



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 02 MAY 2010

**“Little children, I am with you only a little longer.  
I give you a new commandment, that you love one another  
...By this everyone will know that you are my disciples...”**

(Readings: Acts: 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5; John 13:1, 31-33, 34-35)

(Next weekends Readings: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29)

### *Announced Mass Intentions...*

Sat., May 01 5:00PM Mass – Ralph, Lucie and  
Renée Gardner+  
Ortencia Francisco+

Sun., May 02 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
8:00AM Mass – Cathy Nevins+  
Mr. & Mrs. Luigi Minoli+  
9:30AM Mass – In Thanksgiving  
Arleigh Slanina+  
Mr. & Mrs. Reg St. Pierre+  
11:15AM Mass – Personal Intentions  
Marcella Isolina Santucci+  
Souls in Purgatory  
7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Mon., May 03 12:15PM **NO MASS**

Tues., May 04 9:30AM Mass  
Mass also celebrated with Holy Cross School

Wed., May 05 12:15PM Mass – Paul Baran+

Thurs., May 06 9:00AM Communion Service held at  
Billings Lodge  
10:00AM Communion Service held at  
Windsor Park Manor  
12:15PM Mass – Benediktus Soetanto+

Fri., May 07 11:00AM **ADORATION** until 12 noon  
12:15PM Mass – Walter Burton+

Sat., May 08 5:00PM Mass – Lucie Gardner+  
Ron Simpson+

Sun., May 09 **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MOTHER'S DAY**  
8:00AM Mass – Isabel LeClair+  
Mary Beggan+  
9:30AM Mass – Gerta Patry+  
Rita & Richard Lemieux+  
11:15AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners  
7:30PM Mass – Souls in Purgatory

### *Events Calendar*

Sat., May 01 9:00AM **PARISH CLEAN-UP DAY**

Sun., May 02 9:30AM Children's Liturgy

Mon., May 03 7:00PM RCIA – Rm. A  
7:30PM K of C Executive meeting

Tues., May 04 7:30PM MPD – Library  
8:00PM A.A. – Hall

Wed., May 05 7:00PM Liturgy – Rm. A  
7:30PM Music (7:30) practice – Church

Thurs., May 06 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church

Fri., May 07 1:00PM African Angels – Rm. A

Fri., May 07 6:30PM Movie Night – Hall  
Sat., May 08 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A  
4:30PM Rosary – Church  
Sun., May 09 9:30AM Children's Liturgy

Loonies and toonies for the Stephen Lewis Grandmothers  
campaign to benefit the grannies of Africa – at all Masses

### **We remember in our prayers the sick...**

**-our parishioners-** Laurette Allen, Colleen Bannah, Vivian Braganza, Barbara Cullinan, Herb Durand, Margaret Flewelling, Ed Hamilton, Betty Hubbard, Betty Hurst, Patricia Joseph, Edwina Latusus, Romeo Maione, Mabel McFarlane, Yolanda Miron, Irene Mooney, Margaret Mullen, Sheila Power, Michael O'Sullivan, Margaret Ross, Claude Thibault, Ray & Betty Valin  
**-relatives-** Cardinal Alojzi Ambrozic, Fr. Bob Bedard, 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 Latusus (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)

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### **COLLECTION REPORT**

25 April 2010 – \$4,999.30 (env) / \$1,099.94 (loose)

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### *Pastor's Column...*

#### **THE NEW COMMANDMENT**

“I give you a new commandment: love one another.” You can be commanded to obey, to behave this way or that, but how can you be commanded to love? External behaviour is subject to external rules, but how can the inner movement of our spirit be commanded? Can you be commanded to remember, or to forget, to think, to feel...? How can you be commanded to love?

Meister Eckhart provided a key insight into this puzzling verse in the gospel. The command to love, he said, is not an external command but an inner one; it is an inner drive and urgency of our being. In ‘commanding’ us to love, Jesus is telling us to look, to see our true nature and to follow it. It is like the inner urgency to eat when you are hungry, to drink when you are thirsty. “When I am thirsty, the drink commands me; when I am hungry, the food commands me. And God does the same. He commands me to such

sweetness that the whole world cannot equal. And if a person has once tasted this sweetness, then indeed he can no more turn away with his love from goodness and from God, than God can turn away from His Godhead." (Taken from the Claretian Bible dairy)

God Bless,  
Fr. James Raphael CMF  
Pastor

### *Parish News and Community Life...*

#### **MAY: MONTH OF MARY**

The month of May is dedicated to the devotion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Heavenly Mother and Patroness. The second Vatican Council says of her: "In an utterly singular way she cooperated by her obedience, faith, and hope and burning charity in the Saviour's work of restoring supernatural life to souls. For this reason she is a Mother to us in the order of grace..." Let us not forget the role that Mary played in the history of salvation. As we celebrate the month of May as the Marian Month, we will have a special prayer said at all the Sunday Masses throughout the month of May. You are also most welcome to join the recitation of the Rosary before our weekday Masses (Wednesday – Friday) starting at 11:50 a.m. and on Saturday's at 4:30 p.m.

*Holy Mother of God: pray for us.*

**HOLY CROSS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** will be held on **Sunday, May 16 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.

**ELECTIONS** to fill four positions on Parish Pastoral Council will be held on May 30, 2010. Those elected will serve a two-year term. The nominating committee consists of Fr. James Raphael, Karen Flynn and Alice Bull. Nomination forms are available at the Walkley Rd. entrance and must be submitted no later than May 16. Please include a picture and a statement as of what you would wish to contribute to the PPC. For information call Karen Flynn at 613-822-9527.

**A MOVIE IN HONOR OF ALL MOTHERS** will take place **Friday, May 07 at 6:30 p.m.** at Holy Cross in the parish hall. A film on St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus will be featured. Her life is a beautiful expression of humility and simplicity of heart. St. Thérèse's motto was "Love is repaid by love alone," You will not want to miss this, so mothers, please come and bring your families and friends to enjoy this presentation.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus general meeting is on Wednesday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Following the meeting at 8:30 p.m., Fr. David Bellusci, of the Dominican College University will be presenting, "**Deepening our Faith through the Sacred Scriptures.**" All parishioners are welcomed.

#### 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 Helen Castle 613-737-5798.

FREE CPR/DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING for River Ward Residents (12 and up). Sunday mornings June 06 or June 20. Ottawa Paramedic Service Headquarters 2465 Don Reid Dr. To register call Maria McRae's office at 613-580-2486.

### *Social Action...*

#### FROM HOLY CROSS TO KENYA

**It is very heartening to note that one of our parishioners Michael Lowe recently went to Kenya as a lay missionary. Here is an excerpt from him:**

*"I volunteered at the Baba Nyumbani Children's Home, an orphanage in Kitale, Kenya. Kitale is located northwest of Nairobi, on the Uganda border. It is a Christian Centre funded by the Dove Church headquartered in Pennsylvania, U.S.A. I spent 3 1/2 weeks in March at the center repairing and painting the outside of their main administration house and the dining hall. I went on my own but met up with a young local man (around 22 yrs old) James who didn't have a job and a fellow, Norbert, in his mid 30's who was going to be engaged in another month or so to paint the children's sleeping quarters which was being expanded while I was there. The three of us had to build ladders and scaffolding with tree limbs and deal with bees nests and many other insects as we worked around the grounds. The weather was quite pleasant at first but got rather wet as they were moving into their rainy season which is mid-April to June. Meals consisted of a peanut butter sandwich with hot water for breakfast and rice with cabbage or boiled potatoes for lunch and dinner. Some of the fruit was pretty good when just prepared, but without refrigeration, bread and fruit spoiled very quickly. I needed around 3-4 litres of bottled water per day to stay hydrated.*

*The centre is home to 45 orphans between the ages of 4 and 16. The expansion will bring that number to around 100. I spent the evenings tutoring the grades 5-8 in mathematics (approximately 4-6 children per grade at the orphanage). At first they were very unsure about this "white man" coming into their dining hall at night where they studied from 8 pm to around 9:30/10 pm. It didn't take long for them to get to know me and saw that I was able to help them. After a couple of days, they enthusiastically approached me everyday making sure I would come to their table that night. Near the end of the 3 weeks various children would come over to whatever table I was at and participate in the discussion even though it wasn't their grade level I was working on. We had a great time and I really enjoyed developing a relationship with these children in a very short period of time. They were all so enthusiastic, trusting, loving and caring children. It broke my heart to be with them knowing that although they were better off than most children in the area in terms of physical needs, that at the end of the day, they didn't have anyone to give them a hug, read them a book or tuck them in. It was very hard to leave."*

*Love, Michael Lowe*

**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.**