FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



"Be Reconciled to God" (2 Cor 5:20)

BMass Intentions

Saturday February 28

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

For the intentions of the Kupferschmidt family by the Tanguay family

Sunday March 1

9:00 am For a special intention by the Crouzat family10:45 am For the special intentions of the Parishioners

Tuesday March 3

7:00pm For the repose of the souls of the parents of Tom & Carol Egan by the Egan family

Wednesday March 4

7:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Lucille Furlotte by the St.Thomas School Staff

Thursday March 5

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Colette Vaillancourt by the Knights Of Columbus

Friday March 6

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Colette Vaillancourt by Jim & Jane Munro

Saturday March 7

9:00 am For the Intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Catherina Forgues by the Pastoral Care Team

For the special intentions of the Chartrand family by the Tanguay family

Sunday March 8

9:00 am For the special intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

10:45 am For the repose of the souls of Felix McLaughlin & Beaudette family by the McLaughlin family.

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S...

Saturday February 28 -KOC Food Bag Distribution 4:30 pm Mass Sunday March 1 - KOC Food Bag Distribution at all Masses Monday March 2 - Confirmation Parish Program 6:30 pm hall Tuesday March 3 - Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm, RCIA 7:30 pm Wednesday March 4 - Lenten Bible Study 7 pm, Baptism Preparation 7 pm Foyer

Thursday March 5 - Pot Pourri 7-9pm Church

Friday March 6 - Stations of the Cross- Development & Peace 7 pm

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT OUR LADY'S...

Saturday March 7 - KOC Food Bag Collection 4:30 pm Mass Sunday March 8 - KOC Food Bag Collection at all Masses Monday March 9 - Confirmation Parish Program 6:30 pm Tuesday March 10 -Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Wednesday March 11 - Lenten Bible Study 7 pm

Thursday March 12 - CWL General Meeting 7:00 pm, KOC

Executive Meeting 7:30 pm Kitchen

Friday March 13 - Stations of the Cross 7 pm

♦ THIS WEEK! COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN & MISSIONARY

WORKS: 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.

Lent is a journey with Jesus and is a time of reflection. Catholics take the time to look at what needs to be changed in our lives in order to deepen our relationship with Christ. As a reminder of that desire to change, Catholics will choose some way to keep themselves focused by taking on a

charitable act that takes a little extra time or effort or by giving up something that is only a want in their lives not a need, and give the proceeds to charity

CHRISTIAN GIVING...

February 21st/22nd \$2998.81 K of C Pancake Supper \$279.10

Many thanks to our Knights, this money will be put towards our foundation repairs!

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.

It is appreciated!

Average weekly collection needed to cover all expenses is
\$3,000.00



The Knights of Columbus will be handing out paper bags after Mass this weekend for the Township of Russell Good Neighbours Food Bank. Our local Food Bank needs your help. If you can, pick up a bag, and when you bring it home, please remember to fill it. These bags will be collected downstairs in the Church hall before Mass on the following weekend, March 7th/8th. Items needed are canned meals

(soups, chili, stews, etc...), canned meats, peanut butter, canned vegetables and fruits, cereals, fruit juices in single serving boxes and other non-perishable items. Items in glass jars cannot be donated. To learn more about the Township of Russell Good Neighbours Food Bank, visit our web site at www.olmm.ca/foodbank.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE



Tuesday, March 10th at 7 pm. A number of visiting priests will be available for individual confessions. Come & take advantage of this opportunity to spiritually prepare ourselves on our Lenten Journey!

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Tuesday at Noon in writing please.

March 1, 2009

♦STATIONS OF THE CROSS this Friday March 6th at 7 pm is led by Development & Peace. Try the stations and be renewed in this intimate experience of Jesus' solidarity with all humanity!



Ken Gaydamack, Cory VandenHanenberg, Teresa Morris, Jack Tyo, Gerry Phillips 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 Tom & Simone Sullivan 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 March 8^{TH} will be hosted by:

NO VOLUNTEERS



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.

- ♦ 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, the envelopes will be available next weekend.
- → 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. Sign up sheet is available in the foyer or for info please call: Robert Desmarais 445-3683/ Campaign Life Coalition

(613-729-0379); (www.40daysforlife.com/Ottawa/).

♦ WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Saturday March 7, 2009 at 11:00 am. Please join us here at Our Lady's.Celebrate Papua, New Guinea, in co-operation with St.Mary's Anglican Church, St. Andrew's and St. Paul's United Church. For more information please call Denise at 613-445-3627.

→ FEBRUARY BAPTISMS

We give thanks to God for the children who were received into our family of faith in February:

Annika, daughter of Denis and Jennifer Deschamps Leo, son of Robin and Kelly Dumas

→ 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.

♦ GOOD NEWS ABOUT GOING TO CHURCH!

Studies prove that Mass has physical, emotional, and intellectual benefits for your children. Researchers tell us that taking kids to Church every week will:

- 1. reduce their risk of ever committing a crime
- 2. provide them with a solid sense of right and wrong
- 3. make them less likely to suffer from depression
- 4. increase their average life expectancy by eight years
- significantly reduce their likelihood of using alcohol, tobacco and drugs
- 6. improve their attitude at school
- 7. dramatically lower their risk of suicide
- 8. reduce the tendency toward rebelliousness
- 9. improve their odds for a 'very happy' life
- 10. increase school participation

The good news is that these benefits apply to adults, too! Furthermore, according to a Barna Research Group study, adults who attended church regularly as children are nearly three times more likely to be attending a church today than adults who did not go to church during childhood.

ALTAR SERVERS

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCHEDULE

Sat., Mar. 7th - 4:30 pm. Luke, Richard, Marie-Eve Sun., Mar. 8th - 9:00 am. Samuel, William, Jacob.L. 10:30 am. Ben MacKinnon, Annie, Cameron

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass.

Thank you for your loving service to Our Lord.



RCIA: (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
Tuesday March 3rd , 2009
Tour of the Church with Mark Hennessy

- **★ALMS FOR THE POOR BOX:** Donations for our Alms for the Poor Box for the months of January, February & March will be donated to the Emergency Assistance Fund. THANK YOU!
- ♦ MOTHER TERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL is now in the process of accepting new registrations for September 2009 in junior and senior kindergarden. Mother Teresa School offers an immersion french program from junior kindergarten to Grade 5. The immersion program will continue to expand each year, over the next year to grade 6. We continue to offer an extended french program in grade 1 to grade 6. If you have a child that will be four or five years of age on or before December 31, 2009 and are interested in registering at our school, please contact the school as soon as possible at (613)445-3788 or 1-888-263-2715. Students currently attending junior kindergarten are automatically registered for September 2009.Please note that an on site daycare is available five days a week for alternate day junior and senior kindergarden students.

OTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED:

♦NEW DIOCESAN WEB SITE: The new diocesan web site address is (www.archottawa.ca). The new email address of Rev. Joseph Muldoon, Episcopal Vicar, is (jmuldoon@archottawa.ca).