



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

**“...And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out;
it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye
than to have two eyes...”**

(Today's Readings: Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 47-48)

Announced Mass intentions

- Sat., Sept. 29 5:00PM Mass – Constance Harris+
- Sun., Sept. 30 **26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00AM Mass – Rigden Family+
9:30AM Mass – In Thanksgiving
11:15AM Mass – Ralph D’Cruz+
- Mon., Oct 01 **NO MASS**
- Tues., Oct. 02 9:30AM Mass – Harry Goldsmith (Ivg)
- Wed., Oct. 03 12:15PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
- Thurs., Oct. 04 10:30AM Communion service held at
Windsor Park Manor
12:15PM Mass – Brian Beahen+
- Fri., Oct. 05 11:00AM **ADORATION** until 12 noon
12:15PM Mass – Rosemarie Ireland (Ivg)
- Sat., Oct. 06 5:00PM **YOUTH MASS**
Frank Szmigielksi+
- Sun., Oct. 07 **27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00AM Mass – Frenette Family+
9:30AM Mass – Brian Beahen+
In Thanksgiving
11:15AM Mass-Armand & Jeannette Lavigne+

Events Calendar ...

- Sat., Sept. 29 9:30AM Fashion show team mtg – Hall
9:30AM NO Prayer Group
6:00PM Parent & Youth information meeting – Hall
- Sun., Sept. 30 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
12:30PM Baptisms – Church
- Mon., Oct 01` 12:30PM Potato Peelers – Hall
6:30PM **Faith Formation Series –
Journey Through the Bible – The Virgin Mary** – Hall
- Tues., Oct. 02 8:00PM A.A. – Hall
- Wed., Oct. 03 7:30PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
7:30PM K of C Executive meeting
- Thurs., Oct. 04 10:00AM Club 55 planning mtg - Library
12:30PM Club 55 – Hall
7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
- Sat., Oct. 06 9:30AM NO Prayer Group
2:00PM Youth Group meeting – Hall
- Sun., Oct. 07 9:30AM NO Children’s Liturgy
Members of St. Vincent de Paul speaking at all the Masses
St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive

COLLECTION REPORT

Attawapiskat Campaign to Date - \$12,797.00
23 September 2018 – \$3,294.75 (env) / \$668.08 (loose)
~ **Thank you for your generosity and support** ~

Pastor’s Message...

FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PATRON SAINT OF ECOLOGY

The Universal church celebrates the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, sometimes called the second Christ, on October 4. Francis embraced the simplicity of life and poverty of Christ after his conversion. Francis is recognized as being the first to teach that the earth itself is holy. The beautiful prayer of praise he composed on nature, describing the sun as brother and moon as sister, is a reminder how we should be thankful for mother earth. Francis died on October 3, 1226 and was canonized two years later. Don't forget to join us for the Mass and to say a prayer for your household animals and pets on the feast of St. Francis.

OCTOBER, THE MONTH OF HOLY ROSARY

Thanks to all of you who participated in our Faith Formation Programme on “The Bible and Blessed Virgin Mary.”

Of all the different ways Catholics love and honour Mary, praying the Rosary is perhaps both the most common and the most important. It is meditation on the life and work of Christ that engages the whole person on at least three levels: with the sound of the voice, the feeling of the beads and the sight of devotional images. In that way, all those senses can be brought into a spirit of prayer. The Rosary also requires us to meditate on 20 different mysteries of the Gospel.

In the month of October, I encourage all families, especially those with children to spend some time to show our love for the Blessed Virgin Mary. “A family that prays together stays together.”

We will also be praying the “Memorare Prayer” at all the weekend Masses during the month of October.

God bless.
Fr. Lukose
Pastor

SIN MATTERS

Every now and then it is a good thing for us to take time to reflect on topics that make us uncomfortable and this weekend the Church is inviting us to do just that. This weekend's liturgy emphasizes one simple truth of our Catholic faith: sin matters. Saint James graphically explains that if someone spends their earthly life exploiting and using other people, lying and cheating and hoarding wealth, they may enjoy the fruits of their crimes for a little while, but they can't escape justice for ever. He writes that they will "weep and wail over their miseries." Jesus is just as clear. He explains that unrepented sin has consequences; it leads to damnation, to hell, which was commonly called "Gehenna." The word originally referred to a valley on the outskirts of Jerusalem that was used for human sacrifice during royal apostasies in Old Testament times. By the time of Jesus, the valley had come to be used as a kind of outdoor public incinerator. Worthless and rotten trash and refuse, including the dead bodies of animals and criminals, were dumped into the valley and gradually consumed by a smouldering fire that was always kept burning. Thus, Gehenna became a symbol of the state of eternal separation of a soul from God, and the unending spiritual destruction and frustration that goes with such a separation. According to Jesus, that's what unrepented sin leads us to. These comments of Saint James and Jesus are not meant to scare us into feeling guilty - it's not some psychological manipulation technique. Rather, they are simply informing us about the facts: sin, wilfully turning away from God and his moral law, has consequences, and they are not good, and we should strive to avoid them.

God bless,
Deacon John

Parish News and Community Life...

NEW CATHOLIC RESOURCES

Welcome to the **FORMED** family! The Augustine Institute, partnering with Ignatius Press, launched **FORMED** as a revolutionary online service offering unprecedented access to a vast array of high end digital Catholic content! Through FORMED On Demand, you now have convenient access to a vast library of high quality and regularly updated films, talks, ebooks, and audio dramas, all of which will enrich your faith. We highly recommend our most recently featured content as you begin to explore the rich truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith. Enjoy! Parishioners are invited to explore the many Catholic videos, audio recordings, movies and books at holycrossottawa.formed.org. Registration is free. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BELONGING TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is designed for adults who consciously and freely seek the living God through the Church. The candidates' journey of faith with the community leads to the sacraments of baptism and/or confirmation and communion for the first time in the celebration of the Eucharist. If interested in RCIA, call the parish office at 613-731-7834 to register your name. Our Faith Formation Programme is one step forward for the RCIA Candidates.

HOLY CROSS' 2018 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

The Bible and the Virgin Mary unveils the mystery of Our Lady that is woven into the fabric of Sacred Scripture. Visually stunning lessons (two lessons per evening) convey the beauty of the doctrine and devotion surrounding Mary, bringing them to life in a powerful, new way. This study has something for everyone.

THEME: *Journey Through the Bible – The Virgin Mary*

DATE: **Sept. 24; Oct. 01, 15 & 29 and Nov. 05**

TIME: **6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

Session 3: Monday, October 01 – The Ark of the New Covenant / Born of a Virgin

Session 4: Monday, October 15 – The Promised Mother / Mother Crowned in Glory

Session 5: Monday, October 29 – Full of Grace / All Holy

Session 6: Monday, November 05 – The Assumption / Always a Mother

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

Social Justice...

INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES: The Bishop was very appreciative of all the individuals and committees who are reaching out in faith and friendship with donations and efforts to connect with the community at St. Francis Xavier. He took back with him three computers, some games, books, clothing, art supplies for the youth, and already received two sewing machines. He has invited any of us to visit and offered some new ideas for increased person-to-person contact, especially between our youth and theirs. Because of your caring, we have now reached **\$12,797** toward the Youth Centre.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE: The Society of Ottawa St. Vincent de Paul will be holding a **CLOTHING DRIVE** at all the Masses on October 06/07 and 13/14. We will be collecting new and gently used clothing and your donations may be placed in the box provided at the front entrance of the church starting on October 06/07.

SEASON OF CREATION CONTINUES: Please consider joining our parish **Care for Creation Team** by contact John Dorner at dorner.john@gmail.com or 613-804-7018. See Friday Facts for more details on Season of Creation.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN—THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION: September 26 to November 04. For all info and to sign-up for vigil hours go to the parish website at: www.holycrossparish.com. For information contact Warner Besserer our K of C Pro-life representative at www.marilynwarnerb@live.com or 613-859-1665.

WORKSHOPS ON FORCED MIGRATION & THE REFUGEE CRISES: There are two workshops: Oct.13 from 9-12 pm at St. Augustine Parish or Oct.16 from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Diocesan Centre. See Friday Facts for more details.

Other interests...

Please see **FRIDAY FACTS** posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church.