Your talent is Gods gift to you.

What you do with it is your gift back to God. **Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time~Year A** Diocesan Theme: **The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World**

"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience ...above all, clothe yourselves with love!" (*Colossians 3.12, 14*) Parish Mission Statement: "LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, MAKE DISCIPLES"



Saturday, November 18th

4:30pm~ For the repose of the soul of Rose Hamelin by the James family

Sunday, November 19th~Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am~For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor

10:45am~ For the deceased members of our Knights of Columbus council whose names appear on the plaque

Tuesday, November 21st ~The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7:00 pm~

Wednesday, November 22nd~St. Cecilia

8:20 am~at STA~ For the repose of the soul of Fr. Bernard Cameron by the Staff and students of STA 9:30am~at OLMM

Thursday, November 23rd

9:00 am~In thanksgiving for all the graces received by the Dupuis family

Friday, November 24th ~St. Andrew Dung-Lac 9:00 am~For the repose of the soul of Susan Drummond by Kathy Mack

Saturday, November 25th

4:30 pm~For the repose of the soul of Sean James by the James family

Sunday, November 26th~Christ The King

9:00 am ~ For the repose of the soul of Ron Payment by Mary and family

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

Monday, November 27th~Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

7:00pm

November 12th, 2017~\$3,388.20 *Thank you for your generosity and support*

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR NOVEMBER:

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

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

For the sick among our families and friends especially: Jenifer Gunton, Melanie Joanette Yvette Barretto-Duval, and Noreen Plant.

Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

November 27 marks the Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. On this day, we commemorate the apparition of Our Blessed Mother to Saint Catherine Laboure and celebrate the vision Our Lady revealed to the young saint- the Miraculous Medal. It was in Paris, in the year 1830, part of a period when the Catholic Church was under attack from its many enemies, when "times are evil in France and in the world," as Our Lady said. While doing silent meditation, Saint Catherine had a striking vision of the Blessed Virgin, her beauty indescribable, standing on a globe. Rays of light shone forth from the precious gems on the Blessed Mother's hands symbolizing the graces that she bestows upon us. Catherine saw an oval frame formed around her, bearing the words "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee." A voice then said to Catherine, "Have a medal struck after this model. Persons who wear it will receive great graces, especially if they wear it around the neck."

For two years that followed, the Church authorities investigated the events of the apparition, deliberated on the message of Our Lady, and observed Saint Catherine as she went about her daily life as a simple nun. Finally, they approved to have the image struck upon a medal- the one and only medal that Our Blessed Mother herself presented the design. The first batch was produced in 1832. Soon after, the devotion became widespread across the world and the medal was being worn by millions. Stories of healings, conversions, and other miracles started pouring in from the faithful who wear and pray the devotion to the "Medal of the Immaculate Conception," as it was originally called. Because of this, people since then began calling it the "Miraculous Medal." At present, devotion to the Miraculous Medal and wearing it is next to the Holy Rosary in popularity among the traditional Catholic devotions and sacramentals.

On the front, the medal shows Our Mother Mary standing on the globe (Mary, assumed into heaven, is the Queen of Heaven and Earth), as her feet stand on the head of the serpent (Mary is our protection). The oval-shaped medal is circled with the signature, "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee." At the back of the medal, twelve stars (12 Apostles who formed the first Church) surround a large "M" from which a cross (Jesus' Cross and Redemption) arises. And below the "M" there are two flaming hearts (the burning love of Jesus and Mary for us). The left heart is circled with thorns, which represents Jesus (the Sacred Heart who died for our sins). The right heart, pierced by a sword (her sorrows), symbolizes Mary (the Immaculate Heart who intercedes for us).

November 19th, 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. Nov. 20th~Rosary making group~7:00-8:30pm~hall Tues. Nov. 21st~Adult choir~7:30~church Wed. Nov. 22nd~Alpha Session~6:00-9:00pm

Thurs. Nov. 23rd~K o C general meeting~7:30pm~hall

There will be a special mass on Monday Nov. 27th at 7:00pm for Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal feast day

Do you have current spiritual magazines/newspapers that you can donate to the Spiritual Library? Just leave them in the basket found on a bottom shelf in the library in the church hall for others to take and read. Thank you.

Wanted: Couples Interested in Their Marriages

TOOL is a group of 5-7 couples that meet monthly to share their news, a potluck meal, prayer, and study a topic with a family/marriage/spiritual focus. The couples form a unit that is supportive and caring; where ideas are exchanged and thoughts are challenged. In addition to the meetings there are opportunities for a yearly retreat and family prayer. As part of an international movement recognized by the Pope, we strive to live the vocation of marriage in a world that does not support that goal. There are couples of all ages in TOOL, with and without children. If you are interested, come, Sunday, November 26, at 3PM to a short presentation about this international organization that has been enriching marriage for over 70 years. Questions answered. No obligation. For directions call Melanie or Kevin Moore at 613-496-1696.

OLMM Spiritual Library

Look for the new adult additions to the Spiritual Library: DVD: The 13th Day - a true story of a miracle in Fatima Book - Discovering Mary - answers to questions about the Mother of God

Book - Meet Mary - getting to know the Mother of God Book - The Miraculous Medal - stories, prayers and devotions

Sunday Missals, Advent candles and wreaths will be on sale in the foyer after all masses next weekend.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be serving breakfast next Sunday, November 26th, after both Masses downstairs in the church hall. In addition to our traditional breakfast, our menu will include delicious omelets and best ever homemade waffles topped with fresh whipped cream. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children, or \$24 for families. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE at <u>www.olmm.</u>ca Email: admin@olmm.ca **The anointing of the sick** is administered to bring spiritual and even physical strength during an illness, especially near the time of death. It is most likely one of the last sacraments one will receive. A sacrament is an outward sign established by Jesus Christ to confer inward grace.

Like all the sacraments, holy anointing was instituted by Jesus Christ during his earthly ministry. The Catechism explains, "This sacred anointing of the sick was instituted by Christ our Lord as a true and proper sacrament of the New Testament. It is alluded to indeed by Mark, but is recommended to the faithful and promulgated by James the apostle..." (CCC 1511; Mark 6:13; Jas. 5:14-15).

What is important to know, the anointing of the sick conveys several graces and imparts gifts of strengthening in the Holy Spirit against anxiety, discouragement, and temptation, and conveys peace and fortitude (CCC 1520). These graces flow from the atoning death of Jesus Christ, for "this was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, 'He took our infirmities and bore our diseases'" (Matt. 8:17). Bible: Mark refers to the sacrament when he recounts how Jesus sent out the twelve disciples to preach, and "they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them" (Mark 6:13). In his epistle, James says, "Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven" (Jas. 5:14-15).

The early Church Fathers recognized this sacrament's role in the life of the Church. Around A.D. 250, Origen wrote that the penitent Christian "does not shrink from declaring his sin to a priest of the Lord and from seeking medicine . . . [of] which the apostle James says: 'If then there is anyone sick, let him call the presbyters of the Church, and let them impose hands upon him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man....'" (Homilies on Leviticus 2:4).

The Sacrament's Effects

"The special grace of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as its effects: the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his own good and that of the whole Church; the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age; the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of penance; the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul; the preparation for passing over to eternal life" (CCC 1532).

Does a person have to be dying to receive this sacrament? No. The Catechism says, "The anointing of the sick is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived" (CCC 1514)