

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, Sept. 16th

5:00pm **Marie Godard** by Claire Dorey & family

Sunday Sept. 17th

9:00am **For the Parishioners**

11:00am **Madeleine Hoindo** by Gilles Hoindo

PRIEST ARE ON RETREAT THIS WEEK

NO MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, Sept. 23rd

5:00pm **Sharon Preston** by the Family & Friends Folk Group

Sunday, Sept. 24th **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am **Doris & Leonard Hart** by Doug & Judi Ryan

11:00am **For the Parishioners**

September 10, 2017

ENV. \$2702.00

LOOSE \$136.80

Total **\$2838.80**

St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you to everyone who donated to the special envelope during August. We collected **\$1,988.90** for this worthy cause.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp is "For the victims of Hurricane Irma".

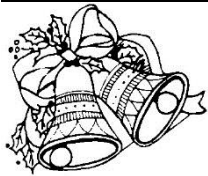
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Our Parish Supper was a success again this year because of everyone who did his or her part. I was truly taken by the numbers that came out for the supper. Thanks to all who made this Parish Supper a great event: the volunteers, the servers for a job well done, the young people, our generous donors, our organizing committee and especially **Marilyn Young, Barbara Champagne, and Charlene Alquire** who coordinated the whole event and looked after what needed to be done till the end. May we continue to serve our community and remain to be #1! Thank you to all who made a difference this year! Let us endure to become a strong life giving parish community!

Parish Breakfast on October 1st, 2017

COME ONE ---- COME ALL ----- to the Parish breakfast on Sunday, October 1st, in the parish hall, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. **COST: FREE WILL OFFERING.** All proceeds go to the Catholic Secondary School Mission Trip. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Round Table and Blessed Sacrament Ladies Auxiliary.

To the parishioners of **Blessed Sacrament Parish** who have children in grade 2 who are attending the **public-school system**. If your child is ready to receive the Sacraments of **Confession, Confirmation, and Communion**, you are asked to register them at the parish office. Please remember, this is a **COMMITMENT** that is taken on behalf of the child and by the parents. **You must also be registered parishioners of the Parish and attending mass on a regular base. We also require that you be a practicing Catholic.**

Mistletoe Magic – The Sounds of the Season



The parish is organizing a bus trip to this event on Friday, **December 8th, 2017** departing at **5 pm to the Upper Canada Playhouse**. The evening will include **Dinner and Show for \$50.00 per person**. Come and enjoy toe-tapping fiddling, sing-a-longs, step dancing reindeer, your favorite holiday movie hits from films such as *White Christmas, The Polar Express, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, A Charlie Brown Christmas, Meet Me in St. Louis, It's a Wonderful Life* and *The Sound of Music*. There may even be an appearance by Dolly Parton, Elvis Presley and the real star of the show – **St. Nick** himself! – Great show for the whole family. To purchase tickets or for more info please call 613-932-2996.

ITALIAN BISTRO NIGHT... The parish is having a special evening on October 21st, 2017. Hosted by the Italian Community, we will have an evening of Dinner with authentic Italian music. Tickets are available at the office. Cost: \$25 per person, \$15 for children 6-12 years and children under 5 no charge. Mark your calendars for this great event. Don't miss it... limited tickets this year!

Cemetery Memorial Services



The memorial service at **St. Andrew's Parish Cemetery** will take place on Sunday **September 24th at 2:00 p.m.** This service is particularly for those buried at the cemetery but all are welcome. Please pass this date on to family and friends and plan to bring lawn chairs.

Mason Shalom House will be offering a Book Club program commencing **Wednesday, September 20th** for six weeks from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Mason Shalom House. The book to be shared is "The Gift of Years – Growing Older Gracefully" by Joan Chittister. Please register with Sr. Sue and pick up a copy of the book (\$10.00) before September 8th, 2017. The program cost for the six weeks is \$40.00.

PARISH SUPPERS

Father Augustine Obago and the Parishioners of **St. Bernard's Parish, Finch**, ON invite you to their **Annual Harvest Supper on Sunday, September 24, 2017** at the Finch Community Arena from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults: \$12.00 - Ages 6-12: \$6.00 - under 6 yrs: Free.

St. James Annual Roast Beef Dinner will be held on **Sunday, September 17, 2017** at the Maxville Sports Complex from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults: \$15.00 - Children 6-12: \$6.00 - Children 5 & under: Free. Take Outs available between 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.— Call Helen McGillis @ 613-527-5031.

Father Cyriaque Balla and the members of Our **Lady of the Rosary Parish** invite you to their **PARISH SUPPER**, on **Sunday October 1st, 2017, from 4:30PM to 6:30PM, at CRYSLER COMMUNITY CENTRE.** MENU: turkey, stuffing, ham, potatoes, gravy, vegetables, beans, pickles, cheese, buns, coleslaw, Pies & assorted desserts, Tea, coffee, juice. Admission: Adults: \$13.00; Children from 6 to 12 years old: \$6:00; Children from 0 to 5: Free. **EVERYONE WELCOME!**

St. Mary's Harvest Supper to be held September 17. Time 4-7 p.m. Turkey with all the trimmings. Cost is \$15.00 per person with children 10 years and younger - free. Will be held at the St. Mary's Centre just west of the church. Everyone is welcome.

Women's Bible Study: *Find Help and Inspiration from the Men and Women Who Transformed the World.* In ***Evangelization and the Acts of the Apostles***, Dr. Mary Healy combines Bible study with Church teaching and practical wisdom to show you how modern Catholics can effectively lead people to Jesus Christ. This study starts **Sept. 20 at 7 pm in the St. Columban activity room (upstairs at the Agape Centre) for 10 weeks.** The cost is \$40. Please join us by contacting Marilynn Light 613-537-202 (marilynn.light@gmail.com) or Heidi Krol 613-347-7561 (michaelkrol@xplornet.com) for more information and/or to register.

The Capitol City Chorus 60th Anniversary Fall Show...You are all invited on 30 Sep 2017 – 19h00 at Algonquin Commons Theatre 1385, Woodroffe Ave. Ottawa, ON. Come and celebrate 60 years with the Capital City Chorus at our Anniversary Show on September 30.

The Patrons of St. Columban Foundation presents a fundraising Celtic concert on **Sunday September 24, 2017 at 2 p.m.** in St. Columban's Church. The musical entertainment will feature The Brigadoons. Tickets cost \$12 and are available at the St. Columban's parish office during office hours, by calling Brian Lynch at 613-933-8353, and at the door on September 24th. Funds raised at the concert will be directed to pay for the major repair work on the church.

Family Breakfast

St. Francis de Sales K of C 11531 are having a '**Family Breakfast**' on Sunday, 24th September 2017 from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Everyone welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS

It is with great pleasure that we take this time to congratulate Deacon Pierre Aubé for 23 years of ministry to the people of God. Deacon Pierre is celebrating his anniversary of Ordination this weekend September 17th. Please keep Deacon Pierre and his wife Louise in your prayers.

A Woman Forgives Her Attacker

Forgiveness doesn't mean ignoring an offense or a crime, pretending it never happened. Forgiveness, mercy, means refusing to let someone else's sin define your life. This is what Jesus showed us on the Cross, when he forgave his executioners. The devil was doing everything possible to force Jesus to break his own principles, to stop loving. But Jesus stayed true to his mission and his message: loving without limits. And that is the path to true interior peace and strength for all of us. Even on a merely human level, forgiveness frees and strengthens our hearts. The case of Jo Nodding, victim of a violent attack and rape in 2004, is an eloquent example. Her attacker denied his guilt and forced a trial, which only added pain and suffering to her and her family. At one point in the trial, the judge said to the attacker: "You have destroyed this woman's life." That didn't sit well with Jo; she didn't want it to be that way. During the process, she was visited by a victim liaison officer who mentioned the possibility of "restorative justice," of Jo actually going to the prison to meet with her attacker. The idea stayed with her, and four years later, after plenty of preparation, the man agreed to a meeting. They met in the prison, and Jo explained to the young man how his crime had affected her. He was brought to tears by what she said. She hadn't been expecting an apology, but he gave her one. This is how she herself describes the end of their meeting: *As the meeting was finishing I was asked if there was anything else I wanted to say, and I gave him what I've later come to think of as 'a gift'. I said to him "What I am about to say to you a lot of people would find hard to understand, but I forgive you for what you did to me. Hatred just eats you up and I want you to go on and have a successful life. If you haven't already forgiven yourself, then I hope in the future you will." I didn't say it to excuse what he did, or to minimize it, but because I wanted myself to be free of that burden of grievance, and as importantly for me, I hoped Darren could learn, move on, and forgive himself. This had a massive impact on Darren – I could see he was shaken by the parting 'gift' I had given him. As I was leaving I wished him good luck for the future... As I left that room I felt on top of the world. Meeting him gave me closure, because I had said everything I had wanted to say and I had taken back some kind of control over my life. I know it had an impact on him. I'm not a victim any more, I'm a survivor. I've been able to make sure something good has come out of something bad.* This is what forgiveness does, even just on a natural level: it makes sure that something good comes out of something bad, it sets our hearts free to love more like Christ loves, and that is the secret to the happiness that we all crave.

Forgiving the Tough Stuff

With practice, we can all learn to forgive the little offenses of every day. It's harder, though, to forgive the big things. Sooner or later, each of us will have to forgive a major offense, maybe even a life-shattering wound inflicted by someone we love dearly. Or we may run into a situation in which we ourselves have committed a sin so grave that we can't seem to forgive ourselves, even though we know God has forgiven us. In these cases, it's much harder to follow Christ's command of limitless mercy, but not impossible. Theologians rightly teach us that forgiveness is an act of the will. It is a decision to let go of the desire for revenge and release the offender into the hands of God. Now, that decision takes place at such a deep level of the soul that it can exist at the same time as strong emotions of anger or resentment. Those emotions don't flow from the will, like our decisions, but are simply natural reactions to the experience of injustice, feelings which we cannot always control. But our decisions, our choices, exist at the very core of the soul, in the will, and those we can control. In other words, it is possible to truly forgive someone and at the same time to still have feelings of anger or resentment towards them. When that happens, we have to counteract the feelings by prayer and by turning our attention to more productive things. Eventually, though it may take a long time, God's grace will overflow from our will, where we have already forgiven the offender, and heal our emotions. Let us renew our faith in God's limitless mercy, and beg him with all our hearts for the grace we need to treat others just as he has treated us.