



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 09 SEPTEMBER 2018

*“Jesus took him...and touched his tongue.
Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him....’Be opened.’”*

(Today’s Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37)

Announced Mass intentions

- Sat., Sept. 08 5:00PM **Youth Mass**
Frank Szmigielski+
Armand & Jeannette Lavigne+
- Sun., Sept. 09 **23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:30AM Mass – Lily Solomon+
11:15AM Mass – Harry McGilchrist+
- Mon., Sept. 10 **NO MASS**
- Tues., Sept. 11 9:30AM Mass – Apie Lucie Adje+
- Wed., Sept. 12 12:15PM Mass – Souls in Purgatory
6:30PM **Silent Adoration**
7:00PM Mass – Church
- Thurs., Sept. 13 9:00AM Communion service held at
Billings Lodge
12:15PM Mass – Church
6:30PM **Rosary** – parish hall
7:00PM Mass held in the parish hall
- Fri., Sept. 14 12:15PM Mass –Roger Patry+
6:30PM **Silent Adoration**
7:00PM Mass – Church
- Sat., Sept.15 1:30PM Memorial Service for
Constance Harris+ – Church
5:00PM Mass
- Sun., Sept. 16 **TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
10:30AM FESTIVAL MASS
Fesseha Fre+
Patrick Martin+
11:15AM **NO MASS**

Events Calendar ...

- Sat., Sept. 08 9:00AM Parish Ultreya – Church/Hall
9:30AM **NO** Prayer Group
11:00AM Elimu charity BBQ – Hall
- Sun., Sept. 09 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
Youth speaking at the 5 p.m.; 8 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Masses
Grandparents’ Day celebrated during the 9:30 a.m. Mass
Coffee Sunday at the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Masses only
- Mon., Sept. 10 12:30PM Potato Peelers – Hall
- Tues., Sept. 11 7:00PM Hospitality meeting – Library
8:00PM A.A. – Hall
- Thurs., Sept. 13 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Rm. A
- Sat., Sept. 15 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
- Sun., Sept. 16 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
Feast Day Celebration following the 10:30 a.m. Mass

COLLECTION REPORT

Attawapiskat - \$8,135.00

26 August 2018 – \$3,878.05 (env) / \$785.40 (loose)

~ Thank you for your generosity and support ~

†Our Condolences and Prayers: For the departed souls of Gérald Pajot+ (brother of Marc Pajot), Constance Harris+ (mother of Lawrence Harris)

Deacon’s Column...

SPIRITUAL HEALING

In this weekend’s Gospel, Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak. I think we could all use a spiritual healing touch from Jesus as we do not always hear the word of God clearly as we should and act on it accordingly. The prophet Hosea suggest that perhaps we suffer in this way because of a lack of knowledge, especially knowledge about Jesus and maybe even more so His Mother Mary. It is for this reason that our parish works so hard in presenting opportunities for Faith Formation. Feedback from previous parish Faith Formation programs always suggests we have a great lack of understanding when it comes to our Blessed Mother and many have asked that we focus on this area. Which is why we are responding and presenting, “*The Bible and the Blessed Virgin Mary*” starting on Monday, September 17 at 6:30 pm in the parish hall.

In a similar format to “The Bible and the Sacraments” that many attended last year with our R.C.I.A. candidates and received very positive feedback, “The Bible and the Virgin Mary”, is also part of the St. Paul Center’s Journey Through Scripture series, which unveils the mystery of Our Lady that is woven into the fabric of Sacred Scripture. It is a series of stunning video presentations which convey the beauty of the doctrine and devotions surrounding Mary, bringing them to life in a powerful, new way. This study has something for everyone from the newly confirmed to the fully engaged cradle Catholic and I highly recommend that you attend and bring a friend along with you.
I look forward to seeing you there.

God bless.
Deacon John

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BELONGING TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is designed for adults who consciously and freely seek the living God through the Church. The candidates’ journey of faith with the community leads to the sacraments of baptism and/or confirmation and communion for the first time in the celebration of the Eucharist. If interested in RCIA, call the parish office at 613-731-7834.

Parish News and Community Life...

MASS INTENTIONS

OFFERING THE CELEBRATION OF MASSES—*"The tradition of giving offerings to have Masses celebrated for specific is a laudable one and should be maintained as much as possible. As Catholics, we believe that there is inestimable value in "having a Mass" celebrated for a particular intention. Those for whom the Mass is thus offered benefit in a special way from the grace of the Eucharistic Sacrifice."* (Canonical Norms from the Archdiocese of Ottawa). To request a Mass Intention, you can either call or email the parish office or use the special envelopes which may be found on the table of the entrances of the Church. Please place your money in the envelope and place it in the collection basket at Mass.

HOLY CROSS' 2018 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

The Bible and the Virgin Mary unveils the mystery of Our Lady that is woven into the fabric of Sacred Scripture. Visually stunning lessons (two lessons per evening) convey the beauty of the doctrine and devotion surrounding Mary, bringing them to life in a powerful, new way. This study has something for everyone from the newly confirmed to the fully engaged cradle Catholic.

THEME: *Journey Through the Bible – The Virgin Mary*

DATE: **Sept. 17 & 24; Oct. 01, 15 & 29 and Nov. 05**

TIME: **6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Session 1: Monday, September 17 – A Biblical Introduction to Mary / Handmaid of the Lord

Session 2: Monday, September 24 – Wedding at Cana, Garden in Eden / The New Eve

Session 3: Monday, October 01 – The Ark of the New Covenant / Born of a Virgin

Session 4: Monday, October 15 – The Promised Mother / Mother Crowned in Glory

Session 5: Monday, October 29 – Full of Grace / All Holy

Session 6: Monday, November 05 – The Assumption / Always a Mother

Free-will offering will be gratefully accepted. All are welcome; invite your friends and family members.

HOLY CROSS PARISH FEAST

On **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16** we will celebrate the **FEAST OF THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS**. We will come together as one faith community for the **festive Mass at 10:30 a.m.** Fr. Tavis Goski will be our celebrant. Before the Mass, there will be an hour of silent Adoration (9- 10 a.m.) and a procession with the Cross will follow the Mass. There will be music, a lunch (free will offering), scavenger hunt, and much more following the Mass. Be sure to wear your traditional dress or dress in red, which is the liturgical colour of the feast day. Please note: On Sunday, September 16 there will be only two morning Masses, at 8 a.m. and the festive Mass at 10:30 a.m. (no 11:15 Mass). In preparation for our Feast Day, along with our 12:15 noon Masses on Wednesday, September 12, Thursday, September 13 and Friday, September 14, we will have Eucharistic Adoration from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Holy Mass at 7 p.m.

PARISH FEAST DAY SCAVENGER HUNT

What: Holy Cross Parish Feast Day Scavenger Hunt. **When:** Sunday September 16 following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. **Where:** The starting point to receive your package of clues is the front entrance of Holy Cross facing Walkley on the steps. **Who:** Open to everyone, children, youth and young at heart. **How:** Create a team of 6 to 8 players. Come up with a team name. Sign up on the sign-up sheets on the youth bulletin board. Make sure to include all members of your team and one phone number and e-mail address. **Why:** Come and have some fun; there will be prizes for everyone. Come and help us celebrate our Jubilee Year.

OUR PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEMBERS are available to visit and/or bring Holy Communion to the sick, house-bound, lonely, or bereaved. Call Myrnah Vullings at 613-737-0755.

Social Justice...

DEBRA DYNES FAMILY HOUSE: DDFH staff sends everyone at Holy Cross a HUGE thanks for all the school donations. They were able to hand out 219 backpacks with supplies. They were also able to double up on items in each back pack as well as help 21 children that were on their waiting list, and 18 high school/university students who were also in need. Parishioners helped so many children have a successful start to their year!

INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES--for parishioners who have been away for the summer, this is a reminder that we can all participate in the fund-raising for the Holy Cross Jubilee Outreach Project--the creation of a Youth Centre Room in the Parish Hall at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Attawapiskat Ontario. Conditions for Indigenous youth in the north are still not good, and this project is one way that we can provide brighter futures for our fellow Catholics and Canadians. Donation envelopes are at the entrances to the church, and can be placed in the collection baskets at Mass. Thank you for your prayers and contributions.

POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR CARE OF CREATION: In his message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Pope Francis thanks the Lord for the gift of our common home. Prayer and action resources for the Season of Creation (Sept 1 to Oct 4) may be found on the website (<http://greenchurches.ca/season-of-creation/>).

Other interests...

Please see **FRIDAY FAX** posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church.

Commemorating the Faithful Departed in the Archdiocesan Cemeteries: At Notre-Dame Cemetery **Sun., Sep. 9, 2:30 p.m.** celebrated by Archbishop Prendergast. At Hope Cemetery **Sun., Sep. 23, 2:30 p.m.**, celebrated by Archbishop Prendergast. Info: Notre-Dame Cemetery (613-746-4175); Hope Cemetery (613-822-1212).

Chuckle for the week...

"When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God". However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving."