



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 18 MARCH 2007

**“...’this brother of yours was dead and has come to life;
he was lost and has been found.”**

(Today’s Readings: Joshua 5:9, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:18)

Announced mass intentions...

Sat., Mar. 17	5:00PM Mass – Mary Daniels+ Grete MacDonald+
Sun., Mar. 18	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 8:00AM Mass – Rigden & Frenette Fam+ Agnes & William Nugent+ 9:30AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners 11:15AM Mass – Ray Moore+ Kevin Sweeney+ 7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
Mon., Mar. 19	12:15PM NO Mass
Tues., Mar. 20	12:15PM Mass – Donald Bigras+ Simon Baumberg (lvg)
Wed., Mar. 21	12:15PM Mass – Simon Baumberg (lvg)
Thurs., Mar. 22	9:00AM Communion Service held at Billings Lodge 12:15PM Mass
Fri., Mar. 23	11:00AM ADORATION until 12 noon 12:15PM Mass – Hans & Lipski Families+ Patry & Costanza Family+ Simon Baumberg (lvg)
Sat., Mar. 24	5:00PM Mass – Mary McClory+
Sun., Mar. 25	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 8:00AM Mass 9:30AM Mass – Ashley Hibbard+ 11:15AM Mass 7:30PM Mass

Events Calendar

Sat., Mar. 17	9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A 4:30PM Rosary – Church 6:00PM St. Patrick’s Party – Hall
Sun., Mar. 18	9:30AM NO Children’s Liturgy
Tues., Mar. 20	7:00PM Baptismal Preparation – Church 7:30PM RCIA – Rm. A 8:00PM A.A. – Hall
Wed., Mar. 21	7:00PM FIRST RECONCILIATION 7:30PM Choir (7:30) Practice – Church 7:30PM K of C General meeting – Hall
Thurs., Mar. 22	6:30PM Christian Meditation – Rm. A 7:30PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
Fri., Mar. 23	7:00PM Stations of the Cross – lead by the Pastoral Care Team
Sat., Mar. 24	9:30AM Choir Practice – Church 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A 4:30PM Rosary – Church
Sun., Mar. 25	9:30AM Children’s Liturgy 1:00PM Luncheon for Fr. Reg – Hall

We remember in our prayers the sick...

-our parishioners- Laurette Allen, Helen Charbonneau, Francis and Barbara Cullinan, Ron Dexter (husband of Diane), Joan Dumbrell (wife of Bob Irvine), Marie Claire Grandbois, Gertrude Kennedy, Jesse Kennedy, Alice Haughton (wife of Bob), Eveline Lavoie, Reg MacDonald (husband of Joan), Odette MacKinnon, Romeo Maione (husband of Elizabeth), Margaret McClory, Deacon Bruce McLeod, Yolanda Miron (mother of Mina), Barbara Riggins, Margaret Ross, Ray Valin (husband of Betty), Sherri Vallee
-relatives- Tillie Andruchow (mother of Jean Ryan), Cathy Becker (sister of Maureen Monaghan), Mary Beggan (sister of Anne Cooper), Richard Calagoure (brother-in-law of Barbara Riggins), Helen Chynces (sister of Theresa Sarcevich), Barbara Cooper (sister of Imelda Marrast), Patricia Esmond (mother of Liz), Guy Gosselin (brother-in-law of Theresa Sarcevich), Vivian Hunt (brother of Beryl Budzinski), Cathy Jirsch (sister of Aileen Halls), Theresa Lassaline (sister of Mary Simms), Ayin & Godwin Lee (parents of Robert), Jerry Lorbetskie (brother of Dorothy Daub), Oswald Luke (father-in-law of Robert Lee), Marie Miele (mother of Christine), Dominci O’Hara (brother of Monica Ryan), Donald Pajot (brother of Marc), Sonia Pereira (cousin of Marlene Braganza), Eleanor Spafford (mother of Barb Goski)
-the deceased- Florence Nugent+ (sister of Teresa Burton), Mary McClory+ (sister of Patrick McClory)
WE ALSO PRAY for our RCIA Candidates: Deanne Ellis and Mark Walker

Pastor’s Column...

THE PRODIGAL SON

One of the meanings of the word ‘prodigal’ is: lavish in the bestowal or disposal of things. If so, then this parable could equally well be called the parable of the Prodigal Father. The father lavished mercy and love on his son. Jesus told this story to illustrate what God is like:

“The Lord is compassion and love,
Slow to anger and rich in mercy.” (Psalm 102)

The younger son had the wisdom to throw himself on his father’s mercy – much as he had thrown himself on the world some time before. They were a pair of Prodigals, with much in common! The older son couldn’t throw himself at all, neither for better nor for worse. He was a careful self-possessed man, and how poorly he understood his father!

PARISH LENTEN MISSION: The feed back received from the parishioners regarding the Lenten Mission (on The Eucharist and Reconciliation) preached by Fr. Paulson Veliyanoor CMF could be rated as “EXCELLENT”. Everyone felt that it was very rich in content and Fr. Paulson led them through ‘Green Pastures’ refreshing their souls. I would like to thank all the parishioners who participated and benefited

out of this retreat. Those who did not make use of those three evenings, I can only say, "Lost opportunity to be part of a spiritual festival". Please give serious thought on this matter next year. For those who are interested, we will be posting the notes from our Lenten Mission on our website at www.holycrossparish.com.

Once again our sincere gratitude to the Preacher Fr. Paulson for guiding us through an "Emmaus Experience!"

God Bless,
Fr. James Raphael
Pastor

THERE WILL BE **ADORATION** at 11 a.m. every Friday during Lent before the 12:15 noon Mass. All parishioners (young and old) are also welcomed to join in celebrating the life and death of Christ through the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** held every Friday through Lent (see event calendar for times).

Parish News and Community Life...

FIRST RECONCILIATION: For those children who are registered for the sacraments, FIRST RECONCILIATION is on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21 at 7 p.m.** in the Church.

HOSPITALITY

The Hospitality Committee invites all parishioners to an 85th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION for Fr. Reg MacNeil following the 11:15 a.m. mass on Sunday, March 25 in the parish hall. A sit-down lunch will be served. For anyone wishing to leave cards etc there will be a table set up in the hall.

PASTORAL CARE

SOS SUPPORT GROUP: For those grieving a death by suicide. A 10 week survivors of suicide course begins on Monday, March 26 – June 11 from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. at Centrepointe House in Nepean. Cost is \$10 per session. For more information call 613-224-8688.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—Please join your Pastoral Care Team who will lead the Stations of the Cross this coming Friday, March 23 at 7 p.m.

It is our constant challenge to know if our parishioners would like to avail our services. Please call Margaret Fitzgerald at 613-739-7599 or the Parish Office at 613-731-7834.

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

According to Catholic Social Teachings, care for the earth is a requirement of our faith. All of creation is a gift from God. How we treat our environment is a sign of our love for our creator, our love for our neighbour, and our love for our children and our children's children. As a result of the recent energy efficiency audit subsidized by a grant through *Faith and the Common Good*, the Parish Finance and Property Committees have decided to allocate funds to provide retrofits that will reduce significantly the amount of energy consumption at the parish, thereby reducing greenhouse gases associated with global warming. Anyone interested in environmental stewardship is invited to attend *Greening Sacred Spaces*, a multi-faith celebration of stewardship that will highlight what Ottawa faith communities are doing to green the environment. The event will take place on Sunday, March 25 at 2 p.m. at Rideau Park United Church, 2203 Alta Vista Dri. For information call John Dorner, liaison for Environmental Stewardship at 613-738-5025 ext 223 or 613-

364-8576 if you are interested in attending.

Appreciation is extended to all those who contributed to our food drive on Sunday, March 02. Eighty bags of groceries were collected and distributed to Heron Emergency Food Centre, Debra Dynes Food Bank, Greenboro Food Bank and Banff Food Pantry.

Next Sunday is Solidarity Sunday, the day that Development and Peace holds its Annual Share Lent collection. Envelopes are provided in your Sunday offering boxes and at the entrances to our Church. Please consider becoming a year-round donor in support of the work of our Catholic organization that supports peace through development.

DID YOU KNOW?

SERIES ABOUT EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

20. The ALBANIAN EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCH

The first community of Byzantine Catholic Albanians was a small mission along the coast of Epirus that existed from 1628 to 1765. A second group was established in about 1900 by a former Albanian Orthodox priest, Fr. George Germanos. By 1912 his community numbered about 120 and was centered in the village of Elbasan. In 1938 monks from the Italo-Albanian monastery at Grottaferrata came to assist them. An Apostolic Administration of Southern Albania was set up for the community in 1939, and was temporarily placed under the pastoral care of the Apostolic Delegate in Albania, Archbishop Leone Giovanni Nigris. By 1945 it had about 400 members, but in that year Archbishop Nigris was expelled from the country. The group vanished after 1967 when Albania was declared an atheist state. In 1996 Hil Kabashi was appointed the first bishop of the Apostolic Administration since 1945, but its faithful, which number just over 2000, are almost entirely of the Latin rite. A few hundred Albanian Eastern Catholics are dispersed in the West.

Nest week: The Melkite Church

CHRISM MASS

Archbishop Marcel Gervais invites all the faithful for the Chrism Mass on **Tuesday, April 03 at 7:30 p.m.** at Notre Dame Cathedral.

EASTER TRIDUUM

Our three most holy days:

****HOLY THURSDAY – 05 April at 8:00 p.m.** – Mass of the Lord's Supper with the washing of feet followed by a half hour of **Silent Adoration**.

****GOOD FRIDAY – 06 April – A special liturgy for children at 10:30 a.m.**

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m. This is a Universal Day of fasting and abstinence. A collection is taken for the Holy Land.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:30 p.m.

****EASTER VIGIL MASS – 07 April at 8:00 p.m.** – A candlelight beginning, listening to the story of salvation history, culminating in the Easter story.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES – 08 April – 8, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m. There will be **NO** evening Mass.

****NOTE: Incense will be used at these liturgies.**
