

Sixth Sunday of Lent– March 25 & Easter Sunday– April 1(Kwiecień) 2018

Reflection for Today

As Jesus enters Jerusalem, he is now the focus of Israel’s deepest hopes and dreams. Frenzied shouts of joy—Hosannas—pierce the air as he is acclaimed as the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Jesus is given the royal treatment—a carpet of cloaks and leafy branches. As the procession grows, Voices swell and fill the air; people join in the rejoicing and commotion.

Then all of a sudden the mood is changed. The Passion Narrative announces that the king has been downgraded to a common criminal, condemned and led out for execution. Cries of Hosanna have become crucify him. How fickle the crowd can be! How quickly it can change!

Perhaps our Holy Week question is where would we be in this great drama? How faithful have we been to Christ this past year? What have we done to strengthen our faith? How deep is our loyalty to Christ.

As we journey this Holy Week, let us keep our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus, who is focused, patient, consistent and faithful in doing the will of God. He does not yield to the wind of popularity. He is obedient to death—even death on a cross.

Here is our opportunity to share in Christ’s passion, for that is the only way to share in his resurrection.

Worthy Vessels

Eternal and glorious God, you sent your Son, Jesus, to redeem us. Bring your Holy Spirit upon each of us and like the anointing at Bethany, may your Spirit anoint us with your love and make us worthy vessels ready to pour out your gift of mercy. Give us generous hearts so that, transformed by Jesus’ Passion and renewed in his Resurrection, our lives may become signs of your generosity, love, and peace. Grant us, O Lord, the courage to embrace the cross, and witness to the victory over sin and death. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Schedule of Masses

Monday - March 26

9:00 am (Polish)
+Stanislaus Beben (*B.B. Kominski*)

Tuesday – March 27- No Mass

Wednesday – March 28

6:30 pm *Droga Krzyzowa/Stations of the Cross*
7:00 pm **Asking God’s blessings for all the members of St. Mary’s Church** (*Stanley Golka*)

Thursday – March 29 (Holy Thursday)

9:00 am **For the priests and new vocations**

Friday – March 30

3:00 pm **Good Friday Liturgy & Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Saturday - March 31 (Holy Saturday)

1:00 pm **Blessing of Food Baskets**
8:00 pm +Alex Shulist (*Linda Shulist*)

Sunday - April 1 – Easter Sunday

8:00 am +Rita Bloskie
(*Charles & Rachel Stamplicoski*)
10:00 am **For all of our parishioners**

Monday, April 2—Easter Monday

9:00 am (Polish)
+Kopowski, Dukiewicz & Kedzierski Families (*Vicki Kopowski*)

Tuesday, April 3—No Mass

Wednesday, April 4

7:00 pm +Aloysius, Anthony, August & Agnes Smaglinskie & Maxie, Theresa & Terry Luckasavitch (*Sylvester & Susan Prince*)

Thursday, April 5

9:00 am +Lolly Shulist (*Audrey Yaskolskie*)

Friday, April 6

7:00 pm +Sylvester Recoskie (*Doris Hudder*)

Saturday, April 7

11:00 am **For all of our parishioners**
7:00 pm + Andrew Blank (*Bronis Lorbetskie*)

Sunday, April 8

8:00 am +Delmar Sernoskie
(*RoseRita Sernoskie*)
10:00 am +Alina Swsarz 99 rocznica urodzin
(*Syn, Corka z Rodzina*)



Announcements

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

We will collect **non-perishable food** items in the Lenten time to help provide people in need as our almsgiving. Please leave your items in the box provided at the front of the church. Items will be delivered to Madawaska Valley Food Bank on **Wed, March 28th**.

Volunteers are needed to prepare the church for the Easter Season on **Wed., Mar 28th at 10:00 am**. Please come and help, if you can.

Ecumenical Way of the Cross through the streets of Pembroke will be held on **Good Friday, Mar 30th** beginning at **11:30 am** at Metro, 425 Pembroke St. E.

The paschal fast should be observed everywhere on **Good Friday** and continued, where possible, on Holy Saturday. There is also a **special collection** for **Good Friday**.

We **welcome Isabelle Grace Luckovitch**, daughter of Brandon and Lilly Luckovitch and **Eden Rose Arabella Green**, daughter of Dustin & Amelia Green as they received their Baptism. God Bless both.

Because Mar 25th is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the **Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord**, normally celebrated on that date, is moved to Mon, **Apr 9th** this year.

*Celebrating the Easter time, accept Jesus as a living Lord and welcome his life as your own. Embrace life in its fullness-with bad parts and good as all part of God's loving plan. Rejoice today in Christ's victory. No matter what hardships you face, you will prevail. Refuse, therefore, to be dominated by any negative and defeatists thinking. Rise from the dead. Your redeemer lives and invites you to do likewise. **May the love and peace of the Risen Lord fill your hearts, your lives, your homes and your families! Peace, love and joy. Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!***

Please note that the Mass on **Sat, Apr 7** is **rescheduled** to **7:00 pm**, just for this one Saturday.

See bulletin board at back of church for an employment opportunity as an office co-ordinator - Diocese of Pembroke Marriage Tribunal.

Polish Priests Conference for Eastern Canada is organizing a **Pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Sanctuary in Wilno, Kaszuby, on Sat, April 7, 2018** in the occasion of Divine Mercy Feast Day. Solemn Mass will be celebrated and the homily will be preached in Polish by **Bishop Tadeusz Bronakowski from Lomza**. The schedule is as follows:

11:00 am—Rosary

11:30 am—Solemn Mass

3:00 pm—Chapelet to the Divine Mercy.

All are welcome.

Serdecznie zapraszamy Parafian i Gości do licznego uczestnictwa w drorocznej celebracji Święta Bożego Miłosierdzia—w sobote 7 kwietnia. Jak co roku spodziewamy się licznego udziału pielgrzymów z Toronto, Mississauga, Brampton, Ottawy, Montrealu i innych miejsc. Bedzie również z nami ks. Bp **Tadeusz Bronakowski**. Chciejmy chętnie włączyć się zarówno w nasze spotkania liturgiczne jak i te działania służące umileniu pobytu naszych pielgrzymów...Szczyć Boże.

Kochani Parafianie i Goście! Alleluja, nasz Pan Zmartwychwstał. Błogostawionych Święt Wielkanocnych i stałej opieki naszego Zwycięskiego Pana wśród radości i doświadczeń doczesnego pielgrzymowania, życzy wam wszystkimo. Roman.

In your prayers remember:

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

