



## 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 27 September 2015

**“...And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes...”**

(27 September Readings: Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 47-48)

### *Announced Mass intentions*

Sat., Sept. 26 5:00PM Mass – Ralph Gardner+

Sun., Sept. 27 **26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 8:00AM Mass – Elda Sauv +  
 9:30AM Mass – Vivian Braganza+  
 Theresa McNamara+  
 Holy Cross Parishioners  
 11:15AM Mass – Hamilton Sequeira+

Mon., Sept. 28 **NO MASS**

Tues., Sept. 29 9:30AM Mass

Wed., Sept. 30 12:15PM Mass

Thurs., Oct. 01 10:00AM Communion Service held at  
 Windsor Park Manor  
 12:15PM Mass – John Gravelle+

Fri., Oct. 02 11:00AM **ADORATION** until 12 noon  
 12:15PM Mass – In Thanksgiving

Sat., Oct. 03 5:00PM Mass – Adrian Hewit+

Sun., Oct. 04 **27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 8:00AM Mass – Frenette Family+  
 9:30AM Mass – Sonia Yumiceba (Ivg)  
 Lily Roy+  
 Holy Cross Parishioners  
 11:15AM Mass – Brian Beahen+

### *Events Calendar.*

Sat., Sept. 26 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A

Sun., Sept. 27 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy  
 12:30PM Baptisms – Church  
 2:00PM 4th Degree Assembly Officer  
 Installation – Church/Hall  
 MPD – **Reverse Offering for Food Drive** – at all Masses

Mon., Sept. 28 12:30PM Potato Peelers – Hall  
 7:00PM **FAITH FORMATION** – Hall

Tues., Sept. 29 8:00PM A.A. - Hall

Wed., Sept. 30 7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church

Thurs., Oct. 01 1:00PM Club 55+ - Hall  
 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church  
 7:00PM Liturgy – Rm. A

Fri., Oct. 02 1:00PM African Angels – Rm. A

Sat., Oct 03 8:00AM Club 55+ **Yard Sale** until 3 p.m.  
 – held in the church parking lot  
 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A

Sun., Oct. 04 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy  
 MPD – **FOOD DRIVE** after all masses

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

**-Our parishioners—**Ron Black, Garry Brown, Harry Demers, Viola and Mike Duggan, Margaret Fitzgerald-Pajot, Alice Johnson, Brigitte Komocki, Don Lanos, Charlotte McCarthy, Jean N’dah, Bev Olivastri, Santa Sedlar, Alma Serrette, Joe Tonin, Rene Venasse

**-Immediate family members—**Jennifer Barns (niece of Trish Brighton), Vic Edwards (husband of Deanna Heney-Edwards), Eric Polspoel (husband of Jacinthe Bourdeau), Kim Pritchard (daughter of Ralph and Jane Pyne), Edna Rice (mother of Heather Rice)

**†Our Condolences and Prayers:** For the departed soul of **Maureen Lynch+** (wife of Bernie Lynch)

### *Pastor’s Column...*

#### **ON NOT BEING A STUMBLING BLOCK**

Our baptismal calling requires that we support each other in our response to the Lord’s call. We need each other’s example, encouragement and, sometimes, challenge, if we are to walk in the way of the Lord. We look to the saints to show what it means to be the Lord’s disciples; they can continue to speak to us across the centuries. We are also aware that some people can lead us astray, inviting us to take paths that are not in keeping with our baptismal calling. In today’s gospel, Jesus speaks of the one who gives a cup of cold water to one of his followers and the one who is an obstacle to bring down one of his followers; the one who supports and the one who blocks. Jesus himself had experienced Peter, the leader of the twelve, as an obstacle. When Peter sought to dissuade Jesus from taking the path that God was asking him to take, because it would involve the cross, Jesus rebuked him with the words, ‘You are a stumbling block to me’. The disciples tried to stop parents who were trying to bring their children to Jesus that he might bless them. They even try to stop someone from doing the Lord’s work, just because he was not one of them. Jesus’ response is simple, ‘Do not stop him...Whoever is not against us is for us.’ Peter and the disciples meant well in all these cases. Even well-meaning people at times can become obstacles to the Lord’s work. Jesus knows that the Spirit blows where it wills. Moses in the first reading recognized and rejoiced in the movement of the Spirit in the lives of Eldad and Medad, even though Joshua wanted Moses to stop them prophesying. The Lord looks to us to give the cup of cold water, to nurture what is good in each other, and to rejoice in the working of the Spirit in the lives of others.

God bless you.  
Fr. Gilles Njobam CMF  
Associate Pastor

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

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### **HOLY CROSS' 2015 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM**

THEME: *Vocation & Mission of the Family in the Church and the World*

DATE: **September 21 to November 02**

TIME: **7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Session 2: Mon., Sept. 28 – The Holy Family of Nazareth—Our Model.** Presenter: David Mulcair

**Session 3: Mon., Oct. 05 – Making a Decision to Love in Response to God's call to Love One Another.** Presenters: Dr. Martin Rovers (Marriage Therapist, St. Paul University) and Deacon John & Sue Kennedy (Holy Cross)

**Session 4: Mon., Oct. 19 – Pastoral Roles of the Church with Regards to the Family and Its Needs for Support.** Presenters: Fr. Geoffrey Kerlake (Episcopal Vicar) and Fr. James Raphael CMF (Pastor, Holy Cross)

**Session 5: Mon., Oct. 26 – The Family as a 'Domestic' little Church.** Presenters: Janice & John Villeneuve, Genevieve & Bob Flynn and Joel Regnier

**Session 6: Mon., Nov. 02 – Responding to the Expected Call of Pope Francis at the Completion of the Synod – Analysis of the Synod on the Family.** Presenter: Archbishop Terrence Prendergast S.J.

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

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**CLUB 55+: "START SPREADING THE NEWS"** we are having a **YARD SALE** on **Saturday, October 03 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the parish parking lot.** Donations are needed, such as household and children's items etc. Drop your donations off at the parish garage during office hours (8 a.m. – 4 p.m.) until September 30. Info: Fran Hadley at 613-737-5226. **ALSO** – Our next Social gathering will be held on Thursday, October 01. All seniors are invited to join us in the parish hall after Mass for an afternoon of cards, games, crafts and refreshments. (Note: The trip to St. Albert Cheese Factory will take place on November 05, not October 01).

**DEBRA-DYNES FAMILY HOUSE--DDFH** really wants us to know that Holy Cross helped them equip 198 children with their school supplies this September. They told us that there is always some on-going need for these items, even during the year, because new families are continually moving in, and because some older students take semester courses that begin at other seasons. A big thank you for all you are doing for our partner community!

#### PASTORAL CARE

Our purpose is to **"BE THERE"** for you, our parishioners, in the name of Jesus, in sickness, sorrow, crisis or transition. Confidentiality is the cornerstone of our ministry. Please call Myrna Vullings at 613-737-0755 if you would like the services of one of our trained Pastoral Care workers.

#### *Social Action...*

##### MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for participating in today's Reverse Offering. The food banks are in desperate need so we encourage you to show your usual generosity at next week's Food Drive. The

next D&P workshop in preparation for the fall campaign (Creating a Climate of Change) is Tues., Oct. 06 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place. Holy Cross was well represented (MPD, Club 55+) at Thursday's info meeting on the refugee crisis organized by the archdiocese. Local agencies explained the different responses possible to the refugee and immigrant crisis.

**CARE FOR CREATION – IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY:** In his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis stresses the importance of the family in support of ecological education. As he states, "In the face of the so-called culture of death, the family is the heart of a culture of life. In the family we first learn how to show love and respect for life; we are taught the proper use of things, order and cleanliness, respect for the local ecosystem and care for all creatures...In the family we learn to ask without demanding, to say "thank you" as an expression of genuine gratitude for what we have been given, to control our aggressivity and greed, and to ask forgiveness when we have caused harm."

#### *Other interests...*

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** The Ottawa South (Holy Cross, St. Peter and St. Bernard) St. Vincent de Paul Conference made 20 home visits during the summer (from June 20 to September 20). We provided \$1675 of food, clothing and furniture to 16 needy families with 42 people including 19 children. You may continue to support the various charities including St. Vincent de Paul Conference by making donations through Holy Cross charity envelopes.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN (SEPTEMBER 23 to NOVEMBER 01) – VIGIL HOURS:** 7 am to 7 pm daily across the street from the abortion facility at 65 Bank St. **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24** is Holy Cross Parish and the K of C's time slot at the vigil site from 7 am until 1 pm. This will include the Proclamation of the Word from 11 am – 1 pm in one-half hour segments. To sign up contact: Warner Besserer at 613-323-1665 / marilynwarnerb@live.com. **LIFE CHAIN: Sunday, October 04 from 2 – 3 p.m.** at the corner of Bank St. and Hunt Club. Come and join other pro-life individuals and stand on the sidewalk as a public witness, praying for an end to abortion and for all those affected by it.. *"And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation'."* (Mark 16:15)

#### **'CALLED TO MISSION: ONE HEART-ONE MIND'**

**CONFERENCE:** For lay men & women, priests & religious at Holy Redeemer Parish on **Saturday, October 03 from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.** Closing Mass at 5 p.m. celebrated by Archbishop Prendergast. Guest speaker: Fr. Simon-Felix Michalski. Registration is required; call 613-225-6067 / 613-875-6279 or www.spiritualmotherhoodofpriests.ca. Hosted by Spiritual Motherhood of Priests Apostolate.

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#### **COLLECTION REPORT**

20 September 2015 – \$4,096.40 (env) / \$755.15 (loose)

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