Family)

12:30 pm (Polish) Ku pamięci ukochanego brata **Andrzeja Rogozinskiego** (Anna Salay & Rodzina)

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		
DATE	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat, Dec 7—5:00 pm	Ana & Tobias Sullivan	Steve Platt
Sun, Dec 8—11:00 am 12:30 pm (Polish) <i>Altar Guild: Mon, Dec 9 to Sun, Dec 22</i>	Ed Chippior Catherine Bloskie <i>Lillian Shulist & Helpers</i>	
Sat, Dec 14—5:00 pm	Edwin Echavarry	Edwin Echavarry
Sun, Dec 15—11:00 am 12:30 pm (Polish)	Len Gignac Ryszard Prusakiewicz	
Sat, Dec 21—5:00 pm	Mary Yantha	Steve Platt
Sun, Dec 22—11:00 am 12:30 pm (Polish) <i>Altar Guild: Mon, Dec 23 to Sun, Jan 6</i>	Andrzej Wielgosz Andrzej Suska <i>Virginia Platt & Helpers</i>	

ADVENT PRAYER

**Heavenly Father, heal my heart during this season of Advent. Help me to love more fully. To forgive more generously. To wait more patiently for Christmas, embracing each day and hour knowing the joy that awaits. In Your name I pray.
Amen.**

