

Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord

April 1, 2018

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Give glory to God! Let us join with all believers in jubilant praise.

NOTE: The Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord, normally celebrated on March 25, is transferred this year to April 9 since March 25 falls on Palm Sunday.

A Rachel's Vineyard retreat is a safe place for women & men hurting after abortion, to find healing in God's love. The next retreat is May 4-6, 2018. Visit www.rachelsvineyardottawa.ca. Contact Terry or Lynda for details: 613-806-5522 or rvr_ottawa@yahoo.ca soon as space is limited.

Ladies On Lunch (LOL) is a new group for women of the parish and their female friends who will gather for lunch, every third Wednesday of the month at 11:30 am. To reserve a seat or for more information contact Hilary Als at stacch@rogers.com or by telephone at (613) 845-0073. The next gathering is April 18th at the Mandarin Restaurant located at 2055 Tenth Line Road. Please RSVP by 6:00 pm on Monday, April 16th in order to make a reservation.

Men's 139th Ottawa Cursillo will be held on April 5-8, 2018

Cursillo Movement is a powerful instrument of renewal in the Church. You want to meet people who will with you learn about piety, study and action, and remove obstacle to graces of God. The reward is great your faith hope and love is renewed. Men of all walks of life regardless of their profession are touched by this weekend and come back clearer about their faith. Take this opportunity to discover your faith in God. For more information please contact Helen Lemoire at 613-590-7450.

MARYVALE ACADEMY OF OTTAWA is holding a SCHOOL-DAY OPEN HOUSE, 8:30 am to 3 pm on Tues. April 10,

2018. Please call the principal to register for part or all of the day at (613) 321-2186 Ext. 2 . School

info: maryvaleacademy.ca | facebook.com/MaryvaleAcademyOttawa .

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Wedding Anniversary Mass: The Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on **Sunday, May 6th at 2:30 pm. Notre Dame Cathedral**. If you are celebrating your 5th-60th wedding anniversary in 2018 and would like to attend the Anniversary mass, please contact the office. The deadline to register is April 25th.

Offering for March 18, 2018

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 3530.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	\$ 948.50
Total Collection:	\$ 7138.00

Our financial requirements are approx. **\$8,000** per week to support our approx. **\$2,000** a week mortgage payment.

Fr. Shroff's Corner

After 40 days of Lenten penance, the Catholic Church throughout the world has finally arrived at the most holy and sacred time of the year: the Paschal Triduum! During these three days, the Church commemorates liturgically the most important event in human history: the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Saviour. On Maundy Thursday (also called Holy Thursday), the Church celebrates the institution of two great Sacraments given to us by the Lord Himself: the Sacred Priesthood and the Holy Mass (or Eucharist). This is also the night when Jesus was betrayed by Judas for 30 mere pieces of silver. Even slaves were sold for a greater price than this! The Gospel narrative tells us that when Judas had received the morsel of bread (not the consecrated Eucharist), Satan entered into him and that, when he left the room of the Last Supper to betray Jesus, "it was night." This is not just a remark about the physical darkness outside, but rather a very profound statement of Faith. It was night, that is, it was the hour of darkness: the hour of Satan.

The following day, the Church commemorates liturgically the Passion and Death of Christ on the Cross. The Adoration of the Holy Cross is the highlight of the Good Friday liturgy. On this day, the Church also prays for various groups of people: for the Pope, for the Church, for our civil leaders. She also prays the conversion of atheists (those who do not believe in God), the Jewish people (those who do not believe in Jesus as the Messiah), non Christians (those who do not believe in Christ), and non Catholic Christians (those who do not believe in the Sacraments and in the Catholic Church. The Church fervently intercedes for all these people, praying that the grace of Christ's death on the Cross may be given to them all in great abundance and lead them to the One True Faith.

On Holy Saturday, there is no real liturgy or Sacraments in the Church throughout the world. It is a day of silence and contemplative prayer, a day of waiting for the glory of the Resurrection. On Holy Saturday, we unite ourselves to the Virgin Mary and join in her joyful waiting for the splendour of Christ to be revealed in all its fullness!

At the Easter Vigil, the most holy and sacred of nights, the Resurrection of Christ from the dead is celebrated with great fanfare and solemnity, this being the most joyful night of the entire year! The bells are rung at the *Gloria* of the Mass, and a beautiful and ornate *Alleluia* is chanted to commemorate Christ's victory over the tomb. Surrexit *Dominus vere, Alleluia, Alleluia!* The Lord is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia! The Church will henceforth sing the *Alleluia* with great joy for the next 50 days until the Feast of Pentecost, which will close the Easter Season.

This Easter, we congratulate and give thanks to God for our two newly baptized and confirmed catechumens, Shauna McCarlie and Andria King. We also congratulate and thank the Lord for Diana Labonté, who entered into full communion with the Catholic Church, and was confirmed, this Easter. May the Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus strengthen these new Catholics in the Faith, and accompany them in their spiritual growth throughout these 50 days of the Easter Season and for the rest of their lives. We pray for them and for all new Catholics around the world received this Easter Vigil into the Church founded by Jesus.

May you all have a very blessed and holy Easter Season, you and your loved ones! Christ is risen from the dead, He arose gloriously from the tomb, and He leads us on the path to Eternal Life in His Kingdom!

INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 31 – Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

8:00 pm For Our Parishioners

Sunday, April 1 – The Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 am † Maurice (Moe) Stafford req by Bonnie & Ken Lehman
Deceased members of the McGowan & Starkey families

11:15 am † Guenter Andrews req by Myrna Andrews
† Ted Burke req by Jean Hall
† Byrnes and Young families' req by Joe Byrnes
Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

Monday, April 2 – Solemnity, Easter Octave

9:00 am † Moe Stafford req by Arthur & Mary Niero

Tuesday, April 3 – Solemnity, Easter Octave

9:00 am † Charlene Doucet req by Clive & Suzane Richmond

Thursday, April 5 – Solemnity, Easter Octave

9:00 am † John & Claire Duckworth req by the Pereira family

Friday, April 6 – Solemnity, Easter Octave

9:00 am Deceased members of the Pereira family

Saturday, April 7 – Solemnity, Easter Octave

9:00 am † Cyril Winter req by his Pro-life friends

Saturday, April 7 – Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy

Sunday

5:00 pm For Our Parishioners

Sunday, April 8 – Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00 am † Audrey Keating req by Vince Keating
† Maurice (Moe) Stafford req by Sean & Anna May
O'Carroll

11:15 am † Alfred Reede req by Philippe & Marian Tremblay
† Guenter Andrews req by Myrna Andrews
† Loretta Hall req by Jean Hall
† Maureen Comerton req by Bob & Joan Dunn
† Rosemary Pantin req by Laynes & Clara Alphonse
Deceased members of the Lemieux family req by Joe
Byrnes

Please pray for our sick; Joe MacDonell, Rose Dugandzic, Romina Andrews, Lorretta Dillon-Robinette, Jean-Ella Lemire, Michael Nortey and John MacDonald.

Please pray for our deceased, that they may be received into God's love.

PRO LIFE CORNER

Let us pray that Jesus, who conquered the power of death, may give our society the strength to eliminate the evils of abortion and euthanasia.

The celebration of our Redemption at Easter gives hope, not only for ourselves, but for those aborted babies and especially for those who have repented for their own complicity in this moral crime. Jesus Christ lives. He has triumphed over death; He has overcome sorrow, anguish, and the power of darkness. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad! In the fight to end abortion and assisted suicide, we can often feel like we are fighting in vain. Every effort is met with a further challenge, but we can be sure that Truth will always win; we need only do our part.