Life is full of choices for us and for our children. Every choice we make involves an exercise of free will, which is how we grow in goodness and mature in faith. Talking with our children about the more critical choices: how to treat others, how to acknowledge mistakes and own up to them, how to reach out to those in need — can never begin too early.

ST. COLUMBAN

PARISH

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Fr. Ernest Emeka Emeodi, Parochial Administrator

Rev. Mr. Chris Chisholm, Deacon

MASSES & SACRAMENTS

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM

Sunday 7:30, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Tuesday – Friday 7:30 AM

Confession Saturdays, 3 – 4 PM (or by appointment)
Baptism Please notify one month in advance
Marriages Please notify 6 months in advance

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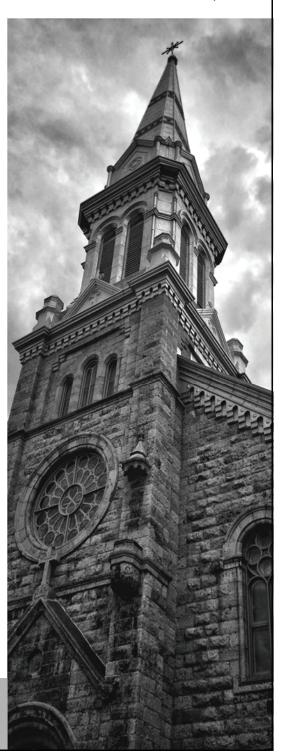
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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, February 15th OUR LADY'S SATURDAY (OM)

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Confessions

5:30 p.m. Annie MacDonald by Elizabeth & Jenny

Sunday, February 16th SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Belinda Laybolt by Teresa MacInnis
11:00 a.m. Huguette Lapensee (20th Anniversary of

Death) by Doug & Jane Anderson

12:30 p.m. Baptisms

Monday, February 17th

THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS

OF THE SERVITE ORDER (OM)

7:30 a.m. No Mass ORDINARY TIME – WEEK 6

Tuesday, February 18th

7:30 a.m. Maurice & Georgette Bray by Maria & Family

Wednesday, February 19th

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

Thursday, February 20th

7:30 a.m. All Priests & Leadership in the Church by a

Parishioner

Friday, February 21st St. PETER DAMIAN (OM)

7:30 a.m. Janet Surgeson by Marilyn Light

Saturday, February 22nd CHAIR OF ST. PETER (F)

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

5:30 p.m. Dorothy Boudrias by Angus Kelly

Sunday, February 23rd SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Duncan McLennan (25th Anniversary of Death)

by Daughter Jean

11:00 a.m. Dorothy Miseferi by Desneiges Miseferi

Monday, February 24th

7:30 a.m. No Mass ORDINARY TIME – WEEK 7

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday February 17, 2020.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"For I tell you unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

MATTHEW 5:20

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

TODAY'S READINGS – FEBRUARY 16TH, 2020

1st Reading: Sirach 15.15-20 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.6-10 Gospel: Matthew 5.17-37

You have heard what was said to those of ancient

times; but I say to you ...

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 6th at 2:00 pm., St. Columban Church, 36 Fourth St. West. Theme: "*Rise take up your mat and walk.*" This ecumenical prayer service has been composed by the women of Zimbabwe. To help us celebrate in the African tradition, please bring a small mat and dress in bright colours. **Everyone** is welcome. Fellowship with refreshments will follow the service.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING 2019

Tax receipts for the year ending 2019 for both the Sunday envelopes and the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation will be available for distribution at all masses the weekend of Feb. 8th & 9th. If you know someone who is away or cannot attend church, please volunteer to collect them as well. If you do not require this receipt, please make a note on your Sunday envelope or call the rectory @613-932-9616 as this will save mailing costs.

VOLUNTEERS INVALUABLE STEWARDS

Do you love St. Columban's and want to see it thrive and grow? Please prayerfully and joyfully consider becoming a part of our parish ministries. Volunteers are greatly needed in all areas of our Liturgical Celebrations. Through the gifts of time and talent that you our parishioners so generously share, we are able to truly be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ here in St. Columban's Parish. Many thanks to all those faithful and generous stewards who volunteer in our Parish! Your time is worth everything to us. Please consider becoming a part of this parish family.

EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Do you, or someone you care for, have a particular need for prayer at this time? Are you interested in joining others in praying for the needs of our Diocese, parish, and individual needs? If so, YOU ARE INVITED to join a group of fellow parishioners for our next monthly session here in the church on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday Feb 26, 2020. Masses will be at 7:30 a.m., 12:10 and 5:15 p.m. For those parishioners who are working, these masses tend to run longer with communion and then the blessing of ashes. **Please note** that the children from both our catholic schools will be in attendance at the 12:10 mass.

PALMS WANTED

Please bring in your old palms next Sunday as we will burn them for our Ash Wednesday Masses.



Thank you Rick & Bernadette McRae for an inspiring book study on Matthew Kelly's "Rediscover the Saints"

IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

COFFEE AND CHAT SUNDAY

Please take a few minutes on the weekend of Feb 22 and Feb 23 to enjoy a cup of coffee with your fellow parishioners after Mass at the 4th St. entrance.

POPE FRANCIS FEBRUARY INTENTIONS

Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN **FOUNDATION CONCERT**

The Patrons of St. Columban Foundation presents an afternoon of Songs and Arias of Inspiration at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday February 23 at St. Columban Church. The musical entertainment will feature Richard Valdez. Tenor and Joanne Moorcroft on the piano. Richard Valdez, an accomplished Concert & Opera Singer for the past 40 years, performs at concert venues in Europe, Canada, United States, and the

He devotes much of his performing life in service to a variety of charities, including the Knights of Columbus, several Christian organizations, Toronto Hospital for Sick Children, Ethiopian Famine Relief, Victims of 911, Doctors Without Borders, Canadian and American Red Cross and many other charities.

A new resident of Cornwall and parishioner at St. Columban, Richard Valdez is pleased to be performing this concert to benefit the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation. Funds raised at the concert will be directed to the work on the church steeple cross. Admission: Freewill Donation. Contact Brian Lynch at 613-933-8353 or brijo@pppoe.ca.

PASTORAL OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS **NEEDED**

The St. Columban pastoral care committee is looking for new members to conduct in-home visits with parishioners who are feeling isolated from the parish community. Volunteers attend health-care facilities, retirement residences, hospice, and private homes to offer prayerful support and encouragement to those who are no longer able to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church. Pastoral care visits are entirely at the discretion of the volunteer. The committee meets every two months at the Church to share ideas and experiences. A pastoral outreach certification training course will be offered this spring for anyone wishing to join this ministry. A police check is required. You can leave your contact information with the Parish Office Administrator Kelly Poitras at 613 932-9616.

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Sunday Envelopes	3,633.00
Loose Collection	380.38
New Year's	50.00
Initial Offering	25.00
Total	<u>\$4,088.38</u>

JOY OF THE LORD PRAYER MEETINGS

The Joy of the Lord Prayer Meetings have begun again on Mondays at St. Columban's Parish. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for Rosary, followed at 7 p.m. for a time of Praise and Worship. New members are welcome. Entry is by the East door of the

AN INVITATION TO GET INVOLVED!

If the winter is finding you confined indoors with little to do? We need your help. Volunteers are needed to help in the Gift Shop at St. Joseph's Villa or to sell lottery tickets to residents, visitors and staff. If you have 2 hours to give once a month we welcome your help. Orientation and training is provided. Become a member of our Volunteer Family and enjoy social events throughout the year. For more information call Chantal, Volunteer and Recreation Supervisor at St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre: Telephone 613-933-6040, ext. 21167 or by Email: chelps@siccc.ca

PRAISE & WORSHIP

March 3rd @ 7:00pm at Saint Peter's Church. Join us the first Tuesday of the Month for an hour of Praise & Worship Music. All are Welcome!

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2020 – CORNWALL HOST SITE

On Saturday April 25th, 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 host sites across Canada and the USA. This year's Summit is once again featuring world-class Catholic speakers: Fr. Robert Spitzer. S.J., Michael Dopp, Barbara Mason, Sherry Wedell, and Brett Powell. The NES has been designed to inspire Catholics and help them live out their personal call to evangelize. We are, once again incredibly excited to have a host site in Cornwall. The Summit is FREE for all attendees! Be inspired, receive formation, and connect with other Catholics. Register online at www.newevangelization.ca Where/Location: Agora Catholic Centre, 301 McConnell Ave, Cornwall When: 25 April 2020. 8:00 AM - Registration Opens, 8:45 AM - Start Cost: FREE For more information, please contact Tracey at 613-938-0848 or email traceyc416@gmail.com

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address, a tax receipt will be mailed to you for any donation in excess of \$10.00. Thank you for all your efforts.

CUSHIONS FOR PEWS

Please note: Those who may need a little softness on the pew, cushions are available in the basket at the front and rear of the church. Please return cushion to basket at end of Mass.

COMMUNION IN PEW

For those who are having mobility issues and need communion brought to the pew. Please notify Fr. Ernest or one of the Eucharistic Ministers before the start of Mass.



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