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

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### ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

**HOLY CROSS PARISH LENTEN RETREAT 2018** will be held on **March 19, 20 & 21** from **7 – 9 p.m.** Our Preachers will be Fr. Thomas Thennedy CMF and Fr. Eslin Pereira CMF. We will conclude our Lenten Retreat with the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the final day, Wednesday, March 21. Come and experience the **'DIVINE TOUCH OF GOD'** and refresh your body and soul with this Lenten Retreat. All are welcome. A free will offering will be gratefully accepted. Be sure to mark your calendars.

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**ASH WEDNESDAY** is on **February 14**. For the convenience of the Parishioners, two Masses will be celebrated with the imposition of Ashes at 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively. All are welcome to participate. **Please remember that Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence.**



With Ash Wednesday, we begin the Season of Lent. Let us enter in the season of Lent with the spirit of Almsgiving, Prayer and Fasting. On **Lenten Friday's** we will have the **Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.** Come and join us as we walk through the fourteen stations to experience this powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us.

### IMPORTANT NOTICES TO PARENTS

**TOUR OF THE CHURCH** will be held on **Saturday, February 10 at 10 a.m.** for those children who are registered for the Sacrament of **First Holy Communion**. Preparation books will also be available for purchase before the tour begins. Cost: \$20. Please arrive 20 minutes early.

**PREPARATION SESSION:** For the children who are registered for the Sacrament of **Confirmation**; the **Preparation Session** will be held on **Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church. Please arrive 20 minutes early.



**HOLY CROSS NEEDS YOU:** We are in need of volunteers for decor during our Easter and Christmas seasons. No experience necessary. Come and be part of a wonderful team. If you are able to volunteer, please put your name on the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the Church.

**2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are still available for pick up on the table at the back of the church. Be sure to pick up your envelopes if you have not yet done so.

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:** We are pleased to inform you there are 10 extra parking spots for your convenience next to the St. Vincent de Paul boxes which were originally reserved for the CCC585 Condominium.

**COMMUNITY HELPERS WORKSHOP: February 08** (9 am - 12 pm in the parish hall) to help build on your knowledge and skills to meet the challenges facing seniors including Mental, Physical, Social and Spiritual health, Elder abuse, Loss and Grieving.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** The Knights of Columbus will be serving a Pancake Breakfast after the 8 & 9:30 morning Masses on **Sunday, February 11**. Free will offering with proceeds directed to fund the Shrove Tuesday (February 13) pancake breakfast for the students of Holy Cross and Holy Family Schools (up to 500 students).

### PASTORAL CARE

**OUR MEMBERS** are available to visit and/or bring Holy Communion to the sick, house-bound, lonely, or bereaved. Call Simonne Larouche at 613-738-7590.

### YOUTH

**ATTENTION ALL YOUTH AGES 12-25:** The Youth Group meets every two weeks after the 5 pm Mass on Saturday. The next meeting is on **Saturday, February 10**. We will have a meal following the 5 p.m. Mass, a video presentation and time for socializing. Please join us, and bring siblings and friends with you. We have new members joining all the time, and we warmly welcome newcomers. For more information contact Elizabeth Ocon at 613-247-6388.

### *Social Justice...*

**PROTECTION OF CONSCIENCE RIGHTS IN ONTARIO:** Archbishop Prendergast, in a recent letter, has asked all Catholics in the Ottawa Diocese to support the New Call for Conscience Campaign initiated by the Coalition for HealthCare and Conscience. A copy of the Archbishop's letter may be found on the bulletin board. All parishioners are encouraged to support conscience right protection for doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals. For those who have internet access go to the CHC website at: [www.canadiansforconscience.ca](http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca) and on the home screen scroll down to: "Support Conscience Rights" click on "Contact Now" to send a letter to your MPP and the Minister of Health and Long Term Care. A copy of this letter is on the bulletin board. If you do not have internet access, you can support doctors' conscience rights by picking up and signing a copy of the letter addressed to the Ottawa south MPP, which can be found on the tables at the Church entrances. When the letter is completed place it in the designated box at the Walkley entrance. These letters will be hand delivered to the member's Constituency office at 1828 Bank St. Spread the word and invite family members, neighbours and anyone else to join in this effort to protect conscience rights in Ontario.

**LENTEN FOOD DRIVE:** In preparation for our annual Lenten Food Drive, there will be a Reverse Offering (to suggest the most needed food items) at all Masses on February 10/11. The actual collection of groceries for our four nearby food banks will be on February 17/18.

**SHARE LENT –DEVELOPMENT & PEACE WORKSHOP:** Parishioners are invited to attend a D&P Share Lent Workshop as Tara Hurford, introduces the theme, *Together for Peace*. St. Basil Parish Hall, 940 Rex Ave., **Wed., Feb 07, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** Assumption Parish Hall, 320 Olmstead Ave., **Thurs., Feb. 08, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** Info: Anna Dorner (613-739-0963; [anna.dorner@gmail.com](mailto:anna.dorner@gmail.com)).