

2ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME (C)
17 JAN., 2016

To each is given a
manifestation of
the Spirit for
the common good ...
as the Spirit chooses.

St. Columban Parish

36 Fourth St. West, Cornwall, ON K6J 2R6

Masses: **Sat Vigil:** 5:30 p.m., **Sun:** 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays except Mondays: 7:30 a.m.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (1 Pet 2:9-10)

The call to be God's people: St Peter tells the early Church that in their search for meaning prior to encountering the Gospel they were not a people. But through hearing the call to be God's chosen race and receiving the power of God's salvation in Jesus Christ, they have become God's people. This reality is expressed in Baptism, common to all Christians, in which we are born again of water and the Holy Spirit (cf. John 3:5). In Baptism we die to sin, in order to rise with Christ to a new life of grace in God. It is an ongoing challenge daily to remain aware of this new identity in Christ.

Hearing of God's mighty acts: Baptism opens up an exciting new journey of faith, uniting each new Christian with God's people throughout the ages. The Word of God – the Scriptures with which Christians of all traditions pray, study and reflect – is the foundation of a real, albeit incomplete, communion. In the shared sacred texts of the Bible, we hear of God's saving acts in salvation history: leading His people out of slavery in Egypt, and the great mighty act of God: the raising of Jesus from the dead, which opened new life to all of us. Furthermore, prayerful reading of the Bible leads Christians to recognise the mighty acts of God also in their own lives.

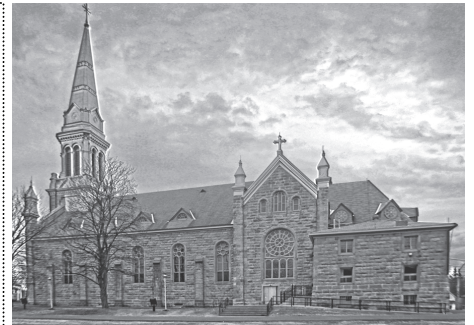
Response and proclamation: God has chosen us not as a privilege. He has made us holy, but not in the sense that Christians are more virtuous than others. He has chosen us to fulfil some purpose. We are holy only insofar as we are committed to God's service, which is always to bring His love to all people. Being a priestly people means being in service to the world. Christians live this Baptismal calling and bear witness to God's mighty acts in a variety of ways:

Healing wounds: Wars, conflicts and abuses have wounded the emotional and relational lives of the people of Latvia and many other countries. God's grace helps us to beg forgiveness for the obstacles which prevent reconciliation and healing, to receive mercy, and to grow in holiness.

Searching for truth and unity: Awareness of our common identity in Christ calls us to work towards answering the questions that still divide us as Christians. We are called, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, to share our experiences and so discover, that in our common pilgrimage, Jesus Christ is among us.

An Active Commitment to Human Dignity: Christians who have been brought out of darkness into the marvellous light of the Kingdom recognise the extraordinary dignity of all human life. Through common social and charitable projects we reach out to the poor, the needy, the addicted and the marginalised.

As we consider our commitment to Christian unity, for what should we beg forgiveness? Knowing the mercy of God, how do we engage in social and charitable projects with other Christians?



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By appointment 1 month in advance

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Please give 6 months notice

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Saturday 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Also by appointment

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, January 16th

3 – 4 p.m. Confessions

5:30 p.m. Harold McNicol by wife Kathleen & family

Sunday, January 17th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners

9:30 a.m. Jacques Lebrun by John & Geraldine Thompson

11:00 a.m. Robert John Boulerice by David Hill

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Monday, January 18th – No Mass Chair of St. Peter

Tuesday, January 19th

7:30 a.m. Isabel & Gerald Parisien by Joe Parisien & family

Wednesday, January 20th

7:30 a.m. St. Joseph In Thanksgiving for favour received
by Marleene McWilliam

Thursday, January 21st

7:30 a.m. Angus McIntosh by Stella McDonald

Friday, January 22nd

7:30 a.m. Phoebe O'Brien by Margaret Furco

Saturday, January 23rd

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

5:30 p.m. Amelia Lalonde by Lise & Gerry DiCola

Sunday, January 24th

7:30 a.m. Charles Adams by Cheryl Adams

9:30 a.m. Intention of parishioners

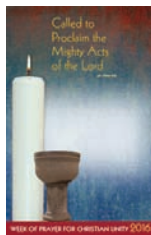
11:00 a.m. Eileen Ruest by Berniece & Dan McPhail

Monday, January 25th – No Mass

The relationship between Baptism and proclamation, and the calling shared by all the Baptized to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord was inspired by two verses from the First Letter of St Peter.



This calling forms the theme of the **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, JANUARY 18-25**



**TO OBTAIN 2016 PARISH ENVELOPES
PLEASE CALL TO ARRANGE PICK UP AT THE OFFICE**

**COMMUNION STATIONS ARE LOCATED
CENTRE FRONT AND HALFWAY DOWN CENTRE AISLE**
Please exit pews from the centre aisle and return by the side aisles. Thank you.

IN THE PARISH

COLLECTION 1 JANUARY, 2016 – THANK YOU

\$ 162.00	Sunday Env	\$ 337.10	Initial Offering
253.75	Loose	\$1,675.00	New Year's
\$ 415.75	Total		

COLLECTION 3 JANUARY, 2016 – THANK YOU

\$3,355.00	Sunday Env.	\$ 120.00	Christmas
295.90	Loose	\$ 467.00	New Year's
\$3,650.90	Total	\$ 124.45	Book Table
		\$ 128.00	Candles
		\$ 327.00	Initial Offering

Coffee and Chat.

Coffee is offered at the Fourth St. entrance after Masses this weekend. Stop for a coffee & chat with fellow parishioners.



PORNOGRAPHY HURTS EVERYONE - POSTCARDS

Members of the Catholic Women's League will be at entrances of the Church next weekend Jan 23-24 with post cards for parishioners to sign. Please stop on your way into or out of the church next weekend and sign the cards. The postcards require your **name and return address** and **ask a question**. Please take the time to indicate that pornography has no place in our world. The CWL will present these cards to MP Guy Lauzon. This is one way to show the mercy we are being called to by Pope Francis.

**ST. COLUMBAN'S
HAM AND SCALLOPED POTATO SUPPER**

5 P.M., SUNDAY, 31 JANUARY

St Columban's Activity Centre

Second Floor Agape Bldg.

To accommodate the number of meals needed, tickets will be sold in advance. You can purchase your tickets (\$10.00) next weekend – 23 & 24 Jan.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL HOUR

After a break for the holidays parishioners are gathering for a few social hours on Tuesday afternoons at St. Columban's Activity Centre. Everyone is welcome.

**SHOULD YOUR CHILD RECEIVE
FIRST COMMUNION, FIRST RECONCILIATION, AND/OR
CONFIRMATION THIS YEAR?**

If your child is in the public school system OR attending a separate school, but did not receive any of these Sacraments with others his/her age (Grade 2 typically) **NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER WITH THE PARISH FOR AFTER-SCHOOL PREPARATION CLASSES**

if you wish your child to receive these Sacraments this Spring. Please leave your name, phone number and your child's name, date of birth, grade and school with the parish office (613-932-9616) and you will soon be contacted by a team member to make arrangements.

IN OUR PARISH

SNOW REMOVAL

CHURCH ENTRANCES AND WALKWAYS

Please check the diagram (on bulletin boards) of the Church entrances and walkways which show where snow removal will be carried out on weekends when there is a major snowfall.

As we have 5 entrances to be cleared of snow and our custodian is not scheduled to work on weekends, this will help eliminate some overtime work for him if a major storm occurs.

Thank you everyone for your understanding.

Get set for Kindergarten!

Registration for the 2016-2017 school year is now underway at your local Catholic school.

French Immersion is offered at many of our schools.

In addition, we offer before and after school programs, and on-site daycare at some locations. Please call your local Catholic school for more information, or visit www.cdsbeo.on.ca for a complete list of schools and information on how to register your child.

IN THE DIOCESE AND AREA

"BEHOLD THE MAN!": MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

All men are welcome to join Fr. Todd Arsenault, LC the weekend of **12-14 FEBRUARY** to "Encounter The Lord Through His Humanity". Retreat takes place at Shalom House in Alexandria. The cost of the weekend is \$185, which includes your lodging & meals. Space is limited so **register by February 5th**. Contact Michael Krol (613-551-4205) or Heidi Krol (613 -347-7561) for more information and to register. This weekend is presented by Regnum Christi, the lay arm of the Legion of Christ.

WORKSHOP – 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M., SAT., 23 JANUARY

"LITURGICAL CATECHESIS: UNLOCKING OUR TREASURE OF MEANING"

At St. Paul University

When the relevance of the symbols, gestures and prayer of the Sunday Eucharist are opened, they become a strong catechetical tool for preparation for all other Sacraments. The session is designed for all who prepare liturgy or work in parishes to prepare youth and adults for Sacraments.

No charge for the session – but you need to register at Saint Paul University using this link

http://ustpaul.ca/en/Liturgical-Catechesis-Unlocking-Our-Treasure-of-Meaning_2215_17.htm

REGISTRATION FOR STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2016

The conference takes place **22-24 July** on the campus at UOIT in Oshawa, Ont. Activ8 Youth Ministry is promoting a \$50. early bird registration discount (online and deposit of \$100) until 1 March. Register online at www.steubenvilletoronto.com for teens entering grade 9 next September. For more info contact Sr. Francine at fguilmette@alexandria-cornwall.ca

IN THE DIOCESE AND AREA

PALLIATIVE CARE OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE AN OPEN DISCUSSION

*Sponsored by The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Diocese of Alexandria – Cornwall*

SATURDAY, 6 FEBRUARY – 9:30 AM TO 12 NOON

At St. Francis de Sales Church Hall

Fr. Kevin Maloney, *Teaching of the Catholic Church*
Dr. Daniel Lacroix

Physician Assisted Suicide, What does it mean?

Dr. Mary Jane Randlett, *Palliative Care in Hospice*

Mr. Jordan C. J. Arthur

of Adams, Sherwood, Swabey and Follon

Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

All concerned people welcome.

AN HOUR OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP MUSIC 6:30 TO 7:30 P.M., THURSDAY, 21 JANUARY

at St. Peter's Church.

Bring whatever voice God gave you and sing it back to Him! Praise and Worship is a style of music that speaks directly to our Lord and becomes a personal prayer for those who sing it or listen to it. Most of the melodies are simple to learn. A current favorite : "Lord I need You!" All are welcome.

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BREAKFAST

8:30 A.M. TO 12 NOON, SUNDAY, 31 JANUARY – \$7.

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY IN TORONTO – 4/5 MARCH

The Diocese is considering planning a two day trip to Toronto for the *Lift Jesus Higher Rally*, with an opportunity to visit a Church with Holy Doors for the plenary indulgence available through them during this Year of Mercy.

We need to know NOW if there is enough interest to book a bus...so let us know so we can confirm the trip.

Contact mbergeron@alexandria-cornwall.ca TODAY.

If we can't fill a bus, the trip becomes too costly.

Tentatively, departure at 8:30 AM Friday March 4th, stop at a Church with Holy Doors en route, overnight downtown Toronto hotel with free time late afternoon and evening, hopefully within walking distance of the Conference Center. Conference from 9 AM - 5:30 PM. Saturday. Departure 6 p.m., supper enroute, home by midnight. Approximate cost \$180- \$200. Includes ticket to Rally, bus and hotel. You pay for your own meals. Keynote speaker is Deacon Larry Orny, along with Renewal Ministries Team of Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck from Renewal. The day includes: beautiful Christian music; personal testimony, Divine Mercy celebration, Eucharistic Procession, Prayer Ministry, Closing Mass with Cardinal Collins.

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