





IT'S NOT TO LATE! PICK UP YOUR TICKETS FOR THEOLOGY ON TAP! For a Valentine's Special on Marriage on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at Russell House. Come hear Charles and Christine Labrosse present on "Putting into Practice Ephesians 5: St. Paul's Teaching on Mutual Submission and Forgiveness." Please call the office for details 445-3054

# YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

February 8, 2009 - \$3022.13 (Average weekly collection needed to cover all expenses: \$3,000.00) Thank you for your generosity & support

✦ LENTEN BIBLE STUDY for the Pauline Year: Paul's Letter to the Corinthians on Wednesdays March 4th, 11th, 25th and April 1st. Required reading is the commentary from Ignatius Press for \$11.



# ◆ SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER with all the trimmings will take place on Tues., Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 7 pm here in the Church Hall. Free will offering. Mark your calendar!

← COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN & MISSIONARY WORKS IS THIS SUNDAY, FEB. 28/29th: This collection enables the Archdiocese of Ottawa to respond to requests for assistance from Canadian and foreign dioceses, as well as from various groups such as: Campaign Life, National March for Life, Legion of Mary Handicap Pilgrimage, Canadian Catholic Campus Ministry and more.



**R.C.I.A.** continues this Tuesday February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. This week, a penance video will be shown and Anointing of the sick will be discussed. Please keep the R.C.I.A. candidates in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith.

# As Catholics..... WHY DO WE CELEBRATE HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION?

In the middle Ages many Christians considered themselves to be unworthy to go to Mass and instead prayed private devotions. The Holy Days of Obligation were enacted as an invitation giving laity the permission, and the privilege, of attending Mass other than on Sundays as followers of Christ. The Mass is the focal point of our faith and we attend Mass as an expression of our belief.

TAX RECEIPTS: Your 2008 tax receipts are now available to be picked up in the foyer. Please verify your name, and address (including postal code) so that our records can be updated and maintained.

**NEW BULLETIN:** Due to circumstances beyond our control the bulletin does have an error. The front page reads the wrong time for 10:45 am Mass. Please accept our apologies.

## Saturday February 14

**4:30 pm** For the repose of the soul of Colette Vaillancourt by Donna McKlusky

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#### Sunday February 15

9:00 am For the healing intentions of Justin

McKenna by the family

**10:45 am** For the special intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

#### **Tuesday February 17**

7:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Gino Muto by Frank & Maureen Muto

### Wednesday February 18

9:00 am Mass Cancelled

# Thursday February 19

9:00 am

## Friday February 20

**9:00 am** For the repose of the soul of Henry Woodroffe by the Pastor

#### Saturday February 21

**4:30 pm** For the repose of the soul of Colette Vaillancourt by Ken Gaydamack

#### Sunday February 22

**9:00 am** For the special intentions of the Parishioners **10:45 am** For the repose of the soul of Rena Coulombe by Andre & Marie Coulombe

# THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY's...

Saturday February 14 - Soul Food Saturday 2:45 pm hall; K of C Membership Drive 4:30 Mass

Sunday February 15 - K of C Membership Drive both Masses, Baptism 12 noon, Theology on Tap - 5:00 pm Russell House Monday February 16 - First Communion/Confirmation Parish

Program 6:30 pm hall

Tuesday February 17 - Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm, RCIA 7:30 pm

# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT OUR LADY'S . . .

Saturday February 21 - CWL Membership Drive 4:30 pm Mass Sunday February 22 - CWL Membership Drive 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses

Monday February23 - First Communion/Confirmation Parish Program 6:30 pm hall

Tuesday February 24 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5-7 pm, Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm, RCIA 7:30 pm

Wednesday February 25 - Ash Wednesday Masses MTCS Liturgy 8:45 am, Parish 7:00 pm.

Thursday February 26 - Pot Pourri 7-9pm Church

# February 15, 2009



Ken Gaydamack, Norita Trottier,

Cory VandenHanenberg, Teresa Morris, Jack Tyo **PRAYER** and Gilles Benoit.

If you would like a name added to this list please call the office.

+ PILGRIMAGE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL is at the home of the Plant family this week. If you wish to take home Our Lady for 1 week, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the foyer.



**COFFEE SUNDAY:** Please remember this is a service to the parish. It is your donations that will keep it viable.

Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup> will be hosted by: 9:00: CWL 10:45: CWL

Join us on our Lenten Journey: STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday at 7 pm except March Break

| February 20 <sup>th</sup> Fr. Tim |  |
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| Fr. Tim                           |  |
| Development and Peace             |  |
| The Knights of Columbus           |  |
| The Catholic Women's League       |  |
| Fr. Tim                           |  |
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#### COUNTDOWN FOR LENT Ash Wednesday is coming!

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> and ends with the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on the evening of Holy Thurs., April 9th. Remember that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence from meat. In addition, it is also customary to not eat meat on the Fridays of Lent. We do this as a sign of our repentance, and in the spirit of prayer.

Why do Catholics Fast ???

Catholics consider FASTING to be a spiritual discipline by which food is voluntarily given up for a defined period of time. The Bible often cites fasting as a worthy practice. Jesus himself fasted for forty days in the desert before undertaking his Public Ministry.

Contemporary Catholic usually understand FASTING to mean only one full meal a day with no snacking and the other two meals not equally the one full meal. (Of course, this does not mean that you should make that one full meal extra big!)

The custom of fasting also has the purpose of making a person feel in solidarity with the many hungry people of our world. The feeling of the hunger pangs could also be a tangible reminder of how we ought to hunger for God.

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASS IS AT 7 PM

Suggestion for the Week:

Go to Church for Mass and Ashes and bring a non-practicing friend with you.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Plans are underway for Vacation Bible School to be held at our parish this summer 2009. Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a specialized form of religious education for children. If you are interested in helping organizing this event and would like to be part of our team, please

contact Allison Fortier 613-443-2657 or email: allison@afortier.com.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP WEEKEND FEB. 14/15: Now is the best time to join your Knights of Columbus Council #12401! Consider joining one of the most active, if not the most active group, within our Parish Community. Experience Fraternity, Unity, Involvement and the personal satisfaction of lending a helping hand. Info: Tom Sullivan 764-3822

TAKE A LOOK - THE CWL ARE HAVING A SALE: Items have been marked down in the cabinet located in the foyer. Please keep in mind this is a wonderful place to find a gift for Easter or First Communion/Cofirmation.

CALENDAR OF DATES FOR SACRAMENTS OF FIRST EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION FOR THIS PASTORAL YEAR

> **Rite of Enrolment** Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> - 4:30 pm Mass Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> -9:00 am & 10:45 am Masses

Celebration of the Sacraments of First Communion & Confirmation Saturday, April 25th at 4:30 pm Mass Sunday, April 26th at 9:00 am & 10:45 am Masses Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> -10:45 am Mass

Parish Program: Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:45 am Mass

★ WILLS: As a parishioner, have you ever considered remembering Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church in your "Last Will and Testament?" It's a wonderful way to ensure that the many good works of your Catholic faith community keep becoming realities. If you'd like to discuss the possibility of leaving such a gift in your name, or if you have any questions or related concerns, please feel free to contact the Church Office.

# **OTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED:**

◆ ANXIETY & DEPRESSION SEMINAR: St. Patrick's Basilica (220 Kent St.), Mon., Feb. 16, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. (use ramp entrances). Mike Glugosh, of Midwest Center for Anxiety & Depression, once suffered from both but now promotes a 16-step cognitive coping technique for overcoming struggles with anxiety and depression. Info: (613-233-1125). Free.

★ 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN: During Lent, Feb. 25 - Apr. 5. In repentance for all the victims of abortion, the Campaign consists of prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil during the entire 40 days. With the endorsement of His Grace Archbishop Prendergast, all parishes are invited to participate. Info: Robert Desmarais 445-3683/ Campaign Life Coalition (613-729-0379);(www.40daysforlife.com/Ottawa/).

BULLETIN DEADLINE: TUESDAY NOON to Church Office: email olmm@bellnet.ca or fax 613-445-9839.