## Divine Mercy Sunday ~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"

# DMass Intentions

Saturday, April 22nd

**4:30 pm** For the repose of the souls of Bill, Harry and Leo Bouwhuis by the Bouwhuis family

Sunday, April 23rd~Divine Mercy Sunday

**9:00 am** For the intentions of Wilhemina Langens on the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by the CWL

**10:45 am** For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor

Tuesday, April 25th~St. Mark

**7:00 pm** For the intentions of Jo and Gary Barnes by the James family

Wednesday, April 26th~at STA

**8:30 am** For the repose of the soul of Fr. Jim MacGillvray by the James family

Thursday, April 27th

**9:00 am** For the intentions of Barbara Fleet by the James family

Friday, April 28th

**9:00am** For the intentions of the Mulholland family by the James family

Saturday, April 29th~St. Catherine of Siena

**4:30 pm** For the repose of the soul of Georgina Gilarowski by John and Nancy Bazzetta

Sunday, April 30th ~Third Sunday of Easter

**9:00 am** For the repose of the soul of Claudette Pare by the Urlocker/Lalonde family **10:45 am** For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR
April 16th, 2017~\$ 4,074.45
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.

#### ~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

Margaret Robertson, Addie Pittman, Marthe Lepine, Alyssa Gauthier, Melanie Joanette and Catharina Crouzat.

### Pastor's Corner

The glorious resurrection of Christ not only gives us joy, peace and hope, it also gives meaning to our earthly existence.

#### The Peace of Christ

We hear one of the most fascinating post-resurrection appearances of Jesus to the disciples in today's gospel. Heart-broken and distraught, the apostles locked themselves up in a room for fear of the Jews. The risen Jesus appeared to them and greeted them: "Peace be with you!" Like the apostles we are gathered today and we could hear Him say to us individually "Peace be with you"! Today Christ comes to us personally proclaiming peace, peace in every heart, peace in every home, peace in our world!

#### First Holy Communion

Beginning Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and continuing through May 14<sup>th</sup> at the 10:45 am mass, we will be celebrating First Communion for children, the children of our parish. The first 3-5 pews on both sides of the church will be assigned to each family. We completely understand that following this arrangement some people will be "displaced." We ask for your understanding as we celebrate and rejoice with our children on this significant step in their faith journey.

#### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday: "...I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of my most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to me will contemplate my love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." (Diary 699)

May our lives be filled with God's mercy! Fr. Paul

## April 23<sup>rd</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 24~Rosary making ~7:00 -8:30pm ~hall Tues. April 25~Adult choir~7:30~church Wed. April 26 ~Edge youth group~6:30-8:30pm~hall Thurs. April 27~confirmation class ~6:00pm~hall with Fr. Paul

Thurs. April 27~ K of C General meeting~7:30~hall

**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 contact Mary Payment, Bursary Committee Chairperson at 613-496-1170. Deadline for completed applications is April 30.

**NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2017:** Featuring 8 world-class Catholic speakers including: Bishop Robert Barron, Patrick Sullivan, Tom Corcoran and more. **May 12 & 13** at the Infinity Conference Centre in Ottawa with live-stream video to host sites across Canada, the US and beyond. Limited seating. Register online today (<a href="https://www.newevangelization.ca/">https://www.newevangelization.ca/</a>).

**On May 6, 2017, Academia Stella Maris** will be hosting a Fundraiser Dinner at the Knights of Columbus hall in Embrun, 5 Forget Street. Cocktails and silent auction starting at 5:30pm. Dinner served at 6:30pm. The night will be commemorating the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima and will feature dinner, live music, silent auction and a talk from Rita and Gerard McCarthy (Marriages for Mary) "The powers of praying together." \$40.00/person or \$70.00/couple. Please RSVP by May 1st at www.academiastellamaris.ca.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls all people of faith to join nationwide in 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care on May 4, 2017 as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life. All parishioners, family and friends are invited to join OLMM CWL in prayer and solidarity from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at our church. Come when you can and stay as long as you can. A light lunch will be served around noon for anyone who is there at that time. Those unable to attend are encouraged to join in prayerful support at home. For more information contact CWL President Pat Redsell at 613-822-0379.



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?

April 26 – Sarah, a teenager from Russell, will be sharing how God has worked in her life and why she believes in Him. Come on out and support one of our own volunteers and listen to how God moves in her life.

#### **ACTION LIFE - 28TH ANNUAL HIKE FOR LIFE**

2017: Raising funds for pro-life education. Sat., Apr. 29<sup>th</sup>. Registration: 8:00 –10:00 a.m. at Saint Patrick Basilica (in the basement). Official kickoff: 9:00 a.m. Further info: (www.actionlife.org). Please consider sponsoring our OLMM designated hiker Fr. Paul. The pledge sheet is in the foyer. Thank you

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

A SPECIAL THANK-YOU to everyone who donated for the Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. It has enabled us to make our church so very beautiful for this Easter season.

The church is in need of reliable counters for the weekly collections. If you can spare about an hour every second week please call the office. Thank you.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE at<u>www.olmm.</u>ca Email: admin@olmm.ca