



Please pray for our brothers and sisters who are ill. For our parishioners, their families and caregivers, including: Marilyn Hawkins, Theresa Rock, Ann and Lorraine Leduc, Andrea DeMeo, Neil McCarthy, Sheila Gasnick, Emily Miller, Andrea Redway, Patrick and Alice Cornwall, Jim and Clare Dashney, Garry MacDonald, Audrey Bazinet, and Andrew Thibault.

MASS INTENTIONS

March 10th

9:30AM – For the Intentions of Our Parish

11:30AM – For the Intentions of Our Parish

March 17th

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FINANCIAL REPORT March 3rd, 2018

20/40 Envelope Donations \$	405.00
36 Pre-Authorized Debit \$	1221.25
Loose Collection - \$	45.85
Vigil Lights	26.00
Rental Income \$	50.00
Salary Reimbursement \$	670.50
Total - \$	2418.60
Weekly Operational Costs \$	3000.00
Variance \$	-581.40

SUNDAY SUPPER REPORT: Team three hosted a busy evening with an unknown number of guests in attendance. They served Shepherd's Pie with salad and garlic bread. Dessert was ice cream and cookies.

SUNDAY SUPPER SPONSORSHIP BOARD: Next time you are in the Parish Hall please take a look at the newly updated sponsorship board. The work of the Sunday Supper teams are supported by our parishioners as well as many in our local community.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION WEEKEND RETREAT: Step out of your daily life and focus on the spiritual journey. Denis Paquette explores the meaning and need for faith. "Fortify Your Life: Dive into Faith". Register by Mar. 30. Galilee Centre, Arnprior, **May 3 - May 5**. Cost: \$250/\$210. Info: william_meek@bell.net; 613-521-3234.

THE LITURGICAL YEAR...

is made up of six seasons:

Advent – four weeks of preparation before the celebration of Jesus' birth

Christmas – recalling the Nativity of Jesus Christ and his manifestation to the peoples of the world

Lent – a six-week period of penance before Easter

Sacred Paschal Triduum – the holiest "Three Days" of the Church's year when the Christian people recall the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus

Easter – 50 days of joyful celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead and his sending forth of the Holy Spirit

Ordinary Time – divided into two sections (one span of 4-8 weeks after Christmas Time and another lasting about six months after Easter Time), wherein the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus' teaching and works among his people

ASH WEDNESDAY: Thank you to Fr. Valere, our Jesuit neighbor, who presided at Mass to begin our Lenten journey. Father Pierre was working in Toronto in his capacity as Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Ottawa.

A SUCCESSFUL PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Our Parish held a wonderful pancake breakfast on March 3rd. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make this year's breakfast such a great event. We received a free will offering of \$320.15 and thank everyone who attended and contributed.



LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE: This year our Parish will be joining with our neighboring parish Holy Canadian Martyrs for our Lenten Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:00pm.

FORTY DAYS OF LENT: Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. But if you count the six weeks between now and Holy Saturday, you'll find 46 days! You must subtract Sundays, as these are never days of fasting. The Sabbath day, like a mini Easter, is always a day of rejoicing in the Lord's resurrection.

PENITENTIAL PURPLE: The church is no longer dressed in the green of Ordinary Time. Thank you to Theresa who dressed the altar, and to Marc and Don who moved and climbed ladders to change our banners!

FASTING AS PRAYER: *First, fasting deepens an awareness of our radical need for God to nourish us – both physically and spiritually. Second, when fasting reminds us of the plight of the poor, it should prompt us to act: to minister to the poor, advocate for them and give alms. Thirds fasting reminds us that we do not need to be ruled by every physical need. Fasting is a kind of physical prayer that calls us to remember our reliance on God, the responsibility to help the poor, and the importance of self-control in life. It's not about following rules but about changing hearts.* From In All Seasons For All Reasons: Praying Throughout the Year by James Martin, SJ

DEMONSTRATE YOUR GIVING: On the Welcome Table there are envelopes for monthly pre-authorized debit donors who wish to show their participation in the weekly collection at Mass. Take one before you take your seat. Then place it in the basket as it is passed. After the money counters prepare the deposit, these envelopes will return to be collected again the following Sunday.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



