

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 29 APRIL 2018



**“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you,
ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
My Father is glorified by this,
that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”**

(Today's Readings: Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8)

Announced Mass intentions

Sat., April 28	5:00PM Mass – Constance Harris (lvg)
Sun., April 29	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners 9:30AM Mass – Fr. Reg McNeil+ Raymond Moore+ Stephen Kot+ 11:15AM Mass – Roger & Nadia Milan+
Mon., April 30	NO MASS
Tues., May 01	9:30AM Mass
Wed., May 02	12:15PM Mass – Olga Wojcik+
Thurs., May 03	10:00AM Communion Service held at Windsor Park Manor 12:15PM Mass
Fri., May 04	11:00AM ADORATION until 12 noon 12:15PM Mass – Marcel Cole+
Sat., May 05	5:00PM YOUTH MASS Marc Gardner+
Sun., May 06	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00AM Mass – Terry Larouche+ 9:30AM Mass – Shirley Redmond+ Gerald Oosterlaar+ Gerry and Myrnah Vullings (lvg) 11:15AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Events Calendar ...

Sat., April 28	9:30AM NO Prayer Group 6:00PM Multicultural Night – Hall
Sun., April 29	9:30AM Children's Liturgy Speakers at all the Masses Coffee Sunday after the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Masses
Mon., April 30	12:30PM Potato Peelers – Hall
Tues., May 01	7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church 8:00PM A.A. - Hall
Wed., May 02	7:00PM K of C Executive meeting
Thurs., May 03	10:00AM Club 55+ planning mtg. - Library 12:45PM Club 55+ - Hall 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Rm. A 7:00PM K of C 2 nd Degree – Hall
Sat., May 05	9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A 6:00PM Youth gathering – Hall
Sun., May 06	9:30AM Children's Liturgy Speakers at all the Masses

†Our Condolences and Prayers: For the departed soul of Antoine Bellama+ (father of Mireille Probst)

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**Eucharistic** **COME SPEND AN HOUR WITH ME:** *“What will . . . save the world? My answer is prayer. What we need is for every Parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer. The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament . . . will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth.”* (Saint Mother Teresa). We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the **FIRST FRIDAY** of each month from **11:00 a.m. until 12 noon**. You are encouraged to spend time in adoration with our Lord. This is a beautiful opportunity for prayer and contemplation.



Adoration



**ROSARY:** All are invited to join us a half an hour before our weekday Masses for the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Fridays.

### *Deacon's Column...*

#### **TALK THE TALK AND WALK THE WALK**

Our Catholic faith is not a comfortable faith. It does not say to us: "Hey, you're OK, don't worry about how you live your life; just enjoy yourself." This message comes from popular culture, not from Jesus Christ. It is a comfortable message, but it is false. You see, comfortable is not always good. The comfortable thing to do when the Titanic hit the iceberg was to roll over and go back to sleep, or just to keep on dancing. It was uncomfortable to get out the lifeboats, help load them, and evacuate the ship. And yet, the uncomfortable thing was the better thing; it was the right thing.

Jesus loves us too much to wink at us and let us waltz away our lives in superficiality, meaninglessness, self-indulgence, and comfortable immorality. So, he makes it clear that we who claim to be his followers have to do two things. We must "talk the talk", but we must also "walk the walk". We must look like good Catholics - by praying, coming to Mass, being involved in our faith, and speaking up for Christ's truth. But we also must make a daily effort to live like good Catholics: to study Church teaching when we don't understand it, to go out of our way to help others, to resist temptation and carry our crosses with elegance, to be faithful to Catholic morality and to our life-mission, even if it means enduring discomforts like hardship, ridicule, and persecution. This is what John means when it says: "Children, let us love one another not in word or speech, but in deed and truth... We must believe in... Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us." As followers of Jesus we are called to talk the talk, and also to walk the walk.

God bless,  
Deacon John

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## COLLECTION REPORT

22 April 2018 – \$4,587.35 (env) / \$706.10 (loose)

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

**JUBILEE FLASHBACK:** From the bulletin of June 16, 1974: Vote on Youth Mass evenly split so both 12:30 pm and 7:30 pm Sunday Masses will feature folk music with guitars. 8:00 a.m. daily Mass to be at 9:00 a.m. as one week experiment

**CLUB 55:** The next meeting of Club 55+ will be held **this coming Thursday, May 03** in the parish hall **following the 12:15 pm Mass**. A complete lunch, including treats and drinks, will be provided (\$5.00 pp). We encourage you to invite a friend or someone you know who is new to the Parish. There will also be a time for cards, crafts and board games.

**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL—50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Holy Cross School will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during Education Week 2018. You are invited to the **formal 50<sup>th</sup> celebration on Monday, May 07**. Our **Open House will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with the Re-dedication Ceremony beginning at 6:30 p.m.** in the gym. Refreshments will be served after the celebration. We look forward to seeing you on May 07. Mark Bruce – Principal.

#### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**ELECTIONS** to fill three positions on Parish Pastoral Council will be **held on May 12/13**. Those elected will serve a two-year term. Please consider putting your name forward to serve the parish community. The nominating committee consists of Fr. Lukose, Tom Flynn and Jean Belanger. Nomination forms are available at the Walkley Rd. entrance and must be submitted no later than May 05/06. The nomination forms should include a picture and a statement as to what they would wish to contribute to the PPC. For information call the Parish Office at 613-731-7834.

#### PASTORAL CARE/BEREAVEMENT

**OUR PASTORAL CARE 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 Myrnah Vullings at 613-737-0755.



Please visit our Jubilee Project of **"THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"** (near the Springland exit). If you wish, do give us some feedback.

### *Social Justice...*

**DEBRA DYNES FAMILY HOUSE:** With our help, children in the Debra Dynes community can "buy" their Moms a Mother's Day gift. Our donations of toiletries, jewelry, accessories, ceramics, photo frames, etc (new or gently used) would let them express their love and thanks. Donations will be gratefully accepted in the DDFH box through Sun., May 06.

**RIVERSIDE GRANNIES** will hold a free will offering of loonies and toonies on the weekend of May 12-13 for the Stephen Lewis Foundation. The SLF supports African grannies who are the primary care-givers for their orphaned grandchildren. We suggest a loonie for each grandchild you have and a toonie for each great-grandchild.

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

You can make a difference to relieve poverty in Canada's North. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul—Holy Cross—Saint Bernard—Saint Peter conference invites you to donate specific food items in April and May to be shipped to Rankin Inlet by sea container. We will be collecting white rice, mac and cheese and canned vegetables. A donation box may be found at the main entrance of the Church. If you prefer, you can make a financial donation through the envelopes which will be available. Collection will end on Sunday May 06.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN WEEK FOR LIFE—MAY 06 (PRO-LIFE SUNDAY) TO MAY 12.** The Diocese has prepared a Pamphlet entitled *"HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT ABORTION REALLY MEANS?"* which addresses the harm done by abortion to women, men, the child in the womb, families and society. Archbishop Prendergast, in the same Pamphlet, gives a very enlightening discourse on the effects of abortion and concludes by writing *"We can do better as a compassionate and caring Canadian society but we will not make progress until we seek the truth in charity"*. The Knights will be handing out copies of the pamphlet after all Masses on May 05/06.

#### 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE—MAY 10:

The March through downtown Ottawa on **Thursday, May 10 starts at 1:30 pm** from Parliament Hill. Sign-up sheet for the bus is on the table at the Walkley Road entrance and there is still space available. Bring your family and friends. We will depart from the parking lot of Holy Cross after the 12:15 noon Mass on Thursday, May 10. Join the human rights movement of the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

### *Other interests...*

Please see **FRIDAY FAX** posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church for further information.

**Founder of the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa recognized for her heroic virtues, receives title Venerable:** Mother Élisabeth Bruyère (1818-1876), founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa, has been recognized by the Church for her heroic virtues. The decree was recently authorized by the Holy Father during a private audience with Cardinal Angelo Amato, S.D.B., Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Her cause has been under study since 1977 in the Archdiocese of Ottawa.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP:** To evangelize and educate young people in the richness of their Catholic faith, and to strengthen the bonds of friendship among the participants. 19 years and up to hear our guest speaker Ruth Shaw speak about **"Being Pro-Life in a Pro-Death Culture"** on **Thursday, May 17 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** at Malone's Bar & Grill, 1001 Queen Elizabeth Drive (Dow's Lake). See poster on bulletin board.