



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 11 MARCH 2018

“Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.”

(Today's Readings: 2 Chronicles 36:14-17a, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21)



Announced Mass intentions

- Sat., Mar. 10 5:00PM **Youth Mass**
Bill Kessels+
Intentions of Bev Olivastri
- Sun., Mar. 11 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
8:00AM Mass – Rigden Family+
9 :30AM Mass – Loreta DiVito+
Apie Lucie Adje+
Gregory Roche (lvg)
11:15AM Mass – Vic Edwards+
Tilije Family (lvg)
- Mon., Mar. 12 **NO MASS**
- Tues., Mar. 13 9:30AM Mass– Fr. Lukose (lvg)
Molly Bacchiochi+
- Wed., Mar. 14 12:15PM Mass – Tilije Family (lvg)
- Thurs., Mar. 15 12:15PM Mass – Renato Marson+
Edward Charette+
- Fri., Mar. 16 12:15PM Mass – Humbert Savoia+
Krista Costanza-Murphy (lvg)
- Sat., Mar. 17 5:00PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
- Sun., Mar. 18 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
8:00AM Mass – Maurice & Marie Lemieux+
10:00AM **JUBILEE MASS**
Nina Chung (lvg)
Roger Patry+
Fesseha Fre+
11:15AM **NO MASS**

Events Calendar ...

- Sat., Mar. 10 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
6:00PM Youth gathering - Hall
- Sun., Mar. 11 9:30AM Children's Liturgy
Speakers for D&P at all the Masses
K of C selling St. Patrick tickets & Shamrocks after all Masses
- Mon., Mar. 12 12:30PM Potato Peelers – Hall
6:30PM R.C.I.A. & Bible Study – Hall
- Tues., Mar. 13 8:00PM A.A. - Hall
- Wed., Mar. 14 7:00PM K of C general meeting – Hall
7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church
- Thurs., Mar. 15 12:30PM Club 55+ - Hall
7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice - Church
- Fri., Mar. 16 7:00PM **Stations of the Cross** – Church
- Sat., Mar. 17 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
6:00PM St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance
- Sun., Mar. 18 9:30AM Children's Liturgy

†Our Condolences and Prayers: For the departed souls of John Shea+

Deacon's Column...

GOD CARES

You never really know someone until you know what's in their heart, what motivates them, what they are looking for in life and why they do what they do. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus lays bare the heart of God. Jesus is talking with Nicodemus, a member of the Sanhedrin, Israel's ruling body. Nicodemus went out to find Jesus under the cover of darkness because he was afraid to be seen with Jesus in the light of day. Maybe they are sitting around a campfire or at a rock with an oil lamp on it, casting restless shadows on their faces. What message does Jesus give to this confused and fearful Jewish leader? That the history of salvation, from the fall of Adam and Eve until the final judgment, revolves around the coming of Jesus Christ, the Saviour, the Son of God. Why did he come? Because the Father sent him. Why did the Father send him? Because he "loved the world so much." God simply couldn't bear to see us perish in our sins; he longed to share with us his everlasting life. He cares! God cares! And Jesus is the definitive proof that he cares. He cares so much that he is willing to sacrifice his only Son to atone for the sins that have separated us from God, the source of all good things. We need look no further to find the very core of the Gospel: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." There is no hidden agenda, no selfish undertones, just pure generosity. This is the heart of God, of the Lord who longs for our friendship. It is only when we internalize this fundamental motive of God that our Christian adventure really begins.

God bless,
Deacon John

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

HOLY CROSS PARISH LENTEN RETREAT 2018 will be held on **March 19, 20 & 21** from **7 – 9 p.m.** Theme: *the Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World.* 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.** A free will offering will be gratefully accepted. Be sure to mark your calendars.

COLLECTION REPORT

04 March 2018 – 4,997.50 (env) / \$1,092.25 (loose)
~ **Thank you for your generosity and support** ~

Parish News and Community Life...

CONGRATULATIONS to all our children who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Christian Riesbeck on Saturday, March 03. A special thank you to Deacon John Kennedy and Joe Goski. "May they keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts!"

DONATIONS TOWARDS EASTER FLOWERS: Special envelopes are available in the pews and at the entrance of the Church for donations towards Easter flowers. Donations of \$20 or more will be issued a tax receipt if you enclose your information and envelope number.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Lenten Friday's are at 7 p.m. NOTE: Good Friday (March 30) Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:30 p.m.

HOLY CROSS JUBILEE CELEBRATION MARCH 2018 - MARCH 2019: In March 2019, Holy Cross will mark the Jubilee Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in the church on March 23, 1969. To begin our Jubilee preparations, **Bishop Christian Riesbeck will preside at our Mass on Sunday, March 18 at 10:00 a.m.** and a reception will follow in the parish hall. (Please note that there will be a 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 17 and on Sunday, March 18 there will be an 8 a.m. Mass and the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Masses have been combined). We will celebrate this important milestone throughout the coming year with a series of religious and parish community events, culminating on the weekend of March 24, 2019. In order to celebrate the diversity of our parish, we are planning a Multicultural Night to be held on Saturday, April 28, which will feature food and entertainment with an international theme. **The success of the evening will rely on the participation of parishioners.** We invite you to prepare a dish that has its origins in your family's heritage and bring it for the evening meal. It is hoped that entertainment will be provided by singers, musicians and dancers who will showcase a piece from their cultural background. Please contact Karen Flynn at 613-822-9527 for more information and to volunteer with regard to food or entertainment.

YOU ARE INVITED to go to the Holy Cross website at www.holycrossparish.com to listen to the recently composed song for our Jubilee year. We will be singing this song for the first time at the Mass on Sunday, March 18 at 10:00 a.m. Please join all our musicians and choirs in joyfully giving praise and thanks to God for our wonderful community.

Club 55: Join us on Thursday, March 15 in the parish hall following the 12:15 p.m. Mass. In honour of St. Patrick's Day, we will be serving an "Irish" themed lunch. A full meal will be served (\$6 pp). There will be a short Irish Trivia contest, followed games and cards. Wear something green if you have it, bring along a friend and have some "Irish" fun!

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER & DANCE—Saturday, March 17. Social at 6 p.m. / dinner at 6:45 p.m. Cost: \$20/per ticket. Lamb and/or Beef stew will be served. Music provided by 'Doug and Pam Champagne Band'. Tickets will be sold after all the Masses by the Knights of Columbus this weekend. Due to popular demand, tickets may not be available at the door so be sure to get yours early. If you wish to reserve tickets, please contact Bill McCauley by Wednesday, March 14 at 613-523-2167.

2017 TAX RECEIPTS are available for pick up at the back of the Church. We would like to thank all our Parishioners for their generosity throughout 2017.

Social Justice...

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE—to help celebrate our parish's 50th Anniversary, the SJC is developing a partnership with the 100-year-old St. Francis Xavier Parish in Attawapiskat, Ontario, a Cree community on the western shore of James Bay. This "Northern Project" will connect our two parishes in mutual support and understanding. Coming soon-information on how you can be part of this exciting new outreach initiative.

SHARE LENT COLLECTION: Next Sunday, with the support of our Canadian Bishops, Catholic churches across Canada will participate in the Solidarity Sunday Share Lent Collection of *Development and Peace – Caritas Canada*. The mini-magazine inserted in this parish bulletin shows how our D&P partners in the Global South benefit from our donations as they engage in actions that help build peace. We appreciate your generous donations through your use of the special envelopes provided in your envelope box or in the pew. Make cheques payable to Holy Cross Parish.

Other interests...

Msr. José Bettencourt Named Archbishop: The Vatican has announced that Msr. José Bettencourt, a priest from our Archdiocese, will be ordained a bishop on March 19th, Feast of St. Joseph, by His Holiness Pope Francis. Archbishop-elect Bettencourt will serve as Apostolic Nuncio to Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan. We congratulate Bishop Bettencourt and ask you to keep him in your prayers.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 23 – 7:00 p.m.

CHRISM MASS

Archbishop Prendergast invites all the faithful for the Chrism Mass on **Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m.** at Notre Dame Cathedral.

EASTER TRIDUUM

Our three most holy days:

****HOLY THURSDAY – 29 March at 8:00 p.m.** – Mass of the Lord's Supper with the washing of feet.

****GOOD FRIDAY – 30 March** – Children's Liturgy at 10 a.m.; **Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m.** A Universal Day of fasting and abstinence. The collection is taken for the Holy Land.

NOTE: STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:30 p.m.

****HOLY SATURDAY – Easter Vigil Mass – 31 March at 8:00 p.m.** – A candlelight beginning, listening to the story of salvation history, culminating in the Easter story. **BRING BELLS to ring out our joy during the Gloria.** A reception will follow in the parish hall.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES – 01 April – 8:00, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.

****NOTE: Incense will be used at these liturgies.**
