



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 04 October 2015

“People were bringing little children to him... Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.”

(04 October Readings: Genesis 2:7ab, 15, 18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16)

Announced Mass intentions

- Sat., Oct. 03 5:00PM Mass – Adrian Hewit+
Sun., Oct. 04 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00AM Mass – Frenette Family+
9:30AM Mass – Sonia Yumiceba (lvg) Lily Roy+ Holy Cross Parishioners
11:15AM Mass – Brian Beahen+
Mon., Oct. 05 NO MASS
Tues., Oct. 06 9:30AM Mass
Wed., Oct. 07 12:15PM Mass – Andy Gallagher+
Thurs., Oct. 08 9:00AM Communion Service held at Billings Lodge
10:00AM Communion Service held at Landmark Court
12:15PM Mass – Allen Gravelle+
Fri., Oct. 09 12:15PM Mass – Kennedy & Dubord Family+
Sat., Oct. 10 5:00PM Mass – John Cuddihey+
Sun., Oct. 11 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:30AM Mass – Vivian Braganza+ Mary McCool+ Pauline Desjardins+
11:15AM Mass – Argentina Lobo+

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

-Our parishioners—Ron Black, Garry Brown, Viola and Mike Duggan, Alice Johnson, Brigitte Komocki, Don Lanos, Charlotte McCarthy, Jean N'dah, Bev Olivastrri, 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 souls of Margaret Fitzgerald-Pajot+ (wife of Marc Pajot) Harry Demers+ (Ruth Demers)

Pastor's Column...

AND THEY BECOME ONE FLESH

As humans we all desire to have a life of joy and fulfilment. A man and woman considering marriage yearn to be unconditionally accepted by each other. God's plan for marriage, from the time he first created human beings as male and female, has always included all this and more. The desire and ability of a man and woman to form a lasting bond of love and life in marriage are deeply inscribed in their very nature. The Pharisees in today's Gospel try to trap Jesus with the question of divorce, a quite tricky one. Moses had permitted it because of their "hardness of heart" but Jesus takes us back to the beginning, the creation story we have in the First Reading. Divorce violates the order of creation, He says. Jesus comes to fulfill the Law, to reveal its true meaning and purpose, and to give people the grace to keep God's commands. Through the union of husband and wife, God intended to bestow His blessings on the human family. That's why today's Gospel moves so easily from a debate about marriage to Jesus' blessing of children. Marriage also is a sign of God's new covenant. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, no 1644 we read: "The love of the spouses requires, of its very nature, the unity and indissolubility of the spouses' community of persons, which embraces their entire life: "so they are no longer two, but one flesh." They "are called to grow continually in their communion through day-to-day fidelity to their marriage promise of total mutual self-giving." This human communion is confirmed, purified, and completed by communion in Jesus Christ, given through the sacrament of Matrimony. However, difficulties are bound to arise in numerous relationships which need our prayer, support and love. The love of man and woman sealed in holy matrimony is a mirror of the relationship between Christ and

Events Calendar.

- 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
Mon., Oct 05 12:30PM Potato Peelers – Hall
7:00PM FAITH FORMATION – Hall
Tues., Oct. 06 6:00PM Wedding rehearsal – Jared Armitage and Sheila Harris – Church
8:00PM A.A. - Hall
Wed., Oct. 07 7:00PM K of C Executive meeting
7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church
Thurs., Oct. 08 10:00AM Club 55+ – Library
7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
Fri., Oct. 09 1:00PM African Angels – Rm. A
Sat., Oct 10 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
2:00PM Wedding – Jared Armitage and Sheila Harris
Sun., Oct. 11 9:30AM Children's Liturgy

His Church. Thus, the pains caused by domestic violence whose victims are generally women and children grossly contradict God's plans for humanity.

God bless you.
Fr. Gilles Njobam CMF
Associate Pastor

Parish News and Community Life...

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 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 Kerslake (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.** (Archbishop of Ottawa)

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! The Hospitality Committee will be hosting the annual **OLD-FASHIONED PARISH SUPPER on Saturday, November 14**, beginning at 6 p.m. Further details will follow in next week's bulletin. Tickets will be available for purchase beginning the weekend of October 24/25.

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 Sue Kennedy at 613-523-4748 if you would like the services of one of our trained Pastoral Care workers.

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

Thanks all for contributing to our parish food drive. Committee members will be delivering your donations this Tuesday to the four local food banks at Heron, Debra Dynes, Banff and Greenboro. This is the first of our three major MPD food drives for the year. If you were unable to make a food donation today you can always take non-perishable items to church any weekend. A couple from our parish kindly delivers those donations to the Heron Road food bank every week.

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION– A GUIDE FOR PARISHES: In his encyclical, *Laudato Si – On Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis calls on all of us to protect creation. As he states, "We require a new and universal solidarity...All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents." To assist parishes and organizations in the care of God's creation, the Archdiocese of Ottawa has prepared a practical guide which is available at www.catholicottawa.ca/environmental-stewardship.

Other interests...

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. Sign-up sheets for Holy Cross Parish & Knights of Columbus vigil site (half day) on **Saturday, October 24**, can be found at the Walkley entrance or by contacting Warner Besserer at 613-323-1665/marilynwarnerb@live.com. *Internationally*, 40 babies have been saved so far in this Campaign, and 10,371 since 2007. Check out the 40 Days for Life info on our Parish website: www.holocrossparish.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)

THE HUB: Hosted by the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team; giving young adults the opportunity to reflect on the questions 'what am I passionate about, what are my gifts & where is the Lord calling me?' **October 24**, Spiritual Charisms; **November 21**, Holy Discontent. Dominican College, 96 Empress Ave., **7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** Info: Ted (thurley@ArchOttawa.ca).

GUIDE FOR 2015 FEDERAL ELECTION: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has issued a guide inviting Catholics to vote with discernment. The guide lists some basic principles from Catholic moral and social teaching to help voters analyze and evaluate public policies and programs. For information go to <http://www.cccb.ca> or www.CatholicOttawa.ca.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE (CCODP) ELECTION

GUIDE: In preparation for the Oct. 19 election, Development and Peace has produced a guide to assist all Canadians committed to international social justice in dialoguing with candidates about urgent issues including climate change and foreign aid: 613-738-9644; www.dev.org ggallant@devp.org.

FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE E-

NEWSLETTER: The Family and Youth Ministry office will be sending out electronically a monthly e-newsletter giving updates on items pertaining to family and youth ministry. If you are interested in receiving this newsletter, please submit your email address to (skorban@archottawa.ca).

COLLECTION REPORT

27 September 2015 – \$3,603.00 (env) / \$1,204.45 (loose)

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