



PENTECOST – 11 MAY 2008

**“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you
...he breathed on them and said to them,
“Receive the Holy Spirit.”**

(Today’s Readings Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23)

(Next weeks Readings: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18)

Announced mass intentions...

- Sat., May 10 5:00PM Mass – Barbara Moore+
- Sun., May 11 **PENTECOST**
- Mother’s Day** 8:00AM Mass – Christina Haritos (Ivg)
Rosa Brady+
- 9:30AM Mass – Gerta Patry+
Rita & Richard Lemieux+
Gilles Latour (Ivg)
- 11:15AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
7:30PM Mass – Ken Fraser (Ivg)
- Mon., May 12 12:15PM **NO** Mass
- Tues., May 13 9:30AM Mass
- Wed., May 14 12:15PM Mass – Genny O’Connor+
- Thurs., May 15 9:00AM Mass at Billings Lodge
12:15PM Mass – Dr. Michael McGuire+
- Fri., May 16 12:15PM Mass – Jose Yulam+
- Sat., May 17 5:00PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
- Sun., May 18 **MOST HOLY TRINITY**
- 8:00AM Mass – Rigden & Frenette Fam+
9:30AM Mass – Mario Costanza (Ivg)
11:15AM Mass – Richard Johannson+
Martin ‘Marty’ Sword+
7:30PM Mass – Max Hudson+

Events Calendar

- Sat., May 10 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
4:30PM Rosary
- Sun., May 11 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
- Tues., May 13 8:00PM A.A. – Hall
- Wed., May 14 7:30PM Music (7:30) Practice – Church
- Thurs., May 15 7:00PM Choir (11:15) Practice – Church
- Sat., May 17 9:00AM **Parish Clean-up Day**
9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
4:30PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., May 18 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy

We remember in our prayers the sick...

-our parishioners- Laurette Allen, Colleen Bonnah, Vivian Braganza, Francis & Barbara Cullinan, David Doherty, Marie Claire Grandbois, Betty Hubbard, Betty Hurst, Patricia Joseph, Reg MacDonald, Odette MacKinnon, Romeo Maione, Mabel McFarlane, Deacon Bruce McLeod, Yolanda Miron, Grace Reid, Joan St. Louis, Margaret Ross, Ray & Betty Valin, Sherri Vallee

-relatives- Tillie Andruchow (mother of Jean Ryan), Barbara Cooper (sister of Imelda Marrast), Monica Desjardins (daughter of Leo), Keith Esmond (father of Liz), Cathy Jirsch (sister of Aileen Halls), Margaret Kent (mother of Madonna Ozorio), Ayin & Godwin Lee (parents of Robert), Oswald Luke

(father-in-law of Robert Lee), Marie Miele (mother of Christine), Albert Ozorio (father of Rui), Donald Pajot (brother of Marc), Fr. Dan Sedlar (brother-in-law of Santa), Ted Vullings (father of Gerry Vullings)

COLLECTION REPORT

~ A Summary of Your Generosity ~

04 May - \$5,590.35 (env.) / \$960.96 (loose)

Pastor’s Column...

PENTECOST SUNDAY

The word “Pentecost” means “the fiftieth”. It was the second of the three most important annual feasts in the Jewish calendar. It occurred seven weeks after Passover and was primarily a feast of thanksgiving for the harvest: the first fruits of the wheat crop were offered to God on that day. Later on, giving of the law to Moses on Mount Sinai was also commemorated on this feast day. In the New Testament, this “fiftieth day” celebration obtained a new meaning as it marked the birthday of the Church. Pentecost puts an end to fear and urges us to be courageous after the manner of the apostles. And the Lord offers us his Holy Spirit that we too may fearlessly proclaim his Kingdom. Feast of Pentecost invites us to come out of our private cells of fear, pride, jealousy and comforts in which we have locked ourselves up and be filled with the Spirit of the Lord that we become a new creation.

God bless,
Fr. James Raphael CMF
Pastor

Parish News and Community Life...

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI: EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION: On **Sunday, May 25** on the Feast of Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) a Eucharistic procession (carrying the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance) will be held after the 9:30 Mass. The procession would begin from the entrance of the Church, exit through the parking lot to Walkley Rd. side walk and back to the church through the Springland entrance. All the parishioners are invited to join the procession to affirm and express our faith in the Eucharistic Lord.

SOLEMNITY OF SACRED HEART OF JESUS—WHOLE DAY SILENT ADORATION on **Friday, May 30** on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a whole day of silent adoration will be held in the parish. The adoration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Holy

Mass will be celebrated as usual at 12:15 and the adoration would continue until 8:30 p.m. It is a wonderful opportunity to spend some time in silence with the Lord and to dedicate ourselves to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. All are invited to come and spend some time in prayer with Jesus between 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

PARISH CLEAN-UP DAY–SATURDAY, MAY 17: Our Parish needs to breathe the fragrance of the season. So let us come together to beautify **OUR PARISH** and its surroundings. We invite you to join us for a clean-up day on **Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** in helping make our Parish beautiful! Pizza/drinks will be served and volunteer hours will be given to high school students for their contribution. Bring your pails and rubber gloves etc as we join together as one family in making Holy Cross beautiful.

PARISH DIRECTORY: Each family that has a picture in the 'Memory Book' will receive a free copy of the book. Any additional copies of the book may be purchased for only \$20. If you have not yet picked yours up please call the office at 613-731-7834.

HOLY CROSS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on **Sunday, June 01 following the 11:15 Mass.** A light lunch will be served and all parishioners are encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity to discuss changes in the coming year as well as the highlights of last year. Please consider spending an hour out of your day to hear about the activities within your community.

HOLY CROSS' CHARITY FUNDRAISER – PLANT SALE: Perennials will be sold on Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Holy Cross Church Charity fundraiser. Bargain prices with a wide variety. Come early.

THANKS TO EVERYONE who volunteered to work at the Shepherds of Good Hope next Sunday. You will be contacted this week with more details. For information call Maureen Monaghan at 613-739-3626.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All Mothers will be offered a carnation next weekend to honour them on their special day, compliments of the Knights of Columbus.

PASTORAL CARE

OUR PASTORAL CARE VOLUNTEERS are available to visit and/or administer the Eucharist to our housebound and hospitalized parishioners. Call Betty Dillon at 613-521-2887.

YOUTH CORNER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR **5th ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE WALK** to the **HOLY SITES** of Ottawa on **SUNDAY, JUNE 08 at 1 p.m.** More information will follow in the up coming bulletins.

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

We received an update from Sister Maria Luisa Castillo of our sister community in Nicaragua. "Thanks to your continued efforts, solidarity, the Christian promise, hope and constant dedication, the Generating Life Project (in barrio El Recreo) continues taking small steps while at the same time

celebrating". Part of the reason for celebrating was a recent upgrade of facilities including the building of two bathrooms. Some of the programs have expanded especially the pharmacy and the eyeglass program. The new cancer prevention program under the direction of Sister Paula has been very successful. A large crowd gathered last Tuesday evening to listen with fascination and admiration as Mike and Barb Lowe gave a presentation on their volunteer work last March in Malawi. They worked with lay missionaries of the Scarborough Foreign Missions.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP – Tip of the Week

Noted Catholic scholar Mike Aquilina tells us that the earliest Christians viewed "*Eucharistic faith as a pervasive culture of Christian charity.*" The same is true today as we face new realities of poverty associated with climate change. We must reorient ourselves towards voluntary simplicity and an attitude of sharing. We ask ourselves, "Do we need to buy 'this' or is this another example of over consumption that harms our planet?" As people of the Eucharist we do better to share what we have to help those facing shortages of water, food and shelter. This week, consider a donation to the Development and Peace project supporting victims of the typhoon in Burma (Myanmar). Go to www.devp.org or call 613-738-9644 for information.

SAINT OF THE WEEK ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER

St. Isidore is the patron of farmers. A Spanish labourer, he worked hard all his life, combining a deep love of God with a deep love for the land. His reverence for the soil he tilled is a wonderful example for all of us of the delicate balance and intimate relationship we all must have with the earth and its bounty.

Caring for the earth is more than just a noble sentiment. If we fail to protect the land, we can't grow crops. In a very real sense, our future rests on the shoulders of our farmers.

It's true that in the interest of mass production, farming has become less of a holy trust between humanity and the soil and more like manufacturing food in a factory. To meet the ever-increasing demands for more and cheaper food, the change was probably inevitable. However, we don't have to let that attitude pervade our thinking. We can still have respect for the food we consume and for the farmers who are responsible for its growth.

Have I ever grown any of my own food?

This spring, I will plant one thing, even if it's just a tomato on the window sill.

(Taken from 365 Saints by Woodeene Koenig-Bricker)

***Food for Thought* †**

SUPPORT TO THE SEPARATED AND DIVORCED: Support Group for those experiencing the trauma of separation or divorce meets at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place on Wednesday nights, 7:30 p.m. (May 21). For more information email: deaconpaul@ecclesia-ottawa.org.

IN YOUR GENEROSITY, please consider a donation or bequest to Holy Cross Parish.