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He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, April 20th

EASTER VIGIL

Please Note: No Confessions

8:00 p.m. Barbara Parisien by Joe Parisien & Family

Sunday, April 21st

EASTER SUNDAY - RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Audrey Levac by Mary & Keith Grant

11:00 a.m. Christine Langlois by Jean McLennan

Monday, April 22nd

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** EASTER OCTAVE

Tuesday, April 23rd

7:30 a.m. Brian Major by Marie Vasbinder

Wednesday, April 24th

7:30 a.m. Iola Parisien by Joe Parisien & Family

10:00 a.m. Bishop Macdonell School Mass

Thursday, April 25th

7:30 a.m. Marilyn Hamilton by Her Family

Friday, April 26th

7:30 a.m. A Personal Intention by a Parishioner

Saturday, April 27th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

5:30 p.m. Special Intention for Claude Landriault by His Family

Sunday, April 28th

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Helen F. Burley by Husband Ted Burley

11:00 a.m. George & Pauline Piette by Clara, Helene, Claudette, Theresa & Anna

Monday, April 29th

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA (M)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** 2ND WEEK OF EASTER

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." Acts 10:38

On this Easter Sunday, open your hearts to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. God is love and we are made in His image and likeness. Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray for guidance on how to live your life and give thanks for all that He has given you.

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday April 22, 2019.



POPE FRANCIS APRIL INTENTIONS

Universal – Workers in War Zones

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

TODAY'S READINGS – APRIL 21ST

1st Reading: Acts 10.34a, 37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3.1-4 or the alternate reading
1 Corinthians 5.6b-8

Gospel (longer): John 20.1-18

Gospel (shorter): John 20.1-9

According to the Scripture: Jesus must rise from the dead.

THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Next weekend, April 28th, the Church throughout the world will continue to celebrate the JOY of Easter, focusing on the "MERCY" of Jesus as He revealed to St. Faustina. At every Mass, we will celebrate this Feastday. The afternoon 'Devotions' will be held at Blessed Sacrament Parish at 3 p.m. Father Cal invites us to join them. NOTE: You are asked to please receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Divine Mercy Sunday, or within 20 days after. (See Booktable for info on graces and indulgences.)

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The living flame of the Sanctuary Lamp, signifying the Eucharistic presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, is offered this week in memory of Helen F. Burley by Her Family.

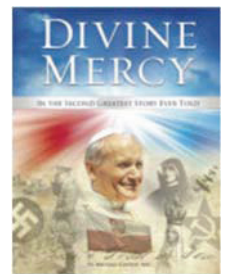


SCHOOL EASTER MASS

Parishioners are welcome to join the children from Bishop Macdonell School at their Easter Mass in the Church on Wednesday April 24 at 10:00 a.m. Please support our school children.

DIVINE MERCY VIDEO SERIES

St. Columban's Parish is pleased to offer the DIVINE MERCY video series based on "The **Second Greatest Story Ever Told**", with Prayer, Discussion and Refreshments. Join us upstairs at the Agape Centre for 10 weekly sessions starting Tuesday April 16th at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Janet to register at 613-3463-5331 or by email at janetsurgeson@gmail.com



PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION

On the weekend of April 27-28, a member of the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation will speak at the masses about the work of the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation. The Foundation, incorporated in 2005, is raising funds needed to restore and preserve our historic St. Columban's Church. At all the masses on the May 4-5 weekend, a special collection will be taken for the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation at the same time as the regular collection. Information about the Foundation can be found at the church entrances.

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2019

On May 4th, join thousands of Catholics from around the world at the premier conference on the New Evangelization. The event will be held live in Ottawa and webcast to the Agora Catholic Centre in Cornwall. This year's Summit is once again featuring world-class Catholic speakers, including Fr. James Mallon, Michael Dopp, Cardinal Gérald Lacroix and bestselling author Michelle Moran. The NES has been designed to inspire Catholics and help them live out their personal call to evangelize. Alexandria-Cornwall is incredibly excited to be one of this year's host site. This best news is that this year's Summit is FREE for all attendees! Be inspired, receive formation, and connect with other Catholics. For more information and to register go to www.newevangelization.ca. You can also get information on the diocesan website.

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR APRIL 07, 2019

Sunday Envelopes	3,405.50
Loose Collection	414.45
Total	\$ 3,819.95



BISHOP'S EASTER MESSAGE 2019

"Christ is alive!"

This is how Pope Francis opened his recent exhortation to youth.

The pope adds, "Jesus is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life."

This papal message echoes the words the angelic messengers brought to the women who went to Jesus' tomb that first Easter morning (Luke 24.1-12): "why do you look for the Living One among the dead? He is not here but has risen."

After the Resurrection, Jesus and death are incompatible. Henceforth, Jesus shares eternal life with God. And He offers it to us who believe.

The "two men in dazzling white clothes" symbolize a new world order. They remind the women that Jesus often spoke of God's mysterious plan of His suffering and death.

"Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again?"

God had fulfilled His promise of resurrection power. Nonetheless, the disciples strain to believe. They probably thought the resurrection was only for the end-time.

On that Easter morning, Peter left the tomb puzzled, for he marvelled that Jesus' sayings came true.

The linen grave cloths astonished Peter, but he could not yet come to faith. That had to await his encounter with the Risen One later that day. And Peter's encounter with Jesus transformed him. Peter became more fully alive.

Pope Francis says that such a change can be yours, "Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive! He is in you, he is with you and he never abandons you. When you feel you are growing old out of sorrow, resentment or fear, doubt or failure, he will always be there to restore your strength and your hope."

My Easter wish is that you and your loved ones might allow Christ to come close and work a transformation in your wants and needs. Together, let us share with others this renewed relationship with Christ.

Happy Easter!

✠ Terrence Prendergast, S.J.
Bishop of Alexandria-Cornwall

EASTER MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD

On this Easter, our dear parishioners, Jesus Christ is risen, Alleluia! Imagine where we would be if it all ended on Good Friday. Jesus came into our world to carry the message of God's unconditional love and forgiveness. So often, as Christians we put so much focus on Jesus' suffering on the cross and we've even stated that this is the reason that Jesus came into the world — to suffer and die for our sins. Jesus did not come into the world to suffer and die; he came to bring God's message of unconditional love and forgiveness.

Easter Sunday morning tells us that nothing can ever separate us from the love of God. Perfect love, undying love, could not be killed on a cross, could not be held in a grave. Love couldn't help but rise from that horrible death which brings peace to share with all. God transformed our darkest moment into the greatest act of love the world has ever known. His resurrection is not just a fact of history to be retold at Easter. It is a mystery to be lived every day.

May we take this opportunity to thank you all for the success of our Lenten celebration and Easter from day one. Most especially, we thank those who beautified, cleaned and arranged the house of God; those who provided flowers, those in the liturgy ministry, music ministry, PLT members, lectors, greeters, extraordinary ministers of communion and altar servers. Keep up the good work as God keeps on showering His blessings on all of us.

Have a joyous Easter celebration,

REV. FR. ERNEST EMEKA EMEODI

REV. DEACON CHRIS CHISHOLM

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER REPORT

Special thanks to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 297 who hosted this event, to the Foundation members and parishioners of St. Columban's who volunteered their services, and to everyone from St. Columban's and the community who attended our chicken dinner on April 7 at the Legion. The chicken dinner raised \$1,523.81 for the fundraising of the Foundation to preserve our historic St. Columban's church.

CALLING ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH!

Do you wear mascara? Please bring in your **used mascara wands** that will be recycled for a program "Wands for Wildlife", a wildlife rehabilitation non-profit in Western North Carolina. **Appalachian Wildlife Refuge** recycles old mascara wands to help remove fly eggs and larva from the fur of animals. Boxes will be placed at the 4th St. entrance of the church for you to deposit your donation. Pope Francis has called us to protect all of creation. This could be an opportunity for us to do our small part. Thank you.



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