

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 21st	
5:00pm	For the intentions of the Boisvenue family by Rolland & Lise
Sunday, February 22nd	
9:00 am	Pro Populo
11:00am	Brian Dwyer by Barry & Patricia Gasque
Monday, February 23rd Saint Polycarp	
8:00 am	Santin Di Valentin by Edo DaPrat & family
Tuesday, February 24th	
8:00 am	For the Souls in Purgatory by Bernadette Blakely
Wednesday, February 25th	
8:00 am	Gilbert Lagrue by Sandra Lagrue & family
Thursday, February 26th	
8:00 am	Phillip Bray by Keith & Hilda Seguin & Martin McPhail
Saturday, February 28th	
5:00pm	Roger & Ron Dupras by Catharine & Chris Dupras
Sunday, March 1st Second Sunday of Lent	
9:00am	Gertrude & Dwayne Myers by Ford Myers & family
11:00am	Pro Populo

FEBRUARY 15th OFFERING

Env -	\$2262.00
Loose -	\$176.60
Initial -	\$15.00
Total	\$2453.60

Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 24th starting at 6:30 p.m. in the McPhail Room.

THANK YOU to the Knights of the Roundtable for a great job organizing the **SHROVE TUESDAY** evening. They raise \$694.50 for the parish. Thank you to everyone for your hard work and dedication.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week “FOR THE MATTICE FAMILY”

First Confessions

On Wednesday, February 25th, at 6:30 pm the grade 2 students will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Let us pray for the children who are preparing for this Sacrament, for their families and for all those helping to prepare them.

CHURCH ALIVE SERIES...

Deacon Pierre and Father Jacques will be leading a series of talks on Monday evening during lent. The evening will start at 6:30pm and end at 7:30pm. Everyone is invited to attend and share. We will end our Lenten **CHURCH ALIVE SERIES** with **THE FRANCIS EFFECT**

February 23rd What is the New Evangelization

March 2nd The Role of the Laity

March 9th Social Justice

March 23rd The Consecrated Life

March 30th The Francis Effect



Catholic Believe... with Rev. Kevin Maloney

Join us **Thursday mornings from 9-10 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales Church** as Fr. Kevin leads us thru the Gospel of Mark. It's a great way to learn more about your faith this Lenten season. These popular one-hour sessions begin Thursday February 19th and run for 6 weeks. All are welcome to these informative talks by Fr. Kevin with time set aside for questions.

New Evangelization Summit 2015

WHEN: Friday April 24 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. and Saturday April 25 from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. **WHERE:** Agora Catholic Centre 301 McConnell Avenue **COST:** \$65.00, includes lunch on Saturday **Speakers include:** Scott Hahn, Ralph Martin, Patrick Coffin, Jo-Ellen Gregus, Fr. Michael Gaitley, Fr. James Mallon, Ken Yasin-ski and Michael Dopp. **TO REGISTER:** www.newevangelization.ca

Your Lenten Journey Starts Here

Pope Francis reminds us that "*Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each community and every believer.*" To help you prepare for the Lenten season and to journey with you during these 40 days, we have created a special Lenten section on the website. You will find many resources including books, online retreats, apps, and videos. We've also created a special section for families. As we discover new resources we will include them, so be sure to visit often www.alexandria-cornwall.ca

Family Breakfast

Saint-Joseph's, Lancaster

The Knights of Columbus, Council 8715 St-Joseph, invite you to a breakfast in the parish hall, Lancaster, on Sunday, February 22nd from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Free will offering.

St. Anthony's Parish, Apple Hill

Knights of Columbus, Council 9780 cordially invites everyone to their breakfast on Sunday, February 22, 2015 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, Apple Hill.

PRO-LIFE CORNWALL - Spaghetti Supper

Attention Food Lovers!! Our Annual Spaghetti Supper is being held at the Catholic Agora Centre on Sunday March 22, 2015 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Take-outs available. Cost: Adults: \$8.00, Children under 12: free. Donations of desserts are welcome.

BINGOS!

Precious Blood Parish in Glen Walter

Our next bingo will be on Wednesday, February 25th, 2015 in the church hall starting at 7:00 p.m. EARLY BIRD GAMES START AT 6:20pm! Tell your family and friends. Hope to see you there.

Ste-Thérère-de-Lisieux Parish

Our next bingo will be held on Thursday, March 5th in the parish hall. EARLY BIRD START at 6:30 pm. and BINGO starts at 7:00 pm. Tell you family and friend. Join us for a fun night of Bingo!

SUGAR BUSH BRUNCH

Father Éric Robichaud and the members of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish invite you to their Sugar Bush Brunch on Sunday, March 29th, from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Chrysler Community Centre. Menu: eggs, bacon, sausages, baked beans, taffy on snow (\$1.00), pancakes and maple syrup. Music by Pierre & Éloïse Laflèche. Admission: Adults & Teens: \$12.00; Children from 5 to 11: \$5.00; Children under 5: free. Everyone Welcome!

Bishops Pix Movie – THE RULE

February 20 to 26, 2015 at the Port Theatre starting at 7:15 p.m. Monday & Wednesday Matinées at 2:00 p.m. THE RULE documentary captures how New-ark Abbey, in the heart of one of America's most impoverished and violent cities, Newark, NJ, applies the precepts of this nearly 1500 year old handbook to its school, St. Benedict's Prep. The Benedictine monks instill a sense of community in the most vulnerable student body: inner-city teenage males - who then go on to achieve amazing educational success.

CASINO RUN The knights of the Roundtable will be organizing an **EVENING OUT** on Sunday, **March 22nd**. We will be leaving by Bus from Blessed Sacrament Parish Parking Lot at 3:00pm, heading towards **Rideau Carleton Raceway**, and returning around 10:00pm in the evening. Those who are not interested in slot machines; there will be Horse Races... Join in the fun and help in our fundraiser. **Cost of the tickets will be forthcoming! To reserve a spot please call the office.**

Steubenville Toronto 2015 (ACgoes2TO – Alexandria-Cornwall goes to Toronto)

Mega and inspiring Catholic Youth Conference (Gr 8 to 12) to be held in Toronto from August 7-9, 2015! Too far away to think about it? Nope! Registration is opened now with a \$50 discount until March 31! Full price after March 31 will be \$325 (2 nights in hotel, 6 meals, and access to events). Info including information for parents, promo video, registration link, for more information please contact ifo@acgoes2to.ca.

Ralph Martin Rally . . . Encounter Jesus

Ralph Martin Rally, live at the Agora Friday, March 27th from 7 - 9 PM and Saturday, March 28th, 9 - 12 noon. The target group is for 30 - 55 year olds. . . . However all are welcome. Cost: \$10 on line, \$15 at the door, free will offering will be taken. The rally includes praise and worship music, prayer teams and social time. For more info see the poster located on the bulletin boards at the entrances to the Church.

SASE New Life Course / New format

The New Life Course will be offered over 5 evenings beginning March 8, 9, 10 and continuing March 15 & 16th from 6:30 to 8:30pm each evening at St. Francis de Sales Parish Hall. The course is open to all who want to experience the fullness of life that Jesus has offered us. Registration fee is \$20.

HUMANITARIAN BAG: As you are aware Fr. Jacques is taking 12 students from the 3 Catholic High School to the Dominican Republic. Each student is allowed to take a HUMANITARIAN BAG. We need your help! Here is how you can help us... Money Donations are gratefully accepted and faithfully applied. **Medication for Adults and Children** – Tylenol, Advil, Cough/Cold Formula, Multivitamins, eye drops, Vaseline, Band Aids, antibiotic cream, toothbrushes and paste. (All products must be within best before date of 6 months.) **Clothespins, Painting supplies, tools, Hair brushes, Hair elastics... All is welcome...** If you have any questions please call Fr. Jacques at the office.

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Brodeur Assembly, invite each and everyone one of you to a great breakfast to be served in Blessed Sacrament parish hall, on Sunday, March 8th, from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. Free will offering.

BLESSED SACRAMENT EASTER SEASON: A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING The spirituality of Easter Season will be the topic of discussion as we meet at Blessed Sacrament Church. There will be 4, one hour sessions starting on April 10th, 2015 at 1:00pm and every second Friday there-after until May 22nd, 2015. Please contact Cathie Jarvis at 613-347-1754 or Fr. Labelle at 613-932-2996.

The Knights of Columbus from Saint Andrew's Parish Council will be celebrating their 25th anniversary on June 20th. If you wish to have tickets for this great event... Please contact the office or speak to one of the Knights from Saint Andrew's Council.

Rebooting Our Spiritual Life through Confession

Everything in this church reminds us that God never gives up on us. The altar is solid and immovable - like God's love. The crucifix is front and center, the emblem of God's unlimited forgiveness. The tabernacle and the sanctuary lamp quietly keep vigil over the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist - perhaps the greatest proof of all that God will never give up on us. But one item expresses God's untiring love with particular eloquence: the confessional. The mere existence of confessionals proves that God doesn't just make empty campaign promises - he puts his love and power into action. He entrusted the forgiveness of sins to his Church, because he knew that his followers would need it. He knew that we would keep being tempted, keep falling into sin, and keep experiencing our weakness. He knew that the devil would try to use those experiences to discourage us and distance us from God. But the confessional is the guaranteed shield against that temptation. Its mere presence is an undeniable witness to the fact that Christ will never give up on us. No matter what happens, no matter what we do or fail to do, we can always go into that confessional, receive God's forgiveness, with no room for doubt, get some solid spiritual advice and sacramental grace, and start over again. God never gives up on us; the confessional proves it. But we often give up on God, settling for being an inoffensive Christian instead of striving to become a saint. Today, let's reboot our spiritual lives. Let's get back in tune with Christ's dream for our lives, and promise to use every means he gives us to make that dream come true.