

## *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

<b>Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup></b>	
5:00pm	<b>For the intentions of Roger &amp; Suzanne Lalonde</b> by a friend
<b>Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup></b>	
9:00 am	<b>Franco Palermo</b> by Carla DaPrat
11:00am	<b>Pro Populo</b>
<b>Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>                      Saints Timothy &amp; Titus</b>	
8:00 am	<b>Valida Cote</b> by Alice Feeley
<b>Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>                      Saint Angela Merici</b>	
8:00 am	<b>Madonna McKenna</b> by Anne & Michael MacKinnon
<b>Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>                      Saint Thomas Aquinas</b>	
8:00 am	<b>For the parents of Bob &amp; Elaine Lauzon</b>
<b>Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup></b>	
8:00 am	<b>For the Souls in Purgatory</b> by the Theoret family
<b>Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>                      Saint John Bosco</b>	
5:00pm	<b>Michael Mullin</b> by Hugh McAlear
<b>Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>                      4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
9:00am	<b>Phillip Bray</b> by Irene Stubbe
11:00am	<b>Pro Populo</b>

### **JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup> OFFERING**

Env -	\$2519.00
Loose -	\$ 245.25
New Year's -	\$ 85.00
Initial -	<u>\$ 60.00</u>
	<b>\$2909.25</b>

### **Are You Getting Married in 2015 or 2016?**

If you are planning to get married in 2015 or 2016, please contact the rectory **as soon as possible**. We ask at least one-year notice in order to give enough time to properly prepare everything. We also wish to remind couples that have decided to get married that, in our diocese, a marriage preparation course is required. For information or to register please call Marie at 613-933-1138.

**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week "FOR THE PARISHIONERS"**

#### **Ladies Auxiliary**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. **New members welcomed!!**

#### **Baptism Meeting**

The next meeting for parents who are planning on having their child baptized in the near future will take place on Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 p.m. Please call the office to register.

#### **CATHOLIC INFORMATION CENTRE**

Visit your Catholic book/gift shop located at 146 Chevrier Ave. (in former Nativity School) for your religious needs, such as cards, bibles, medals, statues, books and so much more (Fr. and Eng.). Call 613-933-5099 for information.

#### **Bingo at Precious Blood Parish**

Our next bingo will be on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in the church hall starting at 7:00pm. EARLY BIRDS GAMES start at 6:20pm! Tell your family and friends. Hope to see you there...

#### **Meeting for Lectors**

January 31, 2015 at the Agora Center. JPII Hall from 9:30 –11:00. Goals: reflect on the meaning of this ministry, revise the way we are doing things.

#### **Blessing of the Throats**

On the occasion of the Feast of St. Blaise on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will have the blessing of throats after the Masses next weekend, January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Diocesan Mass for Consecrated Life**

All are invited to St. Peter's Parish on Monday February 2 at 2 PM for a bilingual Diocesan Mass to celebrate and thank those who have chosen to live a consecrated life. May this year dedicated to Consecrated Life give us a better appreciation for this vital vocation within our Catholic Church.



## **Our Lent 2015**

Ash Wednesday will be February 18<sup>th</sup>. Please note that there will be several services during the day. I would ask that each of you attend one of the services and begin your Lent in preparation for the great day of EASTER.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Mass intentions refer to the particular purpose for which a specific Mass is offered. This may be to honour God or thank him for blessings received. But technically a Mass intention means that the sacrifice is offered for some person(s) living or dead. The intention for which a priest offers a Mass is determined most often, by the intention of the donor of a Mass stipend, or by the priest's own devotion. An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul. **If you wish to reserve a specific date for a mass intention in 2015-16 calendar year; please do so as soon as possible. Mass intentions can be said for the living as well as for those who have passed away. The cost for a mass intention is \$15.00.**

### **Bishop's Pix**

At the Port Theatre January 23 to 29, 2015 7:15 p.m. Monday & Wednesday Matinées at 2:00pm **"IDA"** Summary: Poland, 1962. Anna (Agata Trzebuchowska), an eighteen-year-old novitiate nun is on the verge of taking her vows when she discovers a dark family secret dating back to the years of the Nazi occupation.

**Women's Morning of Reflection** is Saturday, February 7 from 9:30am till noon at the Centre Charles-Émile Claude on Chevrier Street. The morning includes mass, confession, refreshments, rosary and a talk. Our guest speaker is Marily Bergeron who will speak on Hospitality in the Church: How can we make our parishes, groups and organizations more welcoming? And why should we? For more information, please call Marilyn Light at 613-537-2021 or Heidi at 613-347-7561. A free will offering of \$5.00 is appreciated.

### **The Golden Rule Workshop**

A local celebration of the United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week. Come and discover the "gold" in the Golden Rule. This work-shop will be facilitated by Kathy Murtha and Kate Flaherty from Scarboro Missions. It will be take place at Knox-St.Paul's United Church, 800 Twelfth Street East, Cornwall on Sunday, February 8, 2015 from 1:30 – 4:00. Everyone is welcome. For information contact Paula Wheeler 613 933-4321

**Women's Bible Study:** A ten week course on The Prophets will be held bi-weekly starting Feb.11 at 7 pm at the Agape Centre . Discover who the prophets were and how their powerful words speak to us today, shedding light on our faith and our lives. The cost for the study is \$40. To register contact Marilyn Light 537 2021 marilynn.light@gmail.com or Heidi Krol 347 7561,michaelkrol@xplornet.com.

### **Get set for Kindergarten!**

Registration for the 2015-2016 school year is now underway at your local Catholic school. We would like to remind parents that our elementary schools are open for Kindergarten registration for September 2015. We offer a rich, play-based learning program for our Kindergarten learners. We also have extended day programs, on-site daycare, and French Immersion at many locations. Please call your local Catholic school for more information, or visit [www.cdsbeo.on.ca](http://www.cdsbeo.on.ca) for a complete list of schools and information on how to register your child.

### **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, 1-hour sessions starting on April 10th, 2015 at 1pm and every second Friday there-after until May 22nd, 2015. Please contact Cathie Jarvis at 613-347-1754 or Fr. Jacques at 613-932-2996.

## Survey concerning Pre-Authorized Giving for Sunday Collection

Father Jacques, with the help of the Parish Finance Council, has led the development of a project to look into the reception of allowing our parishioners to have Pre-Authorized Giving or Automatic Debit for their donations on Sunday. This system would replace your box of envelopes and would allow you to set up Automatic deposit to the parish account. Please note... If you are not interested in Pre-Authorized Giving at this time, do not worry your Sunday envelopes will still be good.

**What is Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)?** Pre-Authorized Giving is a "direct debit" program that allows people to support their church through an automatic monthly or bi-monthly withdrawal from their bank account. The program follows the giver's wishes (e.g. "x" amount for the parish), on the selected date all PAG are debited from givers accounts and then the total is electronically transferred to the Parish account. **What are the benefits of PAG?** The PAG system was developed to help congregations regulate their income. If many of your members are away for the summer or winter, this helps them to keep their commitment without having to "catch up" on their giving. **What is the general response to PAG?** Some of the original Parishes have been using PAG for many years now. Very few givers who join the PAG program decide to leave it. It is very convenient and it allows them to give consistently. The program usually grows in local Parishes once the word starts to spread. It has been proven that the overall income can increase up to 30%+. **What do we do about our members who feel uncomfortable about not putting something in the offering plate?** The PAG program offers small cards for the offering plate. The cards are printed with the words: "My offering has been given by Pre-Authorized Giving". They can be recycled from the offering plate and kept in a central place for people to pick up when they finish their own supply. About 10 cards per family are usually more than sufficient if cards are recycled.

### The survey

**The survey is available to each registered family Starting next week.** Please pick up a form and fill it out and then return it in the Sunday collection basket. We will then take the time to look at all the information and come to a decision that would be beneficial for the parish. ***NB: the survey must be returned to the office no later than February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015.***

## Explaining God...to Adolescents



In the media, soap operas and situation comedies, adolescents often receive very negative press. We have the impression that our youth are negligent, irresponsible and bereft of any worthwhile values. But these opinions are not restricted to our own era. A citation found in a Babylonian amphora dated 3000 years before Christ states; Youth today are rotten to the core. The young are evil and lazy. They are not like us and will never be able to sustain our culture. (free translation) Hopefully we are not quite that critical. Let's distance ourselves from such debilitating clichés and instead try to ascertain the type of relationship that young people have with others and with God and what they think of religion and prayer. Finally let's ask ourselves what values they cherish. These answers will help us understand their spirituality.

Friends matter. In the world peopled by those younger than 18, friends are their closest confidants but not necessarily their guides: I have plenty of friends, a young person said, but only one father. I need someone to guide me and not just an older friend. Adolescents need guidelines and opportunities to identify with role models. Grandparents often play a major role and provide a frame of reference because of their life experiences. One grandmother confided in me that she saved her granddaughter from a well-prepared suicide attempt. She just listened to her and reminded this young girl that she was an important person, part of a new and promising generation, and her grandmother's pride and joy.

Young people often feel like strangers in our churches. The way the pews are arranged prevents them from moving and they may feel like spectators watching a liturgy that they do not understand. Yet many say that they call upon God in difficult and distressful moments. My experience as an educator has taught me that young people make adults pray more often since they themselves do not pray. Youth often don't know what to say to God. This is why it is important to refresh their memory with prayers like the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Glory Be to the Father. If they know these simple prayers, and when young people are in places where they are recited, such as at a wake, they will not feel like outsiders listening to a foreign language. Finally I will add that youth's concern for the environment and their commitment to a world free from war speaks well for their future. In Genesis, God surveyed creation, and said how good it was (Gen 1:10). Psalms refer to God in whose hands are the depths of the earth, and the tops of the mountains (Ps 95). In the Gospel, Jesus said: Happy are those who work for peace (Mt 5:9). These quotations and many others resonate with our youth.