

PENTECOST SUNDAY

<p>Saturday, May 23rd 5:00pm Francis Price by Anne & John Heaps</p> <p>Sunday, May 24th 9:00am Dr. Carmen Novella by Linda Friedland 11:00am Pro Populo</p> <p>Monday, May 25th Saint Bede the Venerable 8:00am Phillip Bray by Florence & Don Curran</p> <p>Tuesday, May 26th Saint Philip Neri 8:00am Maurice E. Charlebois by Rolland & Lise Boisvenue</p> <p>Wednesday, May 27th Saint Augustine of Canterbury 8:00am Sandra Sauve by Sr. Barbara Hackett</p> <p>Thursday, May 28th 8:00am Roger Dupras by Catharine & Chris Dupras</p> <p>Saturday, May 30th 5:00pm Kathleen & Hector King by Ervin & Josette King</p> <p>Sunday, May 31st The Most Holy Trinity Sunday 9:00am Darrell Lamond by Rachelle Lamond 11:00am Pro Populo</p>	<p>SUNDAY OFFERING MAY 17TH, 2015</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Env.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2553.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loose</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$298.41</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pope's Pastoral</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$95.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vocations</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2997.21</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Parish Finance Council</u> The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 16th starting at 6:30 pm. In the McPhail Room.</p>	Env.	\$2553.80	Loose	\$298.41	Pope's Pastoral	\$95.00	Vocations	\$50.00	Total	\$2997.21
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The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week **“for Sr. Babara Hackett for 60 years of devoted service to the Lord.”**

CASINO RUN The knights of the Roundtable will be organizing an **EVENING OUT** on Sunday, **May 31st**. We will be leaving by Bus from Blessed Sacrament Parish Parking Lot at 3:00pm, heading towards **Rideau Carleton Raceway**, and returning around 9:00pm 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 is \$20.00** = you get a \$10 voucher to play and \$10 voucher for the restaurant, plus a chance to win a door prize on the bus... **To reserve a spot please call the office.**

NEW CHASUBLES AND DALMATICS - The Parish is looking at purchasing a matching set of 4 new Chasubles and 4 new Dalmatics. WE HAVE ONLY ONE LEFT FOR PURCHASE. We would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who contributed. Your generosity is so appreciated. Anyone who wishes to purchase the last one may do so by contacting the parish office. The donation will be credited to you with a tax receipt. Thank you very much for your help and assistance.

Baby Bottle Drive for Pro-Life

Our parish is having a **fundraiser** to support Pro-Life Cornwall again this year. We gave out Baby Bottles, and parishioners are encouraged to fill their bottle with loose change and return it on Father's Day. Pro-Life and the Parish Pastoral Council thank you in advance for your generosity.

Family Breakfast – Sunday, 31st May 2015 - St. Francis de Sales Knights of Columbus Council 11531 invite you to their breakfast on Sunday, May 31st from 8:30 am to 12 noon in their Parish Hall. Everyone welcome! \$7.

Spaghetti Supper

The Knights of Columbus Council #5068 invite you to a Spaghetti Supper on Sunday, May 24th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm in Precious Blood Parish Hall. Adults: \$10, children 10 years and under no charge. Please buy your tickets now by calling the rectory at 613-931-1424. Proceeds in support of Precious Blood Parish.

On Thursday, June 4th, the traditional feast day of Corpus Christi/The Body & Blood of Christ, a special 5:15 p.m. Mass at St. Columban's Church will be followed by a Eucharistic Procession with canopy and three stations outside the Church. People of all ages are encouraged to join in this celebration/witness.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER - NATIVITÉ

Nativity Parish is organizing a Spaghetti Supper Sunday, May 31, 2015 at Holy Cross Hall (108 Anthony Street) from 4:00PM to 7:00PM. **Cost: Adults: \$10.00 - children 6 years and up: \$5.00 - children 5 years and less - Free. Welcome to one and all!**

Mini Monster Bingo

La paroisse Nativité is organizing a Mini Monster Bingo, **Saturday, June 6, 2015.** Doors open at 4:00 PM and regular bingo starts at 7:00 PM. Package of 12 cards for \$22.00 includes specials. Bonanza extra at .50cents. Profits are for la Nativité Parish. New "Early Bird Games" start time 6:00 PM. Prizes will be 50% of sales - maximum of \$100.00 per game

Garage Sale

Saturday, May 30th from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Charles-Émile- Claude Center, 146-B Chevrier Avenue. Donations can be dropped off on Thursday, May 28 from 1 pm to 4 pm and Friday, May 29 from 9 am to 4 pm. We accept donations of all good things that could be sold during this event: pastry, electronics, clothing, films, games, kitchen accessories, dishes, etc. All profits will be used to help maintain our building.

Women's Morning of Reflection

Please join us on Sat. June 6 from 9:30 am to noon at the Charles-Émile Claude Centre on Chevrier St. (behind Nativity co-Cathedral) in Cornwall. The morning includes mass, a light breakfast, confession, a talk and the rosary. Our speaker this month will be Willy Effinger from the Divine Mercy Centre who will speak on "The Spiritual and Corporal Acts on Mercy in the Life of St. Faustina". A free will offering of \$5 is appreciated. For more information contact Marilyn 537 2021.

Bring Jesus Outside The Church Wall

In this highly secular North American culture, Catholic witness to the majesty and presence of our Eucharistic Lord can have a powerful impact. In recent years some Canadian dioceses and parishes have renewed the practice of Corpus Christi Processions, celebrating the tradition and belief in the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ - His Real Presence in the Eucharist. It emphasizes the joy of the institution of the Eucharist by bringing our celebration outdoors for others to be touched. It is also celebrated in some Anglican and Lutheran Churches that hold similar beliefs regarding the Real Presence.

Praise and Worship Nights continue during the summer months!

Join us the 4th Thursday of every month from 6:30 - 7:30 PM at St. Peter's Church. Come sing your hearts out to our Lord or just listen to the music and offer it up. It's a casual prayerful hour with Jesus. Try it out. All are welcome. Dates are: May 28th, June 18th, July 23th, and August 27th

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Father Bernard Cameron and Fr. Matthew Brunet are having a Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with a side trip of five days to Ireland. Leaving for Montreal on **October 16, 2015** then to Ireland and Medjugorje with a return flight on **November 1, 2015**. For more information please contact Ann Germain-MacMillan at 613-534-8366.

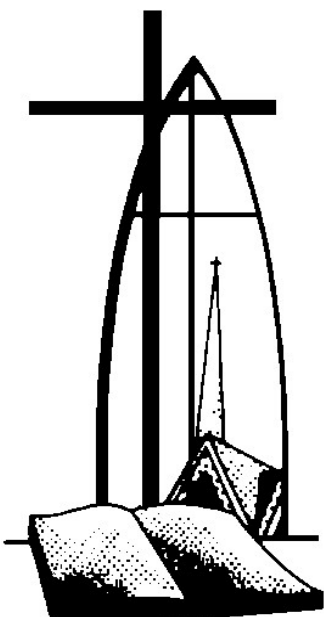
Net Canada Celebrating 20 Years Bringing Youth to Christ: Celebrations begin with a Mass on Thurs., Jun. 4, 5:00 p.m. at Notre Dame Cathedral. Gala at Ottawa Conference & Events Centre: cocktails 6:00 p.m., dinner & program with guest speaker His Eminence Cardinal Raymond Burke at 7:00 p.m. Info/tickets for the Gala: (www.netcanada.ca); (1-877-521-4426).

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 allows you to set up Automatic deposit for Sunday offerings 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.

Forming Intentional Disciples one-day Conference in Potsdam New York on **Saturday May 30th**. Led by Keith Strohm of the Catherine of Sienna Institute. His goal is to teach us to awaken the faith of our laity so they can become active participants in the New Evangelization as called for by our recent Popes. Register on-line at www.rcdony.org/fid Cost is \$40 US. **FREE BUS** sponsored by the Diocese leaves the OLD Walmart Parking Lot at 8 AM, returning after conference at 5 PM. Call to reserve a seat on the bus leaving name and contact info: Marilyn at 613-703-7823 or Don at 613-932-3543. **You must have your Passport or acceptable Customs identification to board the bus.**



Every once in a while, a seemingly simple email comes around that ends up being quite profound. This is one of them. We complain about the cross we bear but don't realize it is preparing us for the dip in the road that God can see and we cannot.

**Whatever your cross, whatever your pain,
there will always be sunshine, after the rain....
Perhaps you may stumble, perhaps even fall;
but God's always ready, to answer your call....
He knows every heartache, sees every tear,
a word from His lips, can calm every fear...
Your sorrows may linger,
throughout the night, but suddenly vanish, by dawn's early light...
The Saviour is waiting, somewhere above,
to give you His grace, and send you His love.**

**May God fill your day with blessings!!
Be kinder than necessary,
for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle!**

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 in Poland!

Any young adults - 18 years old (by June 2016) to 35 years old - interested in knowing a bit more about what is being planned for the next International World Youth Day should signal their interest by contacting Sr. Francine, FMA at fguilmette@alexandria-cornwall.ca - even if you are unsure about finances, work or other concerns. Official WYD website: www.krakow2016.com/en

Years ago, a Catholic missionary was preaching in the open square of a village in North India. As he finished, a Muslim gentleman approached him and said: "You must admit we have one thing you have not, and it is better than anything you have." The missionary smiled and said, "I should be pleased to hear what it is." The Muslim went on, "You know, that when we go to Mecca we find at least a coffin. But when you Christians go to Jerusalem, your Mecca, you find nothing but an empty grave." The Missionary replied, "Ah ha! But that's just it, and it makes all the difference. Mohammad, the founder of Islam, is dead, and he is in his coffin. But our Leader has risen from the dead and returned to heaven."

As Christians, we don't just believe in a philosophy or a theology. As Christians, we believe in a person, a Savior, a God who is alive and who has brought our own human nature into heaven, so that we can have a hope that is not just wishful thinking, but a dream guaranteed to come true.

We do not have to wish upon a star; we pray to the One who made the stars. I have never been to Israel, but I have read about an ancient tradition that has preserved a monument on the Mount of Olives. There, they say, Christ left his footprints in the rocks as he ascended into heaven. That's the point... Jesus has gone into heaven, not to abandon us, but to be our hope: he has led the way; he has left us the trail of his footprints so that we can follow him to everlasting life.

This is the reason we can trust the Church. Jesus is already enthroned in heaven, and that throne can never be usurped. He rules the Church from that unassailable throne, heaven, through his vicar on earth, the pope. He has chosen to do it that way so that we could all share in his work of redemption. As members of the Church, we are members of his body.

We continue in our own lives the work that Jesus did in his earthly life: spreading the Good News of God's mercy and salvation, healing those around us by loving our neighbors as ourselves, and offering our own sufferings to God in union with Christ's sufferings.

In this way, the salvation that Jesus won for the world is gradually being spread throughout the world - through us. This is why Jesus said, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations... And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." He invites us to be his partners in the business of salvation. Instead of directing all of our efforts immediately, as if we were his puppets, he guides us through his Church. There we are sure to find grace in the sacraments and truth of Christ's teaching. And the guarantee of the trustworthiness of that grace and that truth is, precisely, Christ's ascension - the fact that he is established firmly on an everlasting throne. And so, when we obey Church

teaching in faith and morals, we obey Christ. If we want to be assured of the fruitfulness and victory of our own efforts in life, we have only to stay united to Christ by staying united to his Church. Today, as we renew our bond with Christ and his Church through Holy Communion, let's promise that we will.



THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

THE HISTORICAL ROOTS

Often called “the catechumenate,” the RCIA (formation of adults) or CIC (formation of children) is a process of faith development and catechetical instruction which culminates in full membership in the Christian Roman Catholic community — the reception of the “sacraments of initiation”: baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. This journey of faith is similar to the one people made when joining the early Church communities. Today’s revised process, promulgated in 1972, calls on the entire parish community for involvement and prayerful support.

INQUIRY AND ITS RITE

During the first stage in the faith journey, *inquirers* begin to form relationships with one another and with their catechists. Sessions are informal, with life stories shared and curiosities about “things Catholic” answered. When a decision to continue in the process is made, inquirers obtain sponsors or godparents to mentor them along the way. Then, the *Rite of Acceptance Into the Order of Catechumens* is celebrated within the community’s Sunday Mass.

LENT AND ITS RITES

The *Rite of Election* takes place on the first Sunday of Lent. It is celebrated by the bishop or his representative, and marks a major transition. Catechumens now become *the elect*, and their names are inscribed in the diocese’s *Book of Enrollment*. On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, the *Rites of the Scrutinies* are celebrated at a Sunday Mass. As Lent draws to a close, the elect will be invited to participate in a day of reflection and, in the case of those already-baptized, their first reception of the sacrament of reconciliation. There may also be a *Rite of Preparation* before the Easter Vigil is celebrated.

CATECHUMENATE AND ITS RITES

With the *Rite of Acceptance*, those who have not been baptized officially become *catechumens*, while those who are baptized become *candidates*. Now they learn specifics about the Catholic faith, especially the sacraments. Sessions become more instructional, with an emphasis on breaking open the Word of God in the Sunday readings. Several optional rites may be celebrated during this period which precedes the Season of Lent.

MYSTAGOGY AND ITS RITES

The *Rites of Initiation* take place at the Easter Vigil, immediately after the homily. First comes the *Liturgy of Baptism*, then the *Rite of Confirmation*. The elect are now *neophytes* (new Catholics). They lead the parish community of Church to the sacrificial altar/banquet table and receive their first *Eucharist*. Neophytes’ final stage of preparation, during the Season of Easter, centers on the practical learning of their Church’s specific ministries and their personal commitment to at least one of these.

Reconciliation

IN THE TIME OF JESUS

Reconciliation, which consists of conversion of heart, forgiveness of sins, and restoration of relationships, was central to the ministry of Jesus. Jesus came to call people to repentance (see Mt 9:13). The reconciliation ministry of Jesus also made clear that God's healing and mercy are communicated in a human, visible, and tangible way. Understanding this incarnate aspect of Jesus' ministry is essential for our understanding of the Church and the sacramental aspects of Christianity.

IN THE EARLY CHURCH

The apostolic community believed Jesus had given it the power to forgive sins (see Jn 20:22-23). Some of the ways the early Church continued Jesus' ministry of reconciliation were participation in the Eucharist (Jesus had poured out his blood for the forgiveness of sins — see Mt 26:28 — and his eating with sinners was also a sign of reconciliation); anointing of the sick (Jas 5:15); works of charity and fasting (Lk 7:47; 1 Pt 4:8); and fraternal correction (Mt 18:15-20) and group pressure (2 Thes 3:14-15).

IN TODAY'S CHURCH

While sin may be secret, it is never private. When we fail to be what God wants us to be, not only are our links in the chain weakened but the strength of the community chain is also weakened. Penitents are asked to reflect deeply in preparing themselves for the sacrament.



The underlying aim is to get in touch with our spiritual life, and with attitudes and patterns of behavior that are destructive to our relationship with God, with others, and with ourselves. Ideally, we participate in the sacrament in response to the promptings of the Holy Spirit calling us to conversion in some specific areas in our lives.

Perhaps too often, this sacrament is used as a means to rid ourselves of guilt feelings. Under such circumstances, the primary focus is on self rather than on reconciliation with God and others. We confess; we do penance; we fail to reconcile. If seen in this narrow and individualistic manner, and not in the broader context of our call to be reconcilers in a divided world, the sacrament of reconciliation loses much of its power and meaning.

The sacrament helps us to celebrate and to deepen our ongoing efforts to be people of reconciliation in our world. As ambassadors of reconciliation, we are called to be God's instruments in removing the barriers that keep people from communicating with and caring for each other. Participation in this sacrament also infers that, as God freely forgives us our transgressions, we too are willing to freely give and receive forgiveness.

Are interested in becoming Roman Catholic, and to be in communion with the Church. Please call Fr. Jacques Labelle at 613-932-2996 for more information. Our RCIA course will start in October 2015.

dear Padre

May 17, 2015

Why does God give grace to those who don't deserve it?

Our priest says we can't earn God's grace, that God just gives it to us. That is so unfair. I've put in many hard, deliberate hours being generous, considerate, and understanding. The undeserving and unworthy are just that, yet God continues to give to them. Why?

Grace is a theological word that describes God's giving us a share in his own divine life. It's a gift of his abundant love. Or, as the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, "Grace is a participation in the life of God....It depends entirely on God's gratuitous initiative....It surpasses the power of human intellect and will" (1997–1998).

If you've already put in many hours of hard work being good, you're already living the effects of grace operating in you.

As for those you consider "undeserving" or "unworthy," the Lord is generous and loving to all. He excludes no one. Even calling a sinner to repentance is God's grace, but the sinner needs to accept the grace being offered.

St. Augustine knew that even the *preparation* of a person to receive God's grace is God's grace. Quoted in the *Catechism*, he said, "Indeed we also work, but we are only collaborating with God who works, for his mercy has gone before us...[W]ithout him we can do nothing" (2001).

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Good News!

May 17, 2015

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1–11 / Eph 1:17–23 or Eph 4:1–13 or 4:1–7, 11–13 / Mk 16:15–20

Acts 1:15–17, 20a, 20c–26 / 1 Jn 4:11–16 / Jn 17:11b–19

Part of my ministry involves sitting with families as they plan a funeral service for a loved one. There are often long pauses as thoughts flood their minds and memories fill their hearts. They share stories and grief. We pick readings and songs and talk about prayers.

Inevitably, we talk about what will happen after the funeral. I tell them grief is a process, that everyone does it differently, and that it would be good to be gentle with each other. In my experience, it takes about six weeks just for the reality to begin setting in and to begin adjusting to this new situation. Things don't get better; they get different, and we go on.

I can only imagine how the disciples felt when Jesus, whom they loved, was crucified in front of them. They had only just begun their grieving. I can only imagine

the joy they felt when he appeared after his resurrection, eating with and teaching them again, giving them everything they needed for what was to come.

I can't help but wonder how they felt when he left them again, ascending into heaven—not dead, but so very clearly not with them in the same way.

We celebrate Jesus' ascension just past the six-week mark from Easter. I like to think the reality of the death and resurrection has just started to sink in and that we're learning to move on in this new situation.

It's no accident that Jesus' last command to us is to live that new reality and tell the world about him.

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