



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – 13 MAY 2018

“...after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. ...they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere...”

(Today's Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20)

Announced Mass intentions

- Sat., May 12 5:00PM Mass – Lucie Gardner+
- Sun., May 13 **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:30AM Mass – Roger and Gerta Patry+
Fesseha Fre+
Frank Watson+
- 11:15AM Mass – Jean N'dah+
- Mon., May 14 **NO MASS**
- Tues., May 15 9:30AM Mass – Doherty Family+
Moose Morin+
- Wed., May 16 12:15PM Mass – Olga Wajcik+
- Thurs., May 17 10:00AM Communion Service held at
Windsor Park Manor
12:15PM Mass – Souls in Purgatory
- Fri., May 18 12:15PM Mass – Mario Costanza (lvg)
Dan Gibbons (lvg)
- Sat., May 19 5:00PM **Youth Mass**
Renee Villeneuve+
Alice Bell+
- Sun., May 20 **PENTECOST SUNDAY**
8:00AM Mass – Rigden Family+
9:30AM Mass – Adele Costanza (lvg)
Wanda Staples & Family (lvg)
Maria-Angelita Probst+
- 11:15AM Mass – Bernabe and Cleofe
Jacosalem+

Events Calendar ...

- Sat., May 12 9:00AM Parish Ultreya – Church/Hall
9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
- Sun., May 13 9:30AM Children's Liturgy
- Mon., May 14 12:30PM Potato Peelers – Hall
- Tues., May 15 6:30PM Finance – Rm. A
7:00PM Hospitality – Library
8:00PM A.A. - Hall
- Wed., May 16 7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church
7:30PM K of C general meeting – Hall
- Thurs., May 17 10:00AM Club 55+ planning mtg – Library
12:45PM Club 55+ gathering – Hall
7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Rm. A
7:00PM Feast Day Planning Committee
- Sat., May 19 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
6:00PM Youth gathering – Hall
- Sun., May 20 9:30AM Children's Liturgy
12:30PM Baptism – Church

†Our Condolences and Prayers: For the departed souls of Julio Herrera+ (father of Paola Herrera); Garth Johnson+ (husband of Patricia Johnson); Epah Fonkeng+ (husband of Juliana Fonkeng)

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## Deacon's Column...

### WHAT THE ASCENSION OF JESUS SHOW US

Before the very eyes of His closest followers, 40 days after his resurrection from the dead, Jesus ascended body and soul into heaven. What exactly does this word "ascended" mean? Every year on August 15, we celebrate a different feast: Mary's assumption into heaven. The Catechism tells us: Mary was assumed into heaven - was assumed. There's a difference here: Jesus ascends; Mary is assumed. Jesus is God, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity become man. He is both fully God and fully man, a mystery so great that we cannot understand it completely. Mary is immaculate (free from sin), and she is also the Mother of Jesus and therefore properly honored as the Mother of God. But still, she is only human; she does not possess the divine nature, as Jesus does. This is why she could not cause herself to ascend into heaven, as Jesus did. Instead, God had to take her up into heaven, and so we say that she was assumed. Jesus' ascension, in other words, reveals His divinity, just as His resurrection did.

Other people throughout salvation history have been raised from the dead with the help of God's power. But only Jesus rose from the dead on His own. As true God, He holds power over life and death; He is omnipotent, all-powerful, "almighty" as we say each week in our Creed. As true man, Jesus used this omnipotence to conquer death for our sake, to win our salvation, to redeem us. By bringing redeemed human nature up into heaven, He showed that along with being all-powerful, He is also all-good, all-loving. Jesus' ascension, then, reminds us that there is no limit to the confidence we can have in our God, because there is no limit to his power and goodness.

God bless,  
Deacon John

**JUBILEE FLASHBACK:** From the bulletin of February 27, 1977: Archbishop Plourde has given us permission to celebrate the new rite of Vatican II Mass for Sunday in Latin. Mass will be celebrated in Latin on Saturday at 5:00 pm during Lent. It fulfills the Sunday obligation. This is in response to many requests and is for those in our community who miss Latin.

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## COLLECTION REPORT

06 May 2018 – \$5,395.00 (env) / \$685.45 (loose)

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



**HOLY CROSS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)** will be held on **Sunday, June 24**, following the 11:15 a.m. Mass. A light lunch will be served. This is an opportunity to discuss changes in the coming year as well as the highlights of last year. We encourage all parishioners to come and spend an hour out of your day to hear about the activities within your community.

**CLUB 55+:** Join us **this coming Thursday, May 17** in the parish hall **following the 12:15 pm Mass**. A complete lunch, including treats and drinks, will be provided (\$6.00 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.

**INVITATION TO THE DIOCESAN FEAST DAY CELEBRATION 2018:** Each year we gather around our Archbishop to celebrate and give thanks for the foundation of the diocese of Bytown on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 1847 and the anniversary of its elevation to an archdiocese on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June, 1886. This year, at the celebration which will be held at Notre Dame Cathedral on Thursday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m., we will acknowledge the fact that Mother Élisabeth Bruyère has recently been declared Venerable by Pope Francis. Two papal decorations, the *Benemerenti* Medal, also will be awarded to two people from our diocese. The celebration will begin with a visit and a moment of prayer at the Mother House of the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa. It would be a powerful witness to see the participation of young families with children who may not have had an opportunity yet to celebrate at the Cathedral. If any family is interested in attending the celebrations, please call the parish office at 613-731-7834.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Following the Knights of Columbus regular meeting on Wednesday, May 16 at 8:30 p.m., guest speaker, Carl Hetu, National Director for the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) will give a presentation regarding this papal agency for humanitarian pastoral support (who they are and what their part is in the world). All are welcome.

**NOTICE:** Please check the **LOST AND FOUND BOX** under the table near the elevator within the next couple of weeks. We have many gloves, hats, scarves etc. For those items that are not picked up by the end of May, we will be donating them to St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you.

Lost and Found

### *Social Justice...*

**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 and Saint Peter conference invites you to donate specific food items in May to be shipped to Rankin Inlet by sea container. We are still

collecting white rice, macaroni and cheese and canned vegetables. The 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 are available on the table near the Social Justice bulletin board.

### **THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CANADA AND RECONCILIATION WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES:**

A conversation with the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle as we engage in renewing and fostering relationships between the Catholic Church and Indigenous people in Canada. Tues, May 15, 7:30-9 pm in the parish hall of St. Elizabeth Parish (1303 Leaside Ave). Guest speakers: Archbishop Murray Chatlain and Rosella Kinoshameg. Info: Gerry Kelly (613-884-5712; [gerrykelly@sympatico.ca](mailto:gerrykelly@sympatico.ca)).

### *Other interests...*

**Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall united to Archdiocese of Ottawa "in persona episcopi" – appointment of Most Rev. Terrence Prendergast as Bishop of Alexandria-Cornwall:** It was announced at the Vatican on April 27 that Pope Francis has united the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall and the Archdiocese of Ottawa 'in the person of the bishop' [in persona episcopi]. Archbishop Prendergast is no longer the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall but now its Bishop. Moreover, a second Auxiliary Bishop will be appointed at a later date to assist Archbishop Prendergast specifically for the territory of Alexandria-Cornwall.

**Wills, Powers of Attorney, Probate, Executors; Tax Tips for Seniors; Catholic Cemetery Services; Planned Giving:** On **Sunday, June 3rd, 1:00 p.m.**, a 1½ hour presentation covering the above topics will be given at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish hall, 5338 Bank St., by professionals in their field. Refreshments served; all are welcome. Please indicate your attendance with the Development Office of the Archdiocese (613-738-5025 x202, [dev@ArchOttawa.ca](mailto:dev@ArchOttawa.ca)).



### **BLESSING FOR MOTHERS**

Holy God,  
you compare your own love for your people  
to the love of a mother for her children.  
Look with kindness on our mother,  
give her comfort in moments of sorrow,  
and joy in her work for our family.  
Listen to our prayers, and bless her in all she does for you.  
Let her share with Jesus your Son and Mary our mother  
in the everlasting happiness of heaven.  
Amen



**A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS:** You are invited to fill out a parish registration form found on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church. Please put the completed form into the collection basket during Offertory at Mass.