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ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, April 03rd EASTER VIGIL

8:00 p.m. Raymond & Andre Tardif by Bea Tardif

Sunday, April 04th THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:30 a.m. Intention of Parishioners

9:30 a.m. George & Georgette Brand by the Brand

Family

11:00 a.m. Irene Jodoin by Daughters Mary, Iris, Barbara

& Lorna

Monday, April 05th EASTER OCTAVE

7:30 a.m. No Mass EASTER SEASON – WEEK 1

Tuesday, April 06th

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

Wednesday, April 07th

7:30 a.m. Grace Emeodi (First Anniversary of Death)

Thursday, April 08th

7:30 a.m. Yvonne Goodwin by the Haines Family

Friday, April 09th

7:30 p.m. Laurette Brosseau by Frank & Lucille Ricci

Saturday, April 10th

5:30 p.m. Tiffany Smith by St. Matthew's School

Sunday, April 11th DIVINE MERCY – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30 a.m. Special Intention by Bernadette Blakely

9:30 a.m. Intention of Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Geraldine McCarthy by Bridget Brennan

Monday, April 12th

7:30 a.m. No Mass EASTER SEASON – WEEK 2

In Rank Order: (S) Solemnity, (F) Feast, (M) Memorial, (OM) Optional Memorial.

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."

- COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts through out the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill his salvation plan.

LIVING WITH CHRIST MONTHLY MISSALS

Missals for April are available at the Church for purchase; the cost is \$3.25 each, and you can pick one up Tuesday – Friday before or after 7:30 a.m. Mass or at the weekend Masses.

PLEASE NOTE

Confessions will be by appointment only. Please call the office (613.932.9616), and we will schedule a time for you.

TODAY'S READINGS – APRIL 04TH, 2021

1st Reading: Acts 10.34a, 37-43

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

Gospel: John 20.1-18 (longer reading)

According to the Scripture: Jesus must rise from the

dead.

IN OUR PARISH

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be closed Easter Monday, April 05th, 2021.



THANK YOU

Fr. Ernest, Deacon Guy and the Pastoral team offer sincere gratitude to all parishioners who have volunteered during our Lenten and Easter services. In times like this it is easy to believe in angels. To all those who contributed their time, treasure and talent you are truly a blessing to this parish, and we appreciate all you do to serve God and your fellow parishioners. Thank you and May God continue to bless you. "Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the

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CONTACT TRACING FORM

When arriving at church, **everyone** needs to sign the Contact Tracing Form and include their phone number. The Contact Tracing form is strictly used **only** if the EOHU contacts us. This form will be shredded after two months as per the directive from the Diocese.

ATTENDANCE RESTRICTIONS ELEVATED

Restrictions have been lifted enough that we are back to having thirty percent (30%) capacity in the church for masses. This change came into effect starting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 and remains in effect even then we enter the RED restrictions.

PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION

During the present Covid-19 pandemic lockdown, you can donate to the Foundation to restore the church steeple and install a new cross by putting a donation in an envelope addressed to the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation and mail it to Patrons of St. Columban Foundation, 36 4th St., West, Cornwall, ON., K6J 2R6 or drop it off in the parish office mailbox at 36 4th St. West. Cheques should be made payable to the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation. Thank you for your continued support.

POPE FRANCIS APRIL INTENTIONS

Universal intention - Fundamental rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION

Please join us on Saturday, April 10, from 9:00 am until noon at the Agora Centre, 301 McConnell Ave., Cornwall, for mass, confession, breakfast, a talk and the rosary. The talk will be on Divine Mercy. For any inquiries, please contact Heidi Krol at 613-347-7561 or Marilynn Light at 613-537-2021. A free-will offering of \$5 is appreciated. Please note that as of Monday, March 29, we have moved into a red zone. We will have no choice but to cancel the Women's Morning of Reflection if we remain in the red zone on April 10.

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KNEELERS

When leaving the church you must leave the kneeler in the **down position** for the volunteers who are sanitizing the pews.

IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE



March 26, 2021

Easter Message

You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look. there is the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee: there you will see him, just as he told you. (Mark 16, 6-7)

I retain three key messages in this passage from the Gospel of Saint Mark, read at the Easter Vigil. First of all, just when the women thought they were entering the world of death, since they were going to embalm the body of Jesus in the tomb, they are told great news: Jesus has risen! What a surprise! For God, nothing is impossible. In the midst of our distress, our suffering, our darkness, the risen Christ reveals himself to us even today.

Not having had the chance to study the case, to verify the facts, to see for themselves that Jesus had really risen, they are immediately sent as messengers of the Good News. We too are messengers of the Good News, given the same mission as these women. Moved by the Spirit, let us not hesitate to be bearers of the joy of the Gospel. Let us not wait to have all the answers to our questions to witness to our faith.

The third key message is more subtle but carries great hope. "He goes before you into Galilee." "Galilee" is the place where the disciples live, it is their "home". The good news of the resurrection will be announced to them on their own ground. Jesus goes before them and meets them in their living and working environment, in all the events of their daily lives. Jesus also meets us in our own "Galilee", where we are physically, but also spiritually. He does not wait for us to be perfect Christians to enter a relationship with us. He goes before us every moment, here and now, and walks with us, as he did with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Will we be able to recognize him and be witnesses of his transforming presence?

Happy Easter!

Please continue to pray for me, as I do for you.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Marcel

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR MARCH 21, 2021

Sunday Envelopes 3,890.00 Loose Collection 248.02 Total \$ 4,138.02

ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE | EASTER MESSAGE TO THE FAMILY OF ST. **COLUMBAN'S PARISH**

Jesus Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Imagine if we stayed in the darkness of Good Friday; as children of God, that is not what we are called to. Jesus did not come into the world only to suffer and die. He came to bring God's message of Salvation, Hope & Love. So, that is the example of Christ.

That is what the Resurrection on Easter Sunday morning tells us.

We cannot be separated from the love of God. The unconditional, undying love of God could not be killed on a cross or held in a grave. It is a love that brings new life, a love that resurrects the events of Good Friday into a stronger faith, courageous hope & unconditional love.

The 'Son' that shines on Easter morning is the Light that transforms the darkness of the world 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 to be celebrated every day.

So we must live in Peace & Shine as the Light of Christ, as beloved children of God.

We thank everyone who has and continue to support fellow parishioners and the Parish through dedicated prayers, hard work and donations. We have come together as a community to give Glory to God and let the Light of Christ radiate into the community we serve.

As we live this new Easter season, we must continue to shine beacons of Faith, Hope & Love in ourselves, our families, and the places we live, work and play.

May the Joy and Peace of Christ be with you in this Easter Season.

Rev. Father Ernest Emeka Emeodi

Rev. Deacon Guy Cote

Parish Leadership Team

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (APRIL 11TH)

This is the day where Our Lord wishes to pour out His graces upon us if we are open and prepared to receive them and is fast approaching! "The soul that will have made a good confession and on that Sunday receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and the punishment due to them. On that day, all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are open. Let no soul fear to draw near Me even though its sins be as scarlet." (Diary 699) Do we really understand the immensity of Our Lord's mercy and His gift to us?! To prepare, Jesus asks us to pray a NOVENA for nine days, beginning on Good Friday. "I will deny nothing to any soul who you will bring to the fount of My mercy."

VACCINATION: YES OR NO?

In the spirit of helping one another to fight this pandemic with a limited number of accessible vaccines, I encourage you to receive the vaccine. Marcel



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