

## *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

<p><b>Saturday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>                      5:00pm <b>Sharon Preston</b> by the Family &amp; Friends Folk Group</p> <p><b>Sunday Sept. 24<sup>th</sup></b>                      9:00am <b>Doris &amp; Leonard Hart</b> by Doug &amp; Judi Ryan                      11:00am <b>For the Parishioners</b></p> <p><b>Monday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup></b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Saints Cosmas &amp; Damian, Saint Finbar</b></span>                      8:00am <b>In Thanksgiving for Fr. Jacques on his 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination</b> by his staff</p> <p><b>Tuesday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup></b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Canadian Martyrs</b></span>                      8:00am <b>Shelly Stevens</b> by Ross &amp; Cathy Mayer</p> <p><b>Wednesday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NO MASS</b></p> <p><b>Thursday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NO MASS</b></p> <p><b>Saturday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup></b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Saint Jerome</b></span>                      5:00pm <b>For the intentions of Claude &amp; Betty Gregoire on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup></b> <span style="float: right;"><b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b></span>                      9:00am <b>For the Parishioners</b>                      11:00am <b>Maria Ciampa Sita</b> by Cathy, Paul &amp; family</p> </p></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>September 17, 2017</b></p> <p>ENV.                    \$2582.00                      LOOSE                 \$235.75  <b>Total                 <u>\$2817.75</u></b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>CONGRATULATIONS</u></b></p> <p>Congratulations to Father Jacques who is celebrating 24 years of Ordination to the Priesthood on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Please keep Father Jacques in your prayers</p> </div> <p style="margin-top: 10px;"><b><u>Rosary Guild</u></b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the McPhail Room. If you would like to learn how to make rosaries come and join us.</p>
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**Sanctuary Lamp**  
 The Sanctuary Lamp is "For the Intentions of Fr. Jacques".

### **Parish Supper Report 2017**

RECEIPTS		EXPENSES		MEALS SERVED	
Tickets Sold	\$11,082.00	Food	\$3594.74	ADULT	634
Food Sold / Bake Table	\$447.85	Misc	\$58.91	TAKEOUT	214
Donations	\$1045.00	Columbus Club	\$500.00	CHILDREN	24
50/50 Draw	\$496.25			STUDENT VOL.	6
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,071.10</b>	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4153.65</b>		<b>878</b>

**PROFIT FOR 2017 = \$8,917.45**

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR MAKING THIS A SPECIAL EVENT!**

**Parish Breakfast on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**  
**COME ONE ---- COME ALL -----** to the Parish breakfast on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

### **Am I Giving?**

One of the pillars of Catholic social teaching is solidarity. This means an active concern for the well-being of those less fortunate than we are. It also means that we put our money where our mouth is. Both dimensions are necessary. If we just give with caring, our giving is cold and impersonal. But if we profess to care without doing anything, then we remain in a dream world. So let's examine our hearts now in the Mass, to see if we're really giving of what we have to those who are lacking. And let's ask Christ to inspire in us a desire to pay forward the blessings we've received, and the strength to follow through with those resolutions. Because when we die, the only thing we'll take with us is what we have done for God and for others.

<p><b>ITALIAN BISTRO NIGHT...</b> The parish is having a special evening on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 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!</p>	<p><b>Mistletoe Magic – The Sounds of the Season</b>  The parish is organizing a bus trip to this event on Friday, <b>December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 departing at 5 pm to the Upper Canada Playhouse.</b> The evening will include <b>Dinner and Show for \$50.00 per person.</b> Come and enjoy toe-tapping fiddling, sing-a-longs, step dancing reindeer, your favorite holiday movie hits from films such as <i>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.</i> There may even be an appearance by Dolly Parton, Elvis Presley and the real star of the show – <b>St. Nick</b> himself! – Great show for the whole family. To purchase tickets or for more info please call 613-932-2996.</p>
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**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.

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Father Cyriaque Balla and the members of **Our Lady of the Rosary Parish** invite you to their PARISH SUPPER, on **Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 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!

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Father Cyriaque Balla and the Members of **Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Moose Creek,** invite you to their PARISH SUPPER, on **October 15<sup>th</sup>** at the Roxborough Community Hall in Moose Creek from 4pm to 7:30pm... cost is \$12 for adults & teens and \$5 for kids 6 to 12. Kids under 6 eat free

**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.

**Bingo at Ste-Therese-de-Lisieux Parish**

The next bingos will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in their parish hall. Doors open at 5:30pm and Early Bird at 6:30pm and Bingo starts at 7:00pm. Pad of 15 cards for \$20 includes specials; additional cost for 50/50 games. Amount to be won \$1,100 plus 50/50 games. Everyone welcome.

**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.

Oscar Wilde noted, **"Always forgive your enemies. Nothing annoys them more."**

The foliage has been losing its freshness through the month of August, and here and there a yellow leaf shows itself like the first gray hair amidst the locks of a beauty who has seen one season too many.... September is dressing herself in showy dahlias and splendid marigolds and starry zinnias. October, the extravagant sister, has ordered an immense amount of the most gorgeous forest tapestry for her grand reception. ~Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809–1894), "Autumn," *The Atlantic Almanac*, 1868

## **Christ Is the Meaning of Life and Death**

St Paul wrote his Letter to the Philippians while he was in prison, in Rome, just a year or two before his martyrdom. His faith had already been tested by extensive suffering and persecution, and he had acquired the wisdom of holiness. In the section of the Letter that we just listened to, we find one of the most precious pearls of this wisdom, a summary of what every human heart longs to know: the meaning of life. St Paul writes, "For to me life is Christ, and death is gain." This mysterious phrase shows that our relationship with Christ does something that no other religion or philosophy can: it unifies what we do here on earth and what we will do after death. In the ancient pagan religions, death was the great destroyer. They believed in life after death, but it was a shadow life, meaningless and joyless. In the great eastern religions, existence in this world is pain and suffering, and a good death puts an end to the pain by putting an end to the individual's existence. But in Christianity, Christ has broken down the barrier between life and death. The friendship with Christ that we live here on earth through prayer, the sacraments, and our efforts to build up his Kingdom, is the beginning of eternal life. And death is like the birth of a child - it is our emergence from the womb of time into the beautiful, limitless horizons of eternity. Through friendship with Christ, we are no longer aimlessly waiting around in the town square, like the workers in the Gospel, distracting ourselves and passing the time as pleasantly as we can, hoping that someone will come along and give us a purpose. We have become workers in the vineyard of the Lord, and our work is earning an indescribable reward in heaven.

## **Pope backs hockey's effort to make positive changes in sports culture**

By: [Patty Knap](#) | Sep 16, 2017

### **17 organizations have signed on to a new Declaration, and a letter from Rome lauds the effort.**

The NHL, NHLPA and 15 hockey organizations came together two weeks ago to sign off on a new **Declaration of Principles**, which is directed at developing and promoting positive changes in sports culture. Pope Francis took note of the initiative, and an endorsement letter was sent on his behalf to the NHL in support of it. The Declaration lists beliefs that work to make hockey "build character, foster positive values, and develop important life skills." As much as the Principles are about encouraging new families to get involved with hockey and supporting those already involved, they're also aimed at getting kids involved in sports in general to maintain better health, learn life-long lessons and nurture friendships. Seventeen organizations have signed on to the declaration. The letter from Rome said: "His Holiness, Pope Francis, was pleased to learn that an international group of hockey organizations has chosen formally to adopt the declaration of principles that emerged from last year's global conference. His Holiness trusts that this significant gesture will inspire greater appreciation for the pivotal role that's played by sports and sportsmanship in training future generations to pursue personal excellence and to promote the spiritual values of teamwork, solidarity and mutual respect that are so necessary." Last year, the NHL's Pat Lafontaine was invited to the Vatican to attend a conference on sports for the service of humanity. That trip and conference at least in part led to the new Declaration of Principles. The Declaration, signed by 17 hockey organizations, reads: We Believe: **1.** Hockey should be an enjoyable family experience; all stakeholders – organizations, players, parents, siblings, coaches, referees, volunteers and rink operators – play a role in this effort. **2.** Hockey's greatest value is the role it plays in the development of character and life skills. **3.** All hockey organizations – regardless of size or level of competition – bring value to players and families in their ability to deliver a positive family experience. **4.** Physical activity is important for a healthy body, mind and spirit. **5.** There are significant benefits of youth participation in multiple sports. **6.** Hockey programs should be age-appropriate for all players, accounting for each individual's physical, emotional and cognitive development. **7.** There is great value in all forms of hockey, both on and off the ice. **8.** All hockey programs should provide a safe, positive and inclusive environment for players and families regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation and socio-economic status. Simply put, hockey is for everyone. We believe in our ability to improve lives and strengthen communities globally through hockey. We believe that living by these Principles will provide a healthy, balanced and enjoyable experience for all and inspire impactful service beyond the rink.

## **The Limits of a Clown**

Today's world is so busy and full of so many distractions and possibilities that we can sometimes fool ourselves. We can say that for us, like St Paul, "life is Christ, and death is gain." But when it comes to practical decisions about how we spend our time, we can sometimes act as if life were really about money, or success, or popularity, or some other enjoyable activity that, in practical terms, we care about more than our friendship with Christ. This dangerous attitude is encouraged by our aggressive self-help culture, which tells us that true happiness can easily be ours if we just follow the right sequence of bullet points. But that is not true. Christ alone can make us truly happy. There is a famous story about a man who, desperately ill, goes to see a psychologist. He tells the doctor that he has lost his desire to live and is seriously considering suicide. The therapist listens attentively and then tells the patient that what he needs is a good belly laugh; he needs to take life a little less seriously. He advises the unhappy man to go to the circus that night and spend the evening laughing at Grock, the world's funniest clown. "Seeing Grock," the doctor says, "will help you relax and recover your perspective." The patient rises to his feet, turns, and ambles to the door. As he starts to leave the doctor says, "By the way, what is your name?" The man turns back and looks sadly at the doctor, then says: "I am Grock." It is just as impossible for us to give our lives the meaning we thirst for as it is for a car to fill itself up with gas. We were made to live in communion with God, which we can attain through friendship with Christ - who is the true meaning of every human life, both here on earth, and forever hereafter.