

# FRIDAY FACTS



Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

February 21, 2020

## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**Archbishop's Letter for Lent:** The Archbishop's Letter for Lent is available in PDF [here](#). A version in WORD is available at [www.CatholicOttawa.ca](http://www.CatholicOttawa.ca).

**Parish Lenten Reconciliation Schedule:** Now available online at [CatholicOttawa.ca](http://CatholicOttawa.ca).  
**Note:** Diocesan Day of Confessions is **Friday, April 3**.

**Reminder to Parishes re Holy Oils:** If you have not already done so, please return the parish Holy Oil vials (in the small black case) to the Diocesan Centre by March 16.



*Christ is everything for us.*

"Lord, to whom can we go?  
You have the words of eternal life".  
John 6.68

## VOCATIONS

**Prayer for Vocations:** Second Sunday of Lent – March 8. For all our priests, who bring us to the mountain of Christ at every Mass and feed us with His transforming love in the sacraments, we pray to the Lord.

## CARE FOR CREATION

**Gardening for Wildlife Webinar — Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF):** Our gardens at our homes, parishes and schools can be transformed into wildlife friendly habitat. The Ottawa Chapter of Faith and the Common Good has included as part of its webinar series a presentation by CWF that highlights the key "ingredients" to a successful garden that supports local wildlife. **Wed., Feb. 26, 12:00 p.m.** Info/registration: [faithcommongood.org/outdoor\\_greening\\_winter\\_webinar](http://faithcommongood.org/outdoor_greening_winter_webinar). Info: Katherine Forster ([kforster@faithcommongood.org](mailto:kforster@faithcommongood.org)).

**Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on the Amazon:** Our Holy Father has prepared the [final document](#) following from the Amazon Synod. The exhortation is intended not only for the Amazon, but for the whole world, as we all share responsibility for this land. He calls on us to recognize that "the Church's concern for the problems of this area obliges us to discuss, however briefly, a number of other important issues that can assist other areas of our world in confronting their own challenges." Info: John Dorner ([jdorner@archottawa.ca](mailto:jdorner@archottawa.ca)).

## FAITH FORMATION

**Healing the Human Spirit Workshop:** A weekend of teaching on healing prayer led by Henri Lemay. Specific topics include depression and parental inversion. Sponsored by Holy Spirit Healing Clinic. St. Augustine Parish, 1060 Baseline Rd., **Fri., Mar. 27, 7:00 pm & Sat., Mar. 28, 8:45 am – 4:00 pm.** Free will offering. Info: [edna.dubroy@rogers.com](mailto:edna.dubroy@rogers.com).

**New Life Retreat:** Are you looking for more meaning in your life? Take part in a life-changing, faith-building experience. Through a series of talks and small group discussions, participants learn more about the power and richness of the Holy Spirit and are baptized in the Holy Spirit. St. Mary's Parish, 100 Young St., **March 20, 21, 22 & 23.** Free will donation. Info or to register: 613 224-5723; [www.newlifeparishretreat.org](http://www.newlifeparishretreat.org).

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**Formation Day at Saint Paul University:** *Compassion and Self Compassion* by Dr.J. Malette. Dr. Judith Malette will explore how the somatic, psychological, spiritual dimensions of the human experience can help one to develop 'tools' to attend to oneself in order to better attend to others. Saint Paul University, Rm G 264 and online, **March 6, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**. Cost: \$50; students \$10; group prices available. Hosted by *Centre for Safeguarding Minors and Vulnerable Persons*. Info: [cpcs@ustpaul.ca](mailto:cpcs@ustpaul.ca); 613-236-1393 ext 2613.

**Spiritual Reflection 2020 - Lenten Retreat:** "What you seek is what you get". Moderator: Fr. Eslin Pereira, CMF. Mass, Confession, Rosary, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and reflection. **March 7, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm** (registration at 8:15 am). Good Shepherd Parish, 3092 Innes Rd, Orleans. Open to everyone; no charge; bring your own lunch and snacks. Free-will donations appreciated. Hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 9005. Info: 613-834-8339.

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

**World Day of Prayer:** Hear the concerns and needs of the people of Zimbabwe and join in solidarity with them, praying with, and for them. Enrich our Christian faith as it grows deeper and broader in an international, ecumenical expression. Our Lady of Fatima, 153 Woodroffe Ave., **March 6, 9:00 am**. Free will offering. Sponsored by Women's Interchurch Council of Canada. Info: 613-723-0465.

**Saint Isidore Parish Lenten Mission:** Father Mark Slatter will give a 3-night Lenten Mission, with reflections, and Eucharistic Adoration. 1135 March Rd, **March 3-5, 7:00 pm**. Info: 613-592-1961.

**Mass to Heal the Family Tree:** Generational Healing Mass celebrated by Fr. Pierre Champoux. Prayer teams available following the Mass. Release your bloodline from compulsions, addictions, and resentment. St. Augustine Parish, 1080 Baseline Rd., **Thurs., Mar. 19, 6:00 pm Adoration and Confession, 7:00 pm Mass**. Info: [edna.dubroy@rogers.com](mailto:edna.dubroy@rogers.com).

**St. Basil's Lenten Mission:** Fr. Eugene O'Reilly, CSsR will preside at the Lenten Mission at St. Basil's Parish from **March 1-4, 7:00 pm**. Reconciliation Service on Monday, celebration of the Eucharist on Wednesday. Reflections on Sunday and Tuesday evenings. All are welcome. 940 Rex Ave. at the Queensway. Info: [stbasilparish@gmail.com](mailto:stbasilparish@gmail.com).

## PRO-LIFE

**Pro Lifers Needed:** Since May 1983 there has been a pro life presence in front of the Civic hospital every Sunday from 2-3 p.m. The purpose is to educate the public and to reassure women they have a choice other than abortion. In the beginning, there were many people each Sunday but as time went on the numbers dwindled. Now there are just one or two in front of the hospital every Sunday afternoon. We would like to keep up this pro life witness and need more help. If you can give one hour/month please contact: John Fennelly 613-867-0144; [fennelly11189@gmail.com](mailto:fennelly11189@gmail.com).

**Fatal Flaws:** Hosted by Holy Cross Knights of Columbus Council 1067 on **Mon., Feb. 24** at Holy Cross Parish, 685 Walkley Rd. in the hall. Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, will speak and answer questions. Doors open 6:30 pm, film at 7:00 pm. Info: Grand Knight Greg Yost ([gregyost@rogers.com](mailto:gregyost@rogers.com); 613-521-2607).

**40 Days for Life Winter/Spring campaign, Feb. 26 - April 5.** To pray and fast for an end to abortion. A downtown vigil is not taking place during this campaign. Novena of Masses at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 153 Woodroffe Ave., **Wed., Feb. 26 – Thurs., Mar. 5, 9:00 am; Mass on Sun., Mar. 1 at 10:00 am**. Intention: to pray for the permanent closure of the Bank Street abortion facility and the conversion of all the staff. Info: [wanda40daysforlife@clife.ca](mailto:wanda40daysforlife@clife.ca); 613-299-2515.

## PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

**St. Patrick's Day Ceili:** Irish dinner, dance, and music featuring Paddy 'G' & the Mennie Man, Kevin & Deirdre Dooley & Friends, Brian Armstrong Ceili Dancing, and Ottawa Irish Dance Company. Saint Patrick Basilica, **Sat., Mar. 14, 5:00 pm**. Cost: \$30; children free. Hosted by Knights of Columbus, Saint Patrick Council. Info: Brendan Hennigan 613-793-6798.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner:** Pancakes, sausages, beans, dessert, coffee, tea and non-alcoholic drinks. All profits donated to the Parish. St. John the Apostle Parish, 2340 Baseline Rd. in the Main Hall., **Tues., Feb. 25, 5:30-7:00pm.** Free will offering. Hosted by Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus. Info: 613-829-1760.

## OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

**The New Evangelization Summit:** A conference on Evangelization. Infinity Convention Centre, Ottawa, **April 25.** Webcast to host sites around the world. Catholic speakers: Fr. Robert Spitzer, Michael Dopp, Sherry Weddell, Brett Powell, and Barbara Mason. Register for free at [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca).

**Upcoming Men's & Women's Cursillo Weekends:** A Cursillo Weekend is basically a 'short course in Christianity'. It is an opportunity to take time to learn more about living your own, personal faith journey. This is not a retreat but a course with valuable tools to help you live your best faith life. Notre Dame De La Providence, Orleans, **March 5-8 (men) & April 23-26 (women).** Cost: \$280/person, all inclusive. Registration: [www.ottawacursillo.ca](http://www.ottawacursillo.ca). Info: Frances Milliere (613-592-0695; [fmilliere@sympatico.ca](mailto:fmilliere@sympatico.ca)).

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast:** 'May your conscience bear witness to the Lord'. Speaker John Gay is a retired physician. Physicians and other professionals are being told to forsake their conscience. Come hear John share about the perils of letting society have its way with turning off the divine GPS. St. Augustine Church, 1060 Baseline, **Sat., March 14, 8:00am.** Cost: \$5. Enter through the east door. Info: [breakfastformen@gmail.com](mailto:breakfastformen@gmail.com); call Denis at 613-228-7646.

## EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Summer Employment Opportunities at Waupoos Farm:** Waupoos Family Farm is now accepting applications from students and youth (ages 16 - 30) for summer employment. Complete details at <http://waupoos.com/employment/>. Application deadline is **March 18, 2020.** Info: [contact@waupoos.com](mailto:contact@waupoos.com).