

Reflection for Today

Prophets in the Old Testament such as Isaiah, Jeremiah and others whom we often hear from in our first readings were called by God to proclaim his teachings and his will for us in order to guide and direct us. Generally speaking, prophets were rejected, and sometimes put to death by the powerful and elite.

Being one of God's prophets wasn't a safe calling, but then Jesus' life wasn't a safe one either. At one point, Jesus told his Twelve Apostles: *Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist* (Matthew 11:11). And today, the Church celebrates the solemnity of his birth.

What made John the Baptist the greatest of all of the prophets, as Jesus declared? Was it his personality? No. Was it the ascetical life that he lived? No. What made him the greatest of all of the prophets was the role that he played in the great drama of our salvation. He was the one who *heralded [Jesus'] coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel*, as we heard today. He was the one who would-quite literally-point to Jesus as the Lamb of God (cf., John 1:29).

It was the role of John the Baptist to point out the tremendous reality of God's Word made flesh and dwelling among us. John the Baptist showed us that God's chosen one-God's Christ, God's anointed one-was actually here. No other prophet had that privilege. No other prophet could point to God's living presence among us in actuality.

Let us Pray: *Loving Savior, I want to be that bright light that makes your presence known to all those around me, and I want to generously share your light with everyone I encounter. Light my way and enlarge my heart that I might never betray this trust. Remind me often though my day that you are calling me to be your light. Amen.*

Schedule of Masses

Monday, Jun 25

9:00 am (Polish)

+Rodziców Stefanię & Józefa Mankowskich
(Syn z żoną)

Tuesday - June 26 —No Mass

Wednesday – Jun 27 (Polish/English)

6:30 pm *Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Częstochowa*

7:00 pm +Rodziny Kata, Adoch & Yonge (Rodzina)

+Alfie Prince (Terry & Nancy Burchat)

**W int. Zofii i Zbigniewa Rzeszutek o
zdrowie, błogosławieństwo Boże, opiekę
Matki Najświętszej i sw. Aniołów**

Thursday –Jun 28

9:00 am +Dominic Bloskie (Arthur & Lillian Shulist)

Friday – June 29

Adoration from 3 pm to 7 pm

7:00 pm +Gertrude Pecarskie (Mr. & Mrs. E. Bloskie)

+Felix Coulas (Monica Burchat)

+Lolly Shulist (Mary T. Kuiack)

Saturday - June 30

5:00 pm +Tony & Zeffie Trebinskie

(Anthony & Patricia Dombroskie)

Sunday—July 1

8:00 am +Margaret & Frank Pecarskie

(Emmett & Frances Pecarskie)

10:00 am For all of our Parishioners

In your prayers remember:

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



Ministry Assignments next Sunday

	Sat, Jun 23 5:00 p.m.	Sun, Jun 24 8:00 a.m.	Sun, Jun 24 10:00 a.m.
Rosary	Susan Prince	Doris Hudder	Silas Lorbetskie
Altar Servers		John Platt	Emilia Sadecki
Lector	Ed Chippior	Michael Dombroskie	Catherine Bloskie
E.M.	Ed Chippior	Steve Platt	Andrzej Suska
Ushers	Delmar Recoskie	Terry Burchat	Michael Bloskie
	David Burchat	Michael Coulas	Bernard Blank
	Aloysius Blank	Dominic Coulas	Barbara Blank
	Emmett Pecarski	Clarence Stamplecoskie	Henryk Bartul
Altar Committee	Fri, Jun 22nd to Fri, Jun 29th—Virginia P. & Bernice B.		



Announcements

Parishioners are invited to join us for **Rosary** on **Wed** at **6:30 pm** and **Adoration** on **Fri** beginning at **3 pm**.

Our **deepest sympathy** to family and friends of **Leonard Kuiack, Stanislaw Warchulski and Esther Hubers (Chippior)**. May they rest in peace.

Marriage banns (III) for **Kirk Skebo and Emily Auld**. Marriage scheduled for Aug 18th at St. Thomas More Church, Niagara Falls.

A **heartfelt and grateful thank you** to the volunteers who worked so hard to bring the polish and shine back to our church. Doreen Yarascavitch, Ewa Muniak, Beverly Hudder, Catherine Bloskie, Wendy Zakrewski, Esther Yantha, Steve & Virginia Platt, Betty & Michael Blank, Carol Chippior, Rita Coulas, Susan Prince, Ruby Borutski, Lillian Shulist, Theresa Echavarry, Jeannette O'Malley, Florence Trebinskie, Lorraine Coulter, Darlene Luckasavitch, Julie Ann Yaskolskie, Anne Psuty, Teresa Ostoya and Drenda Lapenskie.

Thank you to Don Burchat who built a display for Fr. Michal Sopocko's relics. Also, **thanks** to all the **gardeners** who having been working in the flower beds.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Because of Lottery Licence requirements, the **Chicken Supper tickets** that were specifically assigned to envelope holders, **must be returned sold, partially sold or unsold** in collection basket. All tickets must be accounted for before the draw at our Annual Chicken Supper.

Vacation Time...Congratulations to all of our **graduates**. All students have a safe and healthy summer.

St. Andrew's Knights of Columbus invites you to participate in **An Irish Gathering 9-hole Golf Tournament** on **Sat, June 30th**. See bulletin board for more info.

Celebrate the life of a loved one at the Annual Butterfly Release on **Sun, July 29th** from 1-3 pm at the Water Tower Park, Barry's Bay in support of Hospice/Palliative Services. Reserve your butterfly by **July 6th** at 613-756-3045 ext 217. Butterflies are \$35 each or 3 for \$100.

Walk the Opeongo Line: July 26-29. For more information visit walktheopeongoline.com

Chilawee Trails Camp is offering week long camp activities for **girls aged 9-14 years old**. Date of camps are: **Sun, Aug 5-11th and Aug 13-19th**. Visit website www.chilaweetrails.ca for more info. Cost: \$400 regular camp/\$425 teen camp. Financial help is available.

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College invites you to its 8th annual Summer Teachers' Institute, featuring dynamic speakers on the theme '*Saints: But Not the Plaster Ones*', this year's conference will take place from **August 9-12** in Barry's Bay. For more information or to register, please visit seatofwisdom.ca/wojtyla.

Fr. R. Ouellette is organizing a **diocese pilgrimage** to the shrines of Notre-Dame-du Cap, Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre (entire day) and St. Joseph's Oratory from **Tues, Aug 28th –Thurs, Aug 30th**. Please see website at www.paroissepierre.com or poster, for more information.

Pick up your copy of '**Ecclestia**' at church entrance for some summer time reading.

Insurance bill for buildings & property in the amount of \$8,874.49 has arrived. The **special collection for next**

