

## *30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

<b>Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup></b>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SUNDAY OFFERING</u></b> <b><u>October 19, 2014</u></b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr><td>Env -</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$2457.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Loose -</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$296.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Needs of the Church</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$200.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Evangelization</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$937.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Priest Pension</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$100.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Supper</td><td style="text-align: right;"><u>\$60.00</u></td></tr> <tr><td><b>Total =</b></td><td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$4050.00</b></td></tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THANK YOU!!!</b></p> <p><b><u>IF YOU ARE SICK OR NOT FEELING WELL PLEASE...</u></b>      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.</p>	Env -	\$2457.00	Loose -	\$296.00	Needs of the Church	\$200.00	Evangelization	\$937.00	Priest Pension	\$100.00	Supper	<u>\$60.00</u>	<b>Total =</b>	<b>\$4050.00</b>
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9:00 am	<b>Pro Populo</b>															
11:00am	<b>Cecile Gelinis-Babineau</b> by Linda Quesnel															
<b>Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup></b>																
8:00am	<b>Adrienne Constantineau</b> by Lucille Bellefeuille (sister)															
<b>Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>    Saints Simon and Jude</b>																
8:00am	<b>Phillip Bray</b> by Ken McDonald															
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8:00am	<b>In Thanksgiving</b> by a parishioner															
<b>Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>    All Saints Day</b>																
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**The Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week for “**The deceased members of the D’Cruz family**” by Richard & Felicia Figueredo and family .

***Blessed Sacrament Parish***  
 Don't forget our parish supper on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in our parish hall.  
 Adults: \$12, children (6 - 12 years): \$6, children under 6 years: free.  
 All take outs \$12. Bring your family and friends.

**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>.

## **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.

## **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>.

## **A Grandmother's Courage**

During the second half of the twentieth century, countless Christians in Eastern Europe suffered injustice, persecution, torture, and even martyrdom under Soviet communism, which tried to eliminate religion from culture. One of the many heroic bishops who continued to preach the Gospel under these conditions tells the story about how he first discovered his vocation. He was orphaned at a young age and lived with his grandmother. She was the housekeeper for his uncle, a parish priest. Soon after the communists took power, they arrested this priest, leaving the grandmother and the young boy to fend for themselves. About a week after the arrest, soldiers came to the rectory to search for documents and other incriminating evidence. While they searched, they confiscated every religious image they could find. When they finally finished, the grandmother and her grandson (the future bishop) were standing outside the front door as the last soldiers were leaving. One of the soldiers laughed and sarcastically said to the woman, "Well, do you have any more religious pictures or crosses that we can take with us?" The woman smiled at the young communist and said, "Actually yes, I do have one more, but you can't take it away from me." And then, still looking him in the eye, she made the sign of the cross. The soldier's face went white and he left without another word. The serenity and strength of that woman, that saint, in the midst of such injustice and hardship, inspired her grandson to make Jesus Christ his closest friend, and to dedicate his life to serving the Church.

## **IMPORTANT REMINDER**

Daylight saving time begins Sunday November 2nd, 2014

**HARVEST SUPPER Saint Martin of Tours Parish**, Glen Robertson will hold its annual harvest supper on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Cost: \$13 for adults and \$6 for children. Take-out meals available at \$13. Everyone welcome

## **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.

## **Theology on Tap / Faith, Fun, Friends**

Theology on Tap (ToT) is a monthly discussion series for Catholic young adults and their friends, married and single, 19+ years old. 7:30 pm drinks; 8:00 pm speaker; 9:15 pm social time. Meetings are usually at Quinn's Inn, St. Andrew's and topics vary at each event! Meetings will be held on the following Friday evenings: October 18, November 21, January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17 and May 22. For more info contact: Sr. Francine at: [fguilmette@alexandria-cornwall.ca](mailto:fguilmette@alexandria-cornwall.ca) Hope to see you there!

**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.

## Purgatory Helps

### **Common Sense Votes for Purgatory**

The first reason backing up the doctrine of purgatory and praying for the dead is simple common sense. We all know there is no selfishness in heaven. It simply can't exist there, because God is pure love, pure unselfishness. But we also know that not all of us, not even all good Christians, die completely freed of selfishness and selfish tendencies. Therefore, those who die with some selfish habits and self-centered attitudes still clinging to their Christian soul need to be cleaned up a bit before they enter heaven. This cleaning up process is known as purgatory. The word actually comes from Latin root "purgatio" [puhr- GAHT-see-oh], which means cleansing or purifying. This purification can also take place here on earth. One of the reasons God permits suffering is precisely to give us an opportunity to accept and endure it with love, as Christ did on the cross. When we do that, suffering becomes a medicine that lessens our selfishness and helps us grow in every Christ-like virtue: patience, humility, fortitude, and wisdom. But when we keep our friendship with Christ alive in this life without really giving it top priority, we allow sinful and selfish habits to grow in our souls like weeds in a garden. In that case, after we die, God has to pull out the weeds and clean out the garden before we can fully enjoy the divine presence in heaven - that's the painful process of purgatory. So, common sense tells us that most of us will need some spiritual cleaning up after we die and before we enter heaven. *"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned"* (CCC #1030-1031).

### **History Speaks Clearly**

The second reason backing up the doctrine of purgatory is history. Christians have prayed for the dead since the very first centuries of the Church. Masses in the catacombs were offered for the dead. A famous Christian tombstone from the second century has an epitaph that specifically requests prayers for the person buried underneath it. St Augustine's mother, in the 300s, asked him to "remember her at the altar" when she died - in other words, to pray for the repose of her soul, just as we are praying for the deceased today. Later that same century, St John Chrysostom, doctor of the Church and Patriarch of Constantinople, wrote simply: "Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them." Many more examples could be given, but the point is clear. History shows that purgatory and praying for the dead were not medieval inventions used by evil bishops to manipulate ignorant Christians. They are not new doctrines. In fact, NOT praying for the dead is the new practice - it started in the 1500s, when Martin Luther began a large-scale revolt against Catholic doctrine and practice. Both history and common sense support this ancient Christian belief.

### **The Bible Doesn't Lie**

Finally, the Bible also supports this ancient Christian teaching. First of all, nowhere in Scripture does it say that there is no purgatory. And in fact, although the word itself doesn't appear in Scripture, there are various passages that have always been interpreted as referring to it. For example, in Matthew 12:32 Jesus points out that blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is the only sin that will not be forgiven, "either in this world or in the next," implying that some purification from sin does take place after death. He also speaks more than once about sinners being kept in prison until they have "paid the last penny" (Matthew 5:26, Luke 12:59), referring to a period of purification between earthly life and heaven. One of the most explicit passages is when St Paul says that some people will be saved, but only "as through fire" (1 Corinthians 3:15), in other words, by being passively purified after death. Finally, the Second Book of Maccabees (12:41-45) praises offering prayers for the dead.

**Therefore Common sense, history, and the Bible all agree:** purgatory is real; many if not most of us will need to be purified from the vestiges of sin and selfishness after we die, so that we can fully experience the joys of heaven. This is not a complicated doctrine. The Church has made no definitive statements about what exactly happens, or where, or exactly how long it takes. We just know three things for certain: that a purification after death exists, that it involves some kind of pain, and that it can be assisted by the prayers and offerings the living make to God. Knowing this motivates us to do two things. First, we can accept the small and large sufferings of life on earth with faith, uniting them to Christ's sufferings on the cross. Thus we can grow closer to Christ in this life, getting our purification done faster and less painfully now instead of later. Second, we can alleviate the suffering of our brothers and sisters who have died and are now in purgatory by praying for them, offering Masses for them, obtaining indulgences for them... God has generously connected our lives to theirs. And so, we who are members of the Church Militant here on earth, can help the members of the Church Suffering in purgatory, arrive more quickly to their destination: the Church Triumphant in heaven. And now let us continue this celebration of All Souls' Day with all our hearts, glorifying God for making us members of a Christian family that shatters the limits of time, space, and even of sin.