



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – 10 MARCH 2019

**“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit...
was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,
where for forty days he was tempted by the devil...”**

(Today’s Readings: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13)



Announced Mass intentions

- Sat., Mar. 09 5:00PM Mass – Simone Mallebranche+
- Sun., Mar. 10 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
 - 8:00AM Mass – Rigden Family+
 - 9 :30AM Mass – Glenn Bell+
John Flynn+
 - 11:15AM Mass – Lucie Bruck+
- Mon., Mar. 11 **NO MASS**
- Tues., Mar. 12 9:30AM Mass – Deacon John & Sue Kennedy (lvg)
- Wed., Mar. 13 12:15PM Mass – Magdalena Yager (lvg)
- Thur., Mar. 14 9:00AM Communion Service held at Billings Lodge
 - 12:15PM Mass – Souls in Purgatory
- Fri., Mar. 15 12:15PM Mass – Bozena & Peter Janczarski (lvg)
- Sat., Mar. 16 5:00PM Mass– Krista Costanza-Murphy (lvg)
- Sun., Mar. 17 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
 - 8:00AM Mass–Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Lemieux+
 - 9:30AM Mass – Richard Valiquette+
 - 11:15AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Events Calendar ...

- Sat., Mar. 09 9:00AM Parish Ultreya – Church
9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
- Sun., Mar. 10 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
Reverse Offering for Food Drive
K of C selling Shamrocks & tickets to the St. Patrick’s Dinner
Coffee Sunday after the 8 & 9:30 a.m. Masses
- Tues., Mar. 12 6:30PM ADORATION until 7:30 p.m.
8:00PM A.A. – Hall
- Wed., Mar. 13 7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Rm. A
7:30PM K of C Executive meeting
- Thur., Mar. 14 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
- Fri., Mar. 15 7:00PM Stations of the Cross – Church
- Sat., Mar. 16 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
2:00PM Liturgy – Rm. A
6:00PM St. Patrick’s Dinner/Dance – Hall
- Sun., Mar. 17 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
Commissioning new Lectors during the 9:30 a.m. Mass
Tickets sold for the Jubilee Dinner after all Masses
Parish **FOOD DRIVE**

Deacon’s Column...

A CRASH COURSE ON SIN

The word "lent" comes from the Old English word for "spring". When Lent comes around, spring is soon to follow. One of the things the Church asks of us during Lent is to do spring cleaning in our souls. This week, the Church is reminding us of what we should look for as we get out our spiritual brooms and mops: we should look for sin. What is sin? It's one of those things we think we understand, but when we scratch beneath the surface, it gets fuzzy. But unless we really know what it is, we won't be able to clean it up. Jesus' temptation in the desert, teaches us what sin is. Sin is disobeying God because we don't trust him.

Each of the devil's temptations tries to get Jesus to veer off the path of God's will. God has given Jesus miraculous powers to convince people of God's love for them; the devil invites Jesus to use those powers for self-indulgence by turning stones into bread. God has sent Jesus to conquer the whole world through mercy and grace; the devil tries to get Jesus to take a shortcut by offering him incomparable political power and worldly glory. God has promised to support Jesus in his mission; the devil tries to get Jesus to use God's support for a different, self-centered mission, by doing a miraculous swan-dive off the top of the Temple. But Jesus trusts his Father's wisdom, so he can resist these temptations to disobey God's will.

Disobedience from lack of trust is at the core of every sin, no matter how big or small. The devil wants to separate us from God, the source of true happiness, so he weakens our trust and lures us onto other paths.

God bless,
Deacon John

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**WORKSHOP:** All Liturgical Ministers play a very special role in the celebration of the Holy Mass--your talents and service is a generous gift to the whole Parish. To help maintain the solemnity and sacredness of the Mass, the formation and renewal of your understanding and commitment are very important. For this reason, we will be holding a **refresher workshop** for all **current Lectors** on **Monday, March 25 at 7 p.m. in the Church**. Attendance at this workshop will be a sign of commitment to your Ministry. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 613-731-7834.

## **COLLECTION REPORT**

03 March 2019 – \$4,039.68 (env) / \$1,036.82 (loose)

~ **Thank you for your generosity and support** ~

**THANK YOU** to the new Lectors who participated in our training workshop on Monday, March 04. They will be commissioned on Sunday, March 17 during the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

## POPE FRANCIS' LENTEN MESSAGE

Pope Francis summoned Christians to slow down in a fast-paced and often directionless life and fast from the unnecessary things that distract us, to heed Lent that he described as "a wake-up call for the soul".

He noted that this wake-up call is accompanied by the message that the Lord proclaims through the lips of the prophet: "Return to me." If we have to return, the Pope said, it means that we have wandered off.

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"Lent is the time to rediscover the direction of life. Because in life's journey, as in every journey, what really matters is not to lose sight of the goal" he said.

The Pope said that during a journey, if we are distracted we will not get far, and he encouraged believers to ask themselves whether they are seeking the way forward in the journey of life or whether they are satisfied with living in the moment and thinking only of feeling good, solving some problems and having fun.

"What is the path?" he said, "Is it the search for health, which many today say comes first but which eventually passes? Could it be possessions and wellbeing?" The Lord is the goal of our journey.

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

### OUR PARISH LENTEN JOURNEY

*"We are Pilgrims on a Journey"*

**LENTEN RETREAT: March 18, 19 & 20 from 7 – 9 p.m.** Our Preacher will be Fr. Lester Mendonsa. Theme: "**LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO.**" We will conclude our Lenten Retreat with the celebration of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation on the final day, Wednesday, March 20.** A free will offering will be gratefully accepted.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Tuesday evenings** during Lent (except on March 19 due to the Retreat) **from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Jesus asked the disciples to be awake and pray. What a nice way to make this Lent a special one.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday's at 7 p.m.** lead by the different ministries of the Parish. 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. All are welcome. **NOTE: On Good Friday (April 19)** Stations of the Cross will begin **at 7:30 p.m.**

### JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Parish will celebrate the close relationship that provided support in the early 1980s to initiate Ottawa Foyers Partage. A special Mass will be offered on **Sunday, March 31 at 11:15 a.m.** followed with a reception in the parish hall. **(Please note that this Mass will be longer than usual, due to some presentation).**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Our Jubilee Year Celebrations will conclude the weekend of April 06 and 07.

On **Saturday, April 06**, a catered dinner will be held following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Tickets will be sold starting on the weekend of March 16/17. Cost: Adults/\$30 and children (under 14) \$20.

On **Sunday, April 07**, a **JUBILEE MASS** will be **celebrated by Archbishop Prendergast at 10:00 a.m.** On Sunday, April 07 there will be only two morning Masses—8 a.m. and our Jubilee Mass at 10:00 a.m. (NO 11:15 Mass).

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY & YOUTH GROUP JUBILEE PROJECT—SUNDAY, MARCH 17:

Attention all youth and parents whose children are assisting the Children's Liturgy and Youth Group Jubilee Project. In order to attend the Sunday Mass on March 17 and complete our special project, we are asking all those who are able to join us to please come immediately to the parish hall on **Sunday, March 17 at 8:30 a.m.** so we will be able to assemble our special project. There is lots of work to complete in a very short period of time and we need as many hands as possible. For info contact Debbie at [debbiekuchciak@gmail.com](mailto:debbiekuchciak@gmail.com).

**THANKS HOLY CROSS** for the great support of the *Yours Today* concert with Marc, Louise, Armando, Debra, Karen, Eric, Jackie on March 01. \$2,120 was raised, allowing Holy Cross Parish to make financial gifts to Debra Dynes Family House and St. Joe's Supper Table.

**LENTEN FOOD DRIVE:** Our 4 local food banks are very appreciative of the generosity of Holy Cross parishioners. At all Masses next weekend, please bring in your donations of food and other items and they will be delivered to the food banks. This will help thousands of needy people in our community. Thank you for your generosity!

## **ST. PATRICK'S DINNER & DANCE—Saturday, March 16.**

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 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 March 13 at 613-523-2167.

### PASTORAL CARE

Our trained Pastoral Care workers are available to visit and bring Holy Communion to our sick or housebound parishioners. Contact Christina Chung at 613-737-4609.

## *Social Justice...*

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:** Please join us for a simple **Lenten Soup and Bread** meal on Sunday, March 24, after the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Masses as we watch the film **After the Storm: Building Pope Francis Village.** See how your generous donations to Development and Peace-Caritas Canada following the Super Typhoon Haiyan in Tacloban, the Philippines, helped create a new village that has become a model for disaster relief. If you could contribute a favourite soup for 20-25 people, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the table at the entrance of the Church. For information see the Social Justice bulletin board.

## *Other interests...*

**STEBENVILLE TORONTO:** Join the Archdiocese of Ottawa this **July 12-14** at Steubenville Toronto. Dive into the theme "Belong" at Canada's largest conference for Catholic high school students. If you are 21 years+ consider applying as a chaperone. Info: [adeluca@archottawa.ca](mailto:adeluca@archottawa.ca) / registration: [www.fymottawa.com/steubenville-toronto-2019](http://www.fymottawa.com/steubenville-toronto-2019).

## *Food For Thought†*

*"Our sins are nothing but a grain of sand along the great mountain of the mercy of God."* -- St. John Vianney