



5th SUNDAY OF LENT

*"If a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,
it bears much fruit."*

Today's reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34; Hebrews 5.7-9; John 12.20-33

Next week reading: Mark 11.1-10 or John 12.12-16; Isaiah 50.4-7; Philippians 2.6-11; Mark 14.1 – 15.47

This Week

Saturday, March 17 **5th SUNDAY OF LENT**
5:00 p.m. Mass for Patrick Kelly † req. by Anna & Patricia

Sunday, March 18 **5th SUNDAY OF LENT**
9:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. 1st Communion Session 5: Do!
11:00 a.m. Mass for Evan Kealey
CONFIRMATION

Monday, March 19
9:00 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Parish Lenten Mission
8:00 p.m. AA-Westboro

Tuesday, March 20
9:00 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Parish Lenten Mission

Wednesday, March 21
9:00 a.m. Mass
1:00 p.m. Retirees
7:00 p.m. St. Basil's Choir

Thursday, March 22
9:00 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. RCIA

Friday, March 23
9:00 a.m. Mass
8:00 p.m. A.A. By the Book

Saturday, March 24 **PALM SUNDAY**
5:00 p.m. Mass for Larry Berrigan † req. by Dawn & Fam.

Sunday, March 25 **PALM SUNDAY**
9:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Mass for Jackie Bonderski † req. by Family



From the desk of Fr. James

Dear Parishioners,



This Sunday, eighteen of our children are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. As we know a Sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Christ, to give Grace within the Church.

Confirmation is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation (the other two being Baptism and Reconciliation).

Through Confirmation the Holy Spirit gives the increased ability to practice our faith in every aspect of our lives and to witness in Christ in every situation.

On this day of the Sacrament of Confirmation, I would like to reflect together with all of you the effects of the Sacrament of Confirmation:

- The outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Knowledge, Right Judgment, Understanding, Courage, Piety and fear of the Lord.
- A deepening and strengthening of the Grace received at Baptism.
- A more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.
- A closer bond with the Catholic Church.
- The ability to take a greater, more mature role in the Church mission of living the Christian faith daily.
- A special mark or character, on the soul which is indelible (cannot be erased) - (Be Sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit)

Today, as we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at our Parish, let us pray that these children may embrace the effects of this Sacrament with openness and willingness to accept it as God's personal gifts.

Congratulations and God's Blessings to all our children, sponsors and parents.

God Bless,
Fr. James Raphael

PARISH LENTEN MISSION – 2018

Parish Lenten Mission with Reconciliation Service will be on March 19th and 20th at 7:00 p.m.

The Preacher is Fr. Lester Mendonsa

See the bulletin board for more information about Fr. Lester Mendonsa.

Parish News



FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATIONS

The Last Session for 1st Communion will be on: Sunday, March 18 (after 9 a.m. Mass): Session 5: Do!

We would like to invite you all to show your support for the children of our parish preparing for their First Communion by choosing a child to pray for. There is a basket at the back of the church containing cards with a child's name on it. Please choose a card to take home with you. We encourage you to try and find the cross attached to the banner with the matching name so that you will recognize who you are keeping in your prayers. Thank you for your loving support of the children of our parish.

"Whatsoever you do..."

"If you see some way to make a difference, you can't stay quiet." - Awak Deng - Development and Peace



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From the Diocese and Community

CHRISM MASS

At Notre Dame Cathedral, Tues., **Mar. 27, 7:30 p.m.** Appointed parish representatives are asked to be at the Cathedral, inside the main entrance, no later than 7:00 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the Chrism Mass.

COMMUNION AND LIBERATION

Way of the Cross: On **Good Friday, March 30**, through the streets of downtown Ottawa. Led by Most. Rev. Terrence Prendergast S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa. Departure at 9:30 a.m. from St. Patrick Basilica, 220 Kent St. Arrival around 12:00 Noon at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica. Info: David McConkey (clonottawa@gmail.com).

CONCERT JOHN PAUL II

On the occasion of the 13th anniversary of his death, a concert will take place at **Notre Dame Cathedral on Fri., Mar. 23, 7:00 p.m.** With Ana Toumine, soprano, Mariusz Monczak, violin, Nadia Monczak, violin, Jenna Richards, accompanist, the Ensemble Con Brio of Montreal and the Ottawa Classical Choir directed by Michel Brousseau. Readings of Pope John Paul II's reflections and literary works will be presented by Liliana Komorowska. Free. Info: 613-241-7496.

PRO-LIFE

Dying Healed Workshops: Comprehensive education on palliative care/end of life issues and preliminary training for palliative and hospice care volunteers. For those wishing to provide compassionate love and support to those in need, particularly at end of life. **April 7 & 14, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** St. John the Apostle Parish, 2340 Baseline Rd. Cost for both sessions: \$35; incl. lunch. Registration required: Anastasia Bowles (613-722-1552); (info@lifecanada.org); (www.maketimeforlife.ca).

JOURNEY OF HOPE

A Program for Separated and Divorced Catholics: Six week sessions for women (Tuesdays, Mar. 20 – Apr. 24, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.) and men (Thursdays, Mar. 22 – May 3, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.). Fee: \$25. At Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish Hall, 20 Grant St. Register by Mar. 16: www.journeyofhopeottawa.com; Mary Jane Manley (613-294-1308).

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2018

On **April 27th & 28th, 2018**, join thousands of Catholics from across North America at the premier conference on the New Evangelization. The event will be held at the Infinity Convention Centre in Ottawa and webcast to host sites across Canada and the US. This year's Summit is once again featuring world-class Catholic speakers: Michael Dopp, George Weigel, Patrick Madrid, Curtis Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, and more. Register online today (<https://www.newevangelization.ca/>)!

ANCOURA

Gala Evening of Celebration - *Silent and Live Auctions* Thursday May 3, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at Hellenic Meeting & Reception Centre, 1315 Prince of Wales Drive, Ottawa
Guest Speaker: Curtis Bishop (Past President)-Houselink Community Homes, Toronto-2016 Champions of Mental Health Award.

Tickets: \$100 per person (with a \$50 tax receipt)

To reserve your ticket(s) or table of eight please contact: admin@ancoura.ca or phone (613) 233-8130 or reserve online at www.ancoura.ca

ST. PATRICK'S HOME ANNUAL 2018 LOTTERY

Tickets are \$100 each. April 18 Grand Prize Draw: \$20,000, \$5,000 and 5 draws of \$1,000. Tickets: 613-731-4660 ext. 353. Info: (<https://stpatsfoundation.ca/ways-to-give/lottery/>).

2018 ONTARIO SPRING RETREAT FOR DEAF CATHOLICS

Retreat for Deaf Catholics fluent in ASL. Presenter: Fr. Christopher Klusman, Associate Director of Deaf Ministry, Archdiocese of Milwaukee, first Deaf priest in that diocese. Theme: Family of God. Register by March 25. Contact Maureen Cerroni: maureen.cerroni@gmail.com. At Maison Notre Dame de la Providence, Orleans, April 13-15, 2018. Cost: \$55. Sponsored by Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario.



The opposite of resentment is forgiveness, which is rooted in a positive attitude that seeks to understand other people's weaknesses and to excuse them." (Pope Francis, Amoris laetitia)

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