



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / DIVINE MERCY – 11 APRIL 2010



**“Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe.”**

(Readings: Acts 5:12-16; Rev. 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31)

Announced Mass Intentions...

Sat., April 10 5:00PM Mass – Dennis Prendergast+
Souls in Purgatory

Sun., April 11 **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:30AM Mass – Gerta Patry+
Brian & Ray Gibbons+
Souls in Purgatory
11:15AM Mass – Ortencia Francisco+
Souls in Purgatory
7:30PM Mass

Mon., April 12 12:15PM **NO MASS**

Tues., April 13 9:30AM Mass – Isabel LeClair+

Wed., April 14 12:15PM Mass – Marcel Cole+

Thurs., April 15 9:00AM Mass at Billings Lodge
10:00AM Communion Service held at
Windsor Park Manor
12:15PM Mass – Humbert Savoia+

Fri., April 16 12:15PM Mass – For the Priests (Ivg)

Sat., April 17 5:00PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Sun., April 18 **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
8:00AM Mass – Valerie Goldsmith+
9:30AM Mass – Gerta Patry+
In Thanksgiving
11:15AM Mass – Deacon Bruce McLeod+
Jennifer Moraes+
Souls in Purgatory
7:30PM Mass – Norm & Madeline Jackson+

Events Calendar

Sat., April 10 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A

Sun., April 11 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
12:30PM Baptism – Church
3:00PM Celebration of the **Feast of The
Divine Mercy** – Church

Mon., April 12 7:00PM RCIA – Rm. A
7:30PM K of C Executive meeting

Tues., April 13 8:00PM A.A. – Hall

Wed., April 14 7:30PM Music (7:30) practice – Church

Thurs., April 15 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church

Fri., April 16 6:30PM Movie Night – Hall

Sat., April 17 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
4:30PM Rosary – Church

Sun., April 18 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy

Sacrament of First Communion at the 9:30 & 11:15 Masses
Youth Group’s Bake Sale after all morning Masses – hall
Coffee Sunday – after all morning Masses – hall

We remember in our prayers the sick...

-our parishioners- Laurette Allen, Colleen Bannah, Vivian Braganza, Barbara Cullinan, Margaret Flewelling, Ed Hamilton, Betty Hubbard, Betty Hurst, Patricia Joseph, Edwina Larnus, Romeo Maione, Mabel McFarlane, Yolanda Miron, Irene Mooney, Bill & Margaret Mullen, Sheila Power, Michael O’Sullivan, Margaret Ross, Claude Thibault, Ray & Betty Valin

-relatives- Cardinal Alojzi Ambrozic, Fr. Bob Bedard, Mary Beggan (sister of Anne Cooper), Arlene Belot (sister of Jay Lukenbill), Stephanie Charlebois (daughter of Lorna & Alvin Mahoney), Monica Desjardin (daughter of Leo), Len Desmarias (brother-in-law of Mary Simms), John Sr. & Margaret Dorner (parents of John), Estelle Freed (daughter of Helen Dick), Fay Hunt (sister-in-law of Beryl Budzinski), Cathy Jirsch (sister of Aileen Halls), Jessie Kennedy, Marie Kennedy (sister of Sheila Shields), Elma Kramers (mother of Eric), Sharon Ladouceur (sister of Sheila Shields), Sarah Larnus (granddaughter of Frank & Edwina), Marie Miele (mother of Christine), Lisa Nancarrow (daughter of Janet & Robin), Albert Ozorio (father of Rui), Donald Pajot (brother of Marc), Ted Vullings (father of Gerry)

-the deceased- Patricia Ingram

COLLECTION REPORT

Good Friday – \$8,184.80 (env) / \$1,115.45 (loose)
04 April 2010 – \$6,244.00 (env) / \$1,897.19 (loose)

~ Thank you for your generosity and support ~

Pastor’s Column...

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER THE EXPERIENCE OF ‘DAWN’ (John 20:19-31)

Years ago, an old municipal lamplighter, engaged in putting out his lights one by one, was met by a reporter who asked him if he ever grew tired of his work in the cold dark night of labour. “Never am I cheerless”, said the old man, “for there is always a light ahead of me to lead me on!” “But what do you have to cheer you when you have put out the last light?” asked the news writer. “Then comes the dawn” said the lamplighter.

The disciples experienced “DAWN” when Jesus came and stood in their midst saying “Peace be with you.” Do we experience “DAWN” in the presence of the Risen Lord?

I wish to extend our **DEEP APPRECIATION** to all who participated in the **HOLY WEEK** celebrations. Many thanks to Fr. Lukose and Deacon John Kennedy; the children’s liturgy team who led the special Good Friday service for children; our RCIA team who worked to prepare our catechumens for Baptism, First Holy Communion and

Confirmation; our Liturgy Committee, lectors, eucharistic ministers, mass coordinators, Knights of Columbus, altar servers, decorators, Hospitality Committee and our music ministers, who came together and created "a joyful noise to the Lord". It was a wonderful witness to see the span of generations and our young people so involved. It was a wonderful week! Thanks a lot dear Parishioners!

Also a special **THANK YOU** to all who donated money to purchase Easter flowers in memory of a loved one.

God Bless,

Fr. James Raphael CMF
Pastor

Parish News and Community Life...

HELP THE FOOD BANK: Wilson's Independent Grocers will provide \$1 to the Heron Emergency Food Centre for every \$100 purchased at the store. Simply place your receipts in the box provided on the table at the entrance to the church. It's a simple way to support the food bank as it provides groceries to needy families in our area.

Acton Life's 21st Annual **HIKE FOR LIFE** is Saturday, April 17. Registration is from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's Basilica (hall). You can choose the 5 or 10 km route. Holy Cross Parish designated hiker is George Petetski. If you are not able to walk, you can sponsor George by filling out a pledge form found at the entrance of the church.

MOVIE NIGHT RETURNS TO HOLY CROSS: Join us and bring your family and friends along on **FRIDAY, APRIL 16, at 6:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman do a superb job in the adventures of their lives in the movie "**BUCKET LIST**".

It is a touching performance, a real treat and the meaning of truly living. Don't miss it and don't forget to bring popcorn.

CELEBRATE YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WITH A MASS OF THANKSGIVING at Notre Dame Cathedral on **Sunday, May 02 at 2:30 p.m.** For couples celebrating **5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40, 50, 60** or more years of marriage in 2010. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board or go online to www.ArchOttawa.ca under Pastoral Services. Deadline: **Friday, April 23.**

PARISH CLEAN-UP DAY – It is spring! Our Parish needs to breathe the fragrance of the season. So let us come together to beautify **OUR PARISH** and its surroundings. We are in need of volunteers to join us for a clean-up day on **Saturday, May 01 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** in helping make our Parish beautiful! 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.

PASTORAL CARE

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

YOUTH CORNER

Celebrate the Easter season with fresh baking! The Youth Group will be having a bake sale after all the morning Masses on Sunday, April 18. There will be many different baked goods including freshly baked pies.

YOUTH SUMMIT/MONTEE JEUNESSE – May 21 – May 24:

The theme is "**Sent**" and it will bring us to reflect upon our own personal role as missionaries in today's Church, particularly amidst other young adults. For all youth/young adults graduating from grade 12 up to 35 years old. To register go to www.youthsummit.ca.

BE A PART OF THE DISCIPLE TEAM FOR THE YOUTH SUMMIT:

Become a disciple! From May 14–24 there will be a 10-day, intensive missionary experience for volunteers who will help at this year's Youth Summit in Ottawa. 30-60 missionary volunteers will prepare to evangelize through word, song, drama, and service. You will be helping to animate Youth Summit events and serving in any way needed. Contact Dan at dan.freeman@cco.ca. For application go to www.youthsummit.ca, click on "volunteers".

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011 IN MADRID, SPAIN:

If you are between the ages of 16 and 30 and are interested in going, the Archdiocese of Ottawa is organizing a pilgrimage, departing August 10 and returning August 24. Pilgrimage includes optional retreat at the end in Avila. For information call Ted Hurley at 613-738-5025 ext 231 or email at thurley@archottawa.ca.

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

The current National Geographic is a special issue (Water: Our Thirsty World). Among the many articles, one on the ramifications of the melting of Asian glaciers is particularly informative. Another detail the burden African women endure to fetch water each day. Some factoids: women in developing countries walk an average of 3.7 miles to get water; our daily water usage is 20 times that of the world's poorest; one of eight people lacks access to clean water. As earth's population increases, water demand will keep growing unless we change how we use it.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Spring is in the air! It is the time we pay attention to both the outdoor and indoor environments. As Katherine Whitehorn writes, "Spring makes everything look filthy." The good news is that we can do something about it. Join fellow parishioners on Parish Clean-Up Day on Saturday, May 01. For indoor cleaning, natural cleaning agents such as baking soda, vinegar, lemon and water can be used to clean. For more information you can visit Earth Day Canada's EcoAction Teams website at www.ecoactionteams.ca

Other items of interest...

MEN'S CURSILLO: April 15 – April 18: A Cursillo or a Journey weekend is not a retreat. It is a shared experience with a Christian community you will form with other lay adult Christians for three days; a new awakening to a deeper friendship with Christ. There is room for 20 more candidates. Applications are on the website: <http://www.ottawacursillo.ca>.

**Have you considered a gift in your WILL to provide for the faith life of future generations?
IN YOUR GENEROSITY, please consider a donation or bequest to Holy Cross Parish.**