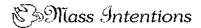
# Fifth Sunday of Lent~Year A

Diocesan Theme: THE FAMILY: HOME OF LOVE, MERCY AND JOY. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace..."(Galatians 5.22) Parish Mission Statement: "LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, MAKE DISCIPLES"



### Saturday, April 1st 4:30 pm For the repose of the souls of Sheila and Aldo Barbesin by the James family Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> ~Fifth Sunday of Lent **9:00 am** For the intentions of the Doyle family by the Kupferschmidt family **10:45 am** For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor Tuesday, April 4th 7:00 pm For the intentions of Lily & Cherie Gambell by Cathy Gambell Wednesday, April 5th 8:30 am~at STA Thursday, April 6th 9:00 am Friday, April 7th 9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Arturo Nuesca Lopez by the Dupuis family Saturday, April 8th **4:30 pm** For the repose of the souls of George Hendley, family members and friends Sunday, April 9th ~ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Ovila Boucher by the Kupferschmidt family 10:45 am For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor

#### <u>YOUR OFFERINGS FOR</u> March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017~\$ 2,866.90 Thank you for your generosity and support

### INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR APRIL:

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

### ~<u>IN OUR PRAYERS</u>~

For the sick among our families and friends especially: Margaret Robertson, Addie Pittman, Marthe Lepine, Alyssa Gauthier, Melanie Joanette and Catharina Crouzat.

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## **Pastor's Corner**

### The Warning

"Those who are in the flesh cannot please God", warns St. Paul in our second reading today. But, he quickly reminds us that we are in the Spirit since the Spirit of God dwells in us. So, if we are in the Spirit, we should not allow the flesh to overrule us lest it vitiates the Spirit of God in us. The Spirit gives life. Our first reading from the Prophet Ezekiel tells of God's promise to raise up the people of Israel: "I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live..." Ours is a God who restores life. Through the power of God, Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Only God can do stuff like this. So, during this lent, we are encouraged to place all our hope in God and to know that His love for us is everlasting.

### Lenten Mission/Penance Service

Please join me in welcoming Fr. Martin Farrell, OP who is our parish mission preacher. As part of our lenten program, our Lenten mission prepares us for the celebration of the great mystery of our salvation. This mission includes our lenten Penitential Service and individual confessions on Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Since there will be no confessions before the Holy Thursday mass and indeed during Triduum, this will be the best opportunity to prepare ourselves for the coming feasts.

May we not grow weary in seeking His merciful face! Fr. Paul



### April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 Are you new to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish? WELCOME! If you have not yet registered, please complete a registration form found in the foyer or in the office. You may bring the completed form to the office or drop it in the collection basket.

## THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Mon. April  $3^{rd}$  ~Lenten mission~7:00pm Tues. April  $4^{th}$  ~Lenten mission~7:00pm Tues. April  $4^{th}$ ~First communion class~6:00-7:00 pm~hall Wed. April  $5^{th}$  ~Lenten Penance service~7:00pm Wed. April  $5^{th}$  ~Edge youth group~6:30-8:30pm~hall Thurs. April  $6^{th}$  ~Confirmation class~6:00pm-7:00pm~hall Thurs. April  $6^{th}$ ~K of C executive meeting~7:30pm

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING:** Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., May 14, 2:30 p.m.** For couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 + years of marriage in 2017. Families & friends are most welcome. Registration details now available in parishes. Forms must be returned before May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017-03-22 Registration forms are available on the bulletin board beside the side entrance.

**PLEASE JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS~AT 7:00PM** April 7 – Led by the K of C

Applications are available to any student of our parish currently in their graduating year or within one year of graduating from grade 12 for the annual CWL bursary award of \$400.00. For more information and/or to obtain an application form please refer to the parish web site or after March 28 contact Mary Payment, Bursary Committee Chairperson at <u>613-496-</u> <u>1170</u>. Deadline for completed applications is April 30,



Holy Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup>~7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Good Friday April 14<sup>th</sup>~Outdoor "Way of the Cross"(meet at the arena at 10:00am) Passion Service~3:00pm Easter Vigil Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup>~8:00pm Easter Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>~9:00am, 10:45am



In the month of April, we are going to be diving into the mysterious ways that God speaks to us. We have invited a guest speaker for each day that will share with us how God has been working in their lives. How does God speak to them? What does God's voice sound like? What kind of amazing and miraculous things is God doing in these people? Marek Dorshenko will be coming from Cornwall, Ontario to share with you about his life with Christ and how God has been moving in his life since he was a child. Coming from a Catholic upbringing he will share with you how God continues to surprise him

CHRISM MASS: All are invited to participate in the Chrism Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Parishioners can help beautify the church for Easter by making a donation for church flowers and decorations in the name of a departed loved one. The names of the donors and the names of their departed loved ones will be published in the church bulletin at Easter. If you have a loved one you would like to honour in this way, please fill out the envelope found in the pews including your donation. Cut off date for donations will be April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:** If you have a family member who is homebound and would like to receive the Holy Eucharist please notify the parish

**FISH FRY-**Russell United Church, Friday April 21<sup>st</sup> 4:30-7:00pm. Dinner includes; Fresh fried fish & chips, coleslaw, beans, homemade desserts, coffee, tea and lemonade. Get your tickets today!! Adults \$16/\$18 at door, Child 5-12, \$7/\$9 at door. 4 and under free. Contact 613-445-5335 for tickets.