

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 11 (Marzec) 2018 (#10)

Reflection for Today

Most of us support the ideals of self-sufficiency and independence. We admire self-made people. We think of maturity in terms of self-reliance. The more independent we are, the better we feel about ourselves; the more we can do for ourselves, the more our self-respect grows. Our culture promotes the art of self-salvation.

Even in terms of religion we tend to believe it is our responsibility to "work out" our salvation. We have a set of beliefs we live by. We may faithfully read the Bible, attend church regularly, dutifully say our prayers, and try to put Christian principles into practice. We want to be good Christians, lead a decent life, and do good deeds that will merit a reward in heaven.

The passage from Ephesians, however, sees things in a different perspective. The author makes it clear that fulfillment for a Christian does not come from our plans, our ideas, or our deeds, but from a whole-hearted willingness to submit to God's plan, God's ideas, God's deeds. Salvation does not occur when we work on ourselves, but when we allow God to work on us. We are not "saved" by saving ourselves, but by letting God save us.

RAISE US UP

O God, you are rich in mercy and full of compassion. From generation to generation, you poured forth your abundant love upon your people. Liberate us from the darkness of sin and raise us up with Christ, so that, renewed by the Cross, we may be strengthened for ministry. Watch over us when we go astray and keep us close to the heart of your Son. Give us prophetic voices that joyfully announce your mercy and love to all those who are exiled by sin so that all may find a place at the heavenly banquet. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Schedule of Masses

Monday - March 12

9:00 am (Polish)
+Sabimy Kumekiej (20-ta rocznica smierci)
(corka & rodzina)

Tuesday - March 13- No Mass

Wednesday - March 14

6:30 pm Droga Krzyzowa/Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm +Florence Lorbetskie
(Charles & Rachel Stamplicoskie)

Thursday - March 15

9:00 am +Patrick Yaskolskie (Bronis Lorbetskie)

Friday - March 16

3:00 pm Chaplet to Divine Mercy
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm +Alex Ostroskie (Hugh & Jeanette O'Malley)

Saturday - March 17 (Feast of St. Patrick)

5:00 pm For all of our Parishioners

Sunday - March 18- 5th Sunday of Lent

8:00 am +Theresa (Annv) & Peter Yantha
(Peter Yantha Jr)
10:00 am +Pawel Lukaszuk (10th Annv)
(Kazimiera Ganko)

In your prayers remember:

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



Thought for this Week

God provides the wind, but you must raise the sails. -St. Augustine



Ministry Assignments next Sunday

| | <i>Sat, Mar 17 5:00 p.m.</i> | <i>Sun, Mar 18 8:00 a.m.</i> | <i>Sun, Mar 18 10:00 a.m.</i> |
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| Rosary | Sylvester Prince | Richard Brotton | Bronis Lorbetskie |
| Altar Servers | | John Platt | Emilia Sadecki Janisa Visutskie |
| Lector | Ed Chippior | David Shulist | Catherine Bloskie |
| E.M. | Delmar Recoskie | Len Gignac | Zbigniew Szymkow |
| Ushers | Delmar Recoskie David Burchat Aloysius Blank Emmett Pecarski | Clarence Stamplecoskie Dominic Burchat Xavier Hudder Arthur Shulist | Bernard Blank Barbara Blank Henryk Bartul Stanley Dombroskie |
| Altar Committee | Mar 16th to Mar 23rd—Lillian S. & Julie B. | | |

Announcements

Penitential Services for Easter:

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| St. Lawrence O’Toole | Sun, Mar 18 at 3 pm |
| St. Casimir’s | Tues, Mar 20 at 7 pm |
| St. Andrew’s | Wed, Mar 21 at 3 pm & 7 pm |
| St. Hedwig’s | Fri, Mar 23 at 3:30 pm |
| St. Mary’s | Sun, Mar 25 at 3 pm |

Madawaska Valley Hospice Palliative Care is pleased to offer a free 6-week Grief Support for anyone who has experienced the death of a special person. The Grief Support Group will meet on **Thurs, Mar 15th from 1-3 pm at the Ash Grove Inn-Fireside Room. RSVP** at 613-756-3045, ext 350

There is a **Lenten Retreat 2018 preached by Fr. Adam Filas OMI**, Director of the Mission Office of the Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate being held at St. Hedwig’s Parish, Barrys Bay beginning on Monday, March 12th. See bulletin board at back of church for more details.

Wilno Heritage Society invites you to a special guest speaker event on **Sun, Mar 18th at 2 pm** in St. Mary’s Parish Hall, Wilno. Grzegorz Schramke will have a 1 hour presentation followed by an open forum. Presented in English. Everyone welcome!

Bishop Mulhall will preside at the celebration of the **Chrism Mass** to be held on **Tues, Mar 27th at 10:30 am** at St. Columbkille Cathedral, Pembroke.

Please attend our **Lenten Season devotions**: Stations of the Cross (Polish) on Wednesday 6:30 pm followed by the Mass (in Polish), and Stations of the Cross on Friday (English) at 6:30 pm followed by the Mass (in English). We will also sing the Lamentations following Sunday Mass at 10.00 am (both in Polish).

Zapraszamy naszych Parafian i Gosci do uczestnictwa w nabozenstwach okresu Wielkiego Postu: Droga Krzyzowa (po polsku) w srody o godz. 18.30, poczym bedzie Msza sw. (po polsku), Droga Krzyzowa po angielsku bedzie miala miejsce w piatki o godz. 18.30. Zapraszamy takze do uczestnictwa w spiewaniu Gorzkich Zali w niedziele bezposrednio po Mszy sw. o godz. 10.00. Przed nabozenstwami Drogi Krzyzowej zapraszamy do wspolnej modlitwy rozancowej.

If anyone did not have an opportunity to pick up our Parish **Financial Statement for 2017**, there are **extra copies** available at the back of the church. Regarding the Financial Statement, a point of clarification is due under the section ‘Church Expenses’. Organist fee was for the replacement last summer.

Victim Services of Renfrew County is currently looking for Crisis Responder Volunteers. If you are interested in the Volunteer Training, call 613-649-2852 or toll free at 1-877-568-5730.

A **big thank you** to all who came out this past Mon morning to clean the church.