

## *All Souls Day*

<b>Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> All Saints Day</b>		<b>SUNDAY OFFERING</b> <b>October 26, 2014</b>  Env - \$2887.80 Loose - \$291.75 Evangelization \$191.00 Priest Pension \$155.00 Supper \$105.00 <b>Total = \$3630.55</b>  <b>THANK YOU!!!</b>  <b>Baptism Meeting</b> The next meeting for parents who are planning on having their child baptized in the near future will take place on Tuesday, November 11 <sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 p.m. Please call the office to register.  <b>The Parish Pastoral Council</b> will be meeting on November 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2014 at 6:30pm in the McPhail Room.
5:00pm	<b>Richard Babineau</b> by Linda Quesnel	
<b>Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls Day</b>		
9:00 am	<b>Pro Populo</b>	
11:00am	<b>Georgette Jodoin</b> by Gerry & Mary Jodoin	
<b>Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup></b>		
8:00am	<b>Mary Teresa Sliter</b> by Rick & Charlene Alguire	
7:00pm	<b>Deceased members</b> of the Bishop Brodeur Assembly	
<b>Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> Saint Charles Borromeo</b>		
8:00am	<b>Donald Cameron</b> by his estate	
<b>Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup></b>		
8:00am	<b>Charles &amp; Diana Beaudette</b> by Claire Bonneville	
<b>Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>NO MASS</b>		
<b>Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup></b>		
5:00pm	<b>Jim Foley</b> by John & Judy Foley	
<b>Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup></b>		
9:00am	<b>Phillip Bray</b> by Malcolm MacDonald & family	
11:00am	<b>Pro Populo</b> (Mass of Remembrance for the deceased of the past year)	

**The Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week for “**The deceased family members of Bert and Madeleine Cardinal**”.

**HERE I AM - An evening of Music and Praise!**  
**Blessed Sacrament Parish will be hosting an evening of prayer and praise, on November 8th, 2014 at 7:00pm everyone is welcome to join us.**

**Living with Christ - (Operation: Supporting My Parish)**

If you would like to order a copy of “Living with Christ” there are order forms on the table at the back of the Church. All you have to do is fill out the form and bring it to the office along with your payment and we will send it to Novalis and they will make a donation of \$10 to the parish for each new subscription. If you are renewing your subscription they will make a \$2 donation. We must have all order forms by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**IF YOU ARE SICK OR NOT FEELING WELL PLEASE...** Avoid shaking hands at the sign of peace. Please use the hand sanitizer at the entrances of the church when you arrive and when you leave the church.

### **Book of the Deceased**

For the Church the month of November is a special time of remembrance of the deceased. During this month there will be a remembrance book at the back of the church for anyone wishing to enter the name of a deceased relative or friend. The book will be carried in procession at every weekend Mass and we will pray in a special way for them.

### **Office Closed**

The office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for Remembrance Day. Please take some time that day to honour all our veterans (living and deceased).

### **Ladies Auxiliary**

... **Monthly Meeting** ... Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. ... **Membership dues** ... members are reminded that the 2015 dues (\$20) should be paid by the end of December 2014. If you are 16 years of age or older and would like to join, please call Linda at the rectory for details. New members are welcome!

### **Bake Sale**

Our Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a bake sale in the parish hall on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> following all the masses. If you would like to donate any baked items, you can drop them off at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday or before mass when you come that weekend and the ladies will gratefully accept your donation. Your support in all their projects is greatly appreciated.

### **Spaghetti Supper**

The Knights of Columbus, Council #5068 invites you to a Spaghetti Supper on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 7pm in Precious Blood Parish Hall, Glen Walter. Cost: Adults: \$10, children 10 years and under: Free. Please buy your tickets by calling the rectory at 613-931-1424. Proceeds in support of Precious Blood Parish.

### **We are running out of Mass Intentions**

We have now reached the point where we are running out, especially for weekday Masses. Mass intentions are not just for the deceased, they can also be offered for the living (such as for the intentions of someone who is seriously ill, a couple celebrating an anniversary, etc.) or for a special intention (for example, peace in the world). Tradition has arisen that when a priest accepts an intention, the person making the request makes a donation to the Church which is officially called an *honorarium or offering*. Our diocese has set an amount of \$15 for the mass offering which is used for the Church's mission and the priests' support. The Church offers us a wonderful way of bringing our intentions before the community so that we are not alone in our prayers: let us be open to the possibilities that lie before us. To request your mass intentions please come to the office during the office hours or use the special envelopes which can be found on the table at the back of the church.

### **Bingo**

Precious Blood Parish in Glen Walter are holding their regular BINGOS on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in the church hall starting at 7pm. There will be EARLY BIRD GAMES starting at 6:20pm. Tell your family and friends. Hope to see you there!

### **Classical Concert**

**Vero è la Musica** presents a concert entitled 'EN FRANCE ...LA BELLE ÉPOQUE' starring Cornwallite Veronika Cherniak on violin along with Eric Jones Cadieux on piano, Stef Jackson on saxophone and Olivier Hébert -Bouchard on piano. The concert will take place at St. Columban's Church on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm. Tickets cost \$12 and are available at St. Columban's office, Jane Anderson 933-1062 and at the door. Everyone is welcome to this premiere classical event. Come and enjoy!

### **Wanted Jello!**

Alexandria-Cornwall Diocesan CWL requires 1325 plus boxes of Jello to fulfill their promise of providing items for the Children's Christmas Fund Baskets. Please help us reach our goal by bringing your Jello boxes to Church prior to December 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Attention All Parish Musicians of Alexandria-Cornwall**

Once again this year, there will be a Diocesan Choir for the Chrism Mass to be celebrated Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm in St. Finnan's Cathedral. **Rehearsals** will begin on **Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. at St. Peter's Church** where more details will be given. If you wish to take part in this choir please contact **Helen McAlear (613-932-8326) by November 10<sup>th</sup>**. Due to the size of the choir loft, only a limited number of choir members can be accommodated, so please sign up as soon as possible.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

**November 9th, 2014  
at the 11:00am mass**

We will be commemorating the deceased members of the parish and in a special way remembering those who passed away in the past year. Please join us for the memorial mass.

## ***CHRISTMAS MASSES***

This year Christmas Masses for 2014

**December 24th 5:00pm & 8:00pm**

**December 25th 10:00am.**

Please share this information with family and friends so that everyone can begin to make arrangement to attend one of our celebrations.



### **Understanding the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**

One of the ways the Church continues to remind us of these beautiful, important truths is through the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. Illness is one of life's great challenges, and Christ wants to accompany us in the midst of it, giving it meaning. He showed this by his many miracles and healings during his earthly life. He continues to show it today through the testimony of his followers who minister to the sick, and in a special way through this sacrament. And this is why the Church instructs that it "is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as

soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived," (Catechism #1514). The sacrament can be received more than once, if someone falls into another grave illness after recovering from an earlier one, or if someone's condition worsens after having already received the sacrament. It can also be received before undergoing a serious operation. It is a simple sacrament, in which the priest anoints the sick person on the forehead and hands with blessed oil, and says this simple, beautiful prayer: "Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up." This elegant and powerful sacrament is not one that we should fear. We should not wait too long before inviting a sick friend or relative to receive this sacrament. Illness, suffering, and death are not options: they come to all of us. Jesus Christ, the conqueror of all evil and the giver of eternal life, wants to grant them meaning. Today, let's tell him that we want to give him that chance.

**Vatican City** -- The task of every Christian is to build **"the unity of the Church."** This was the central theme of Pope Francis' homily during his morning Mass at Casa Santa Marta. The Holy Father reflected on the first reading in which St. Paul calls on the Christian community of Ephesus "to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace." Recalling St. Paul's image of the Church as living stones, the Pope stressed that as Christians, we are also tasked with "building the unity of the Church." "When constructing a temple or a building, the first thing one does is find suitable land," he explained. "Then one lays the cornerstone, the Bible says. And the cornerstone of the unity of the Church, or rather the cornerstone of the Church, is Jesus and the cornerstone of the unity of the Church is Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper: 'Father, that they may be one!'. And this is its strength!" The 77-year-old Pontiff went on to say that it is only through the grace of the Holy Spirit that one is capable of constructing this unity. The Spirit does this, he said, "in the diversity of nations, cultures and people." Contemplating St. Paul's advice to be weak bricks, the Pope noted that in the eyes of the world, that is weak advice. "Humility, gentleness, magnanimity: These are weak things, because the humble person appears good for nothing; gentleness, meekness appear useless; generosity, being open to all, having a big heart," he said. "The weaker we are with these virtues of humility, generosity, gentleness, meekness, the stronger we become as stones in this Temple." The Pope called on the faithful to follow the path of Jesus who "became strong" only after becoming weak and dying on the Cross. Concluding his homily, Pope Francis encouraged those present to hold on to "the hope of journeying towards the Lord" and "the hope of living in a living Church made of living stones." "We have been called to a great hope. Let's go there!" he exclaimed. "But with the strength that Jesus prayer' for unity gives us; with docility to the Holy Spirit, who is capable of making living stones from bricks; and with the hope of finding the Lord who has called us, to encounter Him in the fullness of time." *Article provided by ZENIT News Agency.*

## OUR CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES

### *Someone has died...what do we do?*

Call 911, and mention that your loved one has died. A doctor will be sent to issue a death certificate, which is necessary before the body of the deceased can be moved. Call the funeral home. They will receive the body, and begin to prepare it for the funeral rites. Call your Parish. It is our honour and privilege to journey with you in this difficult time. We can meet with you even before you go to the funeral home, so that the arrangements you make will benefit from the full consoling power of our Catholic traditions.

### *Planning a Catholic funeral*

We must not underestimate the power of the Catholic funeral rites. By empowering us to turn our grief over to God they provide us some measure of closure, and help us to turn to the future with hope. We should want to take full advantage of what these rites offer. Our first priority is to respect the wishes of the deceased, if at all possible. For example, if the person did not want a Catholic funeral, we should respect that. Feel free to talk over the specifics of any special wishes of the deceased with your priest, and he can let you know what is possible to do in a Catholic context. We should mention that it **is** possible for a Protestant or Orthodox to receive a funeral in a Catholic church, provided of course that this would not have been contrary to their wishes. The Catholic funeral rites have three main “stations”: (1) the visitation, (2) the funeral liturgy, and (3) the burial.

### *The Visitation*

The visitation (usually at the funeral home) is a chance to come together and mutually console one another. It is also a chance to receive love and support from the community. A minister of the Church will typically make a visit as well. Do not hesitate to ask for prayers to be led, and feel free to have friends and family members themselves lead prayers (such as the Rosary, for example). These rituals and gestures can be tiring but have tremendous consoling power. For these reasons, a visitation should not be too short -- give yourselves time to let God prepare you for the next step.

### *The funeral liturgy*

The funeral liturgy is the moment *par excellence* when we turn our grief over to God and implore his saving power. For Catholics this liturgy is usually a special funeral Mass, held in the parish church. The symbols, the readings and homily, the music, the communion and the gestures of farewell are all powerful reminders that God conquers all things -- even death. Many Catholics are opting to have a funeral liturgy in the funeral home. This is leading to some confusion. Despite appearances, the “chapel” in a funeral home is not, in fact, a Catholic chapel at all. It was built by a secular business that must report to its shareholders. While we have nothing against earning an honest profit, in this context there is a danger that the Mass can become part of a “product” that is bought and sold. It is possible to have a Catholic funeral liturgy in a funeral home, but if this is your option you need to know that **Catholic priests are not permitted to say Mass or distribute Holy Communion in the “chapel” of a funeral home**. If we think about it, though, does it not make more sense that the funeral liturgy take place in the church? After all, the person was baptized in church, had their First Communion and Confirmation in church, and would even have been married in church. Having the funeral liturgy in church recognizes that death is also a sacred event, with God no less present. So do consider bringing your loved one to church one last time. We are ready to welcome you.

### ***The burial***

The book of Genesis shows God creating the first human being out of the earth, and only then breathing a soul into him. After a loved one's soul has gone to God in death, it is now time to return his or her body to the earth from which it was made by burying it in consecrated ground. This burial usually takes place immediately after the funeral liturgy, but sometimes a temporary delay is needed. Either way your Catholic minister will be ready to lead you in prayer at the grave site. Some cultures prefer to place the remains of the deceased in a special building or mausoleum dedicated to this purpose. This tradition reminds us of Jesus' words, "In my Father's house are many rooms". (John 14: 2) Along with burial at sea, the use of a mausoleum is possible in the Catholic tradition. The burial in a consecrated place is a powerful moment. It allows us to let go in a final gesture of farewell. This gives God room to enter our hearts and guide us to a future with hope. It also gives us a designated special place to visit on special days and anniversaries, to continue to pray for our loved one as well as for ourselves.

### ***What about cremation?***

Cremation is now a possible option within the Catholic funeral rites. It is important we understand how it fits in a Catholic context. Our recommendation is, if cremation is to be used, that it be done after the funeral liturgy. Our Catholic traditions hold the body of the deceased in high esteem, because during the person's life that body was a temple of the Holy Spirit. There are certain prayers and gestures in the funeral liturgy, such as sprinkling with Holy Water and the use of incense, which are meant to show honour to this body. These can only be used, however, if that body is actually present. So while it is possible to have a true funeral liturgy in the presence of ashes (and sometimes this is unavoidable), if we wish to truly take full advantage of the power of our Catholic traditions it is best to bring the body to church and have the cremation afterwards. It is important to note that the ashes should be buried, in their entirety, and all in the same place. Some new and different practices are emerging, such as keeping some or all of the person's remains behind at home, distributing them among people in small "souvenir urns", or scattering them without actually burying them. These practices do not take full advantage of the spiritual power of the burial, whether because we do not really let go, or because we deprive ourselves of a special sacred place of future visitation. For these reasons none of these practices are part of the Catholic tradition, and **Catholic ministers are not permitted to participate in alternative burial rites** (by blessing the urns or ashes, for example, or by saying prayers at the "scattering"). Of course the wishes of the deceased must be respected, but if any alternative rituals have been proposed it is best to speak with your Catholic minister about them in the planning of the funeral rites. We sometimes choose these alternative rituals because we just didn't know what the Catholic way was. If you have the ashes of someone at home it is still possible to have them buried no matter how long it has been since your loved one has gone to God. Feel free to contact your parish without fear of embarrassment, and we will be glad to help you arrange this final send-off.

### ***It is our honour and privilege to serve you***

The visitation, funeral liturgy, and burial together form a powerful moment that should not be underestimated. These rituals carry in them the collective wisdom of almost 2000 years of experience. Your Catholic ministers have only your best interests at heart, because we have seen over and over again the beautiful and healing graces God gives people by means of these rituals. So feel free to contact us early in the process of planning the funeral rites, to help ensure that you, your family and your friends can take full advantage of the power that God wishes to share with you. May God bless you fully and abundantly! *"The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them."* (Wisdom 3: 1)