



AUGUST 2015

**“Lord, to whom can we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
We have come to believe and know
that you are the Holy One of God.”**



Regular Events for August...

DAILY MASS **NO MASS** on Mondays

9:30AM Tuesdays

12:15PM Wednesdays thru to Fridays

COMMUNION SERVICE at the following Retirement homes:

Billings Lodge – Thurs., August 13 at 9 AM

Landmark Court – Thurs., August 13 at 10 AM

Windsor Park Manor – Thurs., August 06, 20 & 27 at 10 AM

A.A. 8:00PM Tuesdays – Hall

African Angels 1:00PM Friday's-- August 14 & 28 – Rm. A

Choir Practice 7:30PM (9:30 Choir) Wednesday's on
August 05 and 26

Prayer Group 9:30AM Saturdays – Rm. A

Announced Mass intentions

Sat., Aug., 01 5:00PM Mass

Sun., Aug., 02 **18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

9:30AM Mass – Monica Hodges+

11:15AM Mass

Tues., Aug. 04 9:30AM Mass – Andrea Acres (lvg)

Fri., Aug., 07 11:00AM **ADORATION** until 12 noon

12:15PM Mass

Sat., Aug., 08 5:00PM Mass

Sun., Aug., 09 **19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

9:30AM Mass – Wayne Demchuk+

Vivian Braganza+

11:15 AM Mass – Bill O'Neill+

Sat., Aug., 15 5:00PM Mass – Renee Gardner+

Paulina Fonge+

Sun., Aug., 16 **20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

9:30AM Mass – Margaret Rule+

Fleurette Bourboin+

11:15AM Mass

Fri., Aug., 21 12:15PM Mass – Kennedy & Dubord Family+

Sat., Aug., 22 5:00PM Mass – Linda Christensen+

Sun., Aug., 23 **21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00AM Mass – Jim Shields+

9:30AM Mass – Mary Diane Moore+

Vivian Braganza+

11:15AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Tues., Aug. 25 9:30AM Mass – Souls in Purgatory

Sat., Aug. 29 5:00PM Mass – Vivian Braganza+

Sun., Aug. 30 **22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00AM Mass – Virgilio Da Silva+

9:30AM Mass – Mary Diane Moore+

Sun., Aug. 30 11:15AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Events Calendar for August...

Wed., Aug., 05 7:00PM K of C Executive mtg.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters who are sick...



-Our parishioners— Ron Black, Garry Brown, Viola and Mike Duggan, Margaret Fitzgerald-Pajot, Alice Johnson, Charlotte McCarthy, Mike McDonald, Jean N'dah, Santa Sedlar, Alma Serrette, Joe Tonin, Rene Venasse

-Immediate family members—Jennifer Barns (niece of Trish Brighton), Vic Edwards (husband of Deanna Heney-Edwards), Keith Esmond (father of Liz), Estelle Freed (daughter of Helen Dick), Patrick & Brianna McCarthy (children of Susan McCarthy), Eric Polspoel (husband of Jacinthe Bourdeau), Kim Pritchard (daughter of Ralph and Jane Pyne)

†Our Condolences and Prayers: For the departed souls of **Monica Hodges** (wife of James Hodges); **Vivian Braganza** (husband of Marlene Braganza); **Carmel Sabourin** (wife of Leonard Sabourin), **Deacon Jeffrey Nelson** (St. Leonard's Parish, Manotick)

Pastor's Column...

**LORD, TO WHOM CAN WE GO?
YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE.**

The crowds of people whom Jesus fed in the wilderness come looking for him. They want more of the bread he had provided. Jesus takes the opportunity to instruct them on the food that endures. He says to them, 'do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.' The horizon of Jesus here is not just the horizon of this world but the horizon of eternity. He was sensitive to the basic needs of those he met: he healed the sick; he comforted the bereaved; he fed the hungry. He told us to do the same and declared that what we do for the least we do for him. He came to show us how to attain that eternal life and to empower us to attain it. That is why he speaks of himself in the gospel as the bread of life. If we come to him and remain with him our deepest hungers and thirsts will be satisfied in this life and more fully in the next. Jesus declares that nobody can come to him unless drawn by the Father. There is always more going on in our relationship with Jesus than just our own human efforts. Our coming to Jesus, our growing in our relationship with him, is not all down to us. God the Father is at work in our lives moving us towards his Son, drawing us towards Jesus. Jesus speaks of himself as the bread that comes down from heaven and calls on us to eat this bread. We need physical bread, but we also need the spiritual bread of God's word. The food of

his word will sustain us on our journey through life, just as, the baked scones sustained Elijah, until he reached his destination, the mountain of God. When we keep coming to Jesus and feeding on his word, that word will shape our lives.

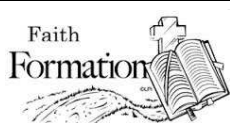
God bless you.
Fr. Gilles Njobam CMF
Associate Pastor

Parish News and Community Life...



HOLY CROSS PARISH FEAST: PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 is the **FEAST OF THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS.**

This year we will again be celebrating our Parish feast in a special way. We will all come together as one faith community for the **festive Mass at 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 13.** Before the festival Mass there will be half an hour of silent Adoration and a procession with the Cross will follow after the Mass. A barbeque, music and other activities which will follow after the Mass will add colour to our feast day celebrations. Please note that on Sunday, September 13 there will be only two morning Masses: one at 8 a.m. and the festive Mass at 10 a.m. We look forward to seeing all of you there!



BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR HOLY CROSS' 2015 FALL FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM:

Holy Cross will be holding a six-session **Faith Formation Program** this fall starting on **Monday, September 21.** Our attendance last fall was outstanding and we look forward that all will return this year and invite all their friends to join them. More details will be provided in the start of September.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED: The 11:15 choir welcomes new members. If interested, come to our first rehearsal on Thursday, September 10 from 7 – 8 p.m. Come and make a joyful noise to the Lord!

CLUB55+ – FUNDRAISING PROJECT to help support our 2016 WYD pilgrims: Please bring any unwanted jewellery, rosaries, religious medals etc to the parish office. Your donations will be cleaned, repaired, transformed as needed by one of our members. They will be sold (at a reasonable price) at our parish functions, where you can also meet our young pilgrims preparing to go to Poland for WYD 2016.

DEBRA-DYNES FAMILY HOUSE: September means back to school and extra expenses for already-stretched families. Last year, DDFH equipped 168 students (ages 6-18) for classes with help from Holy Cross. Especially needed this fall are math sets; also, binders, notebooks, pens and pencils, rulers, erasers, glue, paper, scissors, rulers etc. if you could round up any of these items and through August deposit them in the DDFH box, many students and parents would be much relieved on the first day of school.

WE WANT YOU TO BE A KNIGHT! Be part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a

difference. **The Knights of Columbus are asking all men in Holy Cross Parish, 18 years of age and older to consider being a Knight.** You will not only help make your community a better place, while supporting your Church, but you will also help improve your community, be an example to the young, preserve family values, financially protect your loved ones as well as enhance your own faith. For information call Joe Goski at 613-731-4622.

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. If you would like to access our services, please call Helen Castle at 613-737-5798.

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

September is for many as much a start on a 'new year' as January. Back to school, back to work and back from vacations etc. August gives us time to think about a renewed interest in parish activities and perhaps for some of us, participation in one of the many parish committees or groups. It's not feasible to list them all but here are some suggestions: Hospitality, Pastoral Care and Bereavement, the Knights, Club 55+, Liturgy, MPD, St. Vincent de Paul, Building Committee, Finance, Christian Education. For a more information on these and other groups go to the Holy Cross' website and check the 2015 AGM reports.

CARE FOR CREATION: MANIFESTATION OF THE DIVINE:

In his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis quotes our Canadian bishops when describing creation as a manifestation of God. As our Holy Father states, "God has written a precious book, 'whose letters are the multitude of created things present in the universe.' The Canadian bishops rightly pointed out that no creature is excluded from this manifestation of God: 'From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form, nature is a constant source of wonder and awe. It is also a continuing revelation of the divine.'" Our Holy Father further affirms, "The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us." In showing care for God's creation, we in turn show love of God and neighbour.

Other interests...

PILGRIMAGE FOR THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED: St. George Parish, with the Legion of Mary, is organizing a Pilgrimage to Cap-de-la-Madeleine, **September 11, 12 & 13** for the physically challenged and seniors with able-bodied pilgrims who want to assist them. Costs include transportation, meals (not Friday lunch) and two nights' stay at Maison de la Madonne: single/\$362; double/\$296; triple/\$284. Pick up at St. George or The Good Shepherd. Reservations required. Contact Cheryl at 613-728-5687.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Our weekday Masses will be as usual during the summer months. See the times in the *"Regular Events for August"*.

Our **REGULAR weekly bulletin will resume on August 30** and the deadline for submissions must be in by **Wednesday, August 26 at 12 noon**, respectively, to be included in the bulletin. Thank you.
