

**3RD SUNDAY OF
LENT
08 MARCH, 2015**

God's foolishness is wiser
than human wisdom, and
God's weakness is
stronger than human
strength..

St. Columban Parish

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

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

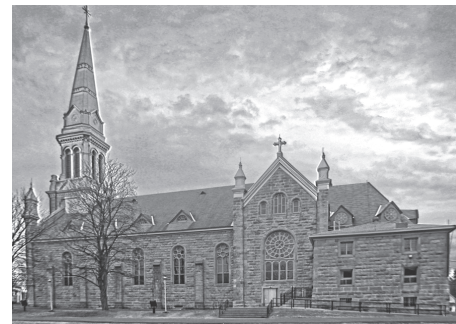
Today's Readings:

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19:8-11
1 Corinthians 1:22-25
John 2:13-25

Blessed are they who
dwell in Your house,
for ever singing Your
praise.

Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 52, 64, 2056
CCCC: 8-9, 419
YOUCAT: 7-8, 349



PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Fr. Jerome Pastores,
Parochial Administrator
Rev. Mr. Marcel Brunet, Deacon
Rev. Fr. Claude Halle, Guest Priest

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs. Kelly Poitras

OFFICE HOURS

Mon. to Thurs. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Evenings by appointment

BAPTISMS

By appointment
1 month in advance

MARRIAGES

Please give 6 months notice

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.
Also by appointment

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WE ARE ALL CALLED TO BE NEW EVANGELISTS

Evangelizing or evangelism, spreading the Good News, is often thought to be a "Protestant thing," but evangelization is a deeply "Catholic thing." Evangelization is not just one thing among many that the Church does, it's the reason she exists. The New Evangelization aims to reach those who have had some experience of God but who have drifted away. It's "re-evangelization."

As New Evangelists, let's master three traits:

- 1. Clarity.** We can't share what we don't know. If we aren't clear about what we believe, we'll never be able to articulate it to others. With knowledge from the Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we'll be better equipped to clear up misconceptions about what Catholics believe and get to the root of issues that may be keeping people from the Church.
- 2. Calm.** We need to shed light, not heat. Light draws people in and illuminates the good. Heat burns people.
- 3. Joy.** St. Theresa of Avila once said "a sad saint is a bad saint," and that holds true for all Catholics. How could you not gravitate toward the bubbling, effervescent joy that Pope Francis exudes? So if we want to draw people to the Lord, we need to exude the same joy that God Himself is. Smile profusely.

Many people think that they've heard the Catholic story, many people have had some experience of God or Church but have drifted away because they haven't found it compelling. As Pope St. John Paul said and encouraged, it's time for all of us to become New Evangelists; to master the art of clarity, calm and joy; to share the real Catholic story in exciting and compelling ways. *From a presentation by Brandon Vogt*

SOME SOBERING FACTS

St. Columban is known as the "mother church" of ALL of the Catholic churches in Cornwall. Over the course of the past 11 years, our parish's average weekend Mass attendance has dropped by almost two thirds! Revenue has dropped accordingly. As our congregation ages, more and more people move to care facilities. In the past, many people from our neighbourhood worshipped here; today the neighbourhood is largely unchurched and many of our former families have moved to newer neighbourhoods. Many Baptisms and Weddings are celebrated here; sadly most of those individuals are not regular participants in the life of this parish. We've gone from three priests on staff to one. Staff and all expenses have been cut to the bare essentials. We have a magnificent, yet costly to maintain church building. When he met with our ministry heads, Bishop Marcel told us that he'd prefer not to close more parishes, but made it clear that it's up to us to make that possible.

The Good News is that God hasn't given up on us. And, He's entrusted to us a mission field right at the doors of our parish church.

Evangelized/discipled people naturally want to support the mission of the Lord's Church. **Still think that evangelization is not everyone's calling?**

Don Smith. Parish Leader for Catechesis & Evangelization

| CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES | |
|---|---|
| <u>Saturday, March 07th</u> | |
| 7 – 7:25 a.m. | Confession |
| 8:00 a.m. | Mathias Valade (16 th Anniversary of death) by Meriza & family |
| 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Confessions |
| 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. | Confessions |
| 7:00 p.m. | Howard Quail by Martin McPhail |
| <u>Sunday, March 08th</u> | |
| 7:30 a.m. | Fred & Evelyn Upton by Angus Kelly |
| 9:30 a.m. | Intentions of the Parishioners |
| 11:00 a.m. | Gerry MacPherson by Anne Arthur & family |
| <u>Monday, March 09th</u> | |
| 7:30 a.m. | Mae Lapierre & deceased family members by the estate |
| 12:10 p.m. | In Thanksgiving - Fr. Jerome by a parishioner |
| <u>Wednesday, March 11th</u> | |
| 7:30 a.m. | Eileen Mondoux by the family |
| 12:10 p.m. | Sue Taillon by Helen Schweitzer |
| <u>Thursday, March 12th</u> | |
| 7:30 a.m. | Souls in Purgatory by a parishioner |
| <u>Friday, March 13th</u> | |
| 7:30 a.m. | In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony by a parishioner |
| <u>Saturday, March 14th</u> | |
| 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Confessions |
| 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. | Confessions |
| 7:00 p.m. | Sylvia Shaver (21 st Anniversary of death) by daughter Kelly Poitras & family |
| <u>Sunday, March 15th</u> | |
| 7:30 a.m. | Intentions of the Parishioners |
| 9:30 a.m. | Marguerite Lauzon by Art & Geraldine Lauzon |
| 11:00 a.m. | Patrick Finnerty by St. Columban's 11 a.m. Choir |
| <u>Monday, March 16th</u> | |
| 7:30 a.m. | Rita Hutt (7 th Anniversary of death) by Mervin Hutt |
| 12:10 p.m. | Oliver Kerr by June Kerr & Wayne Kerr |

| INCOME COMPARATIVE STATEMENT FOR 31 JAN. 2015 | | | |
|---|---------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| INCOME | YTD ACTUAL | YTD LAST YEAR | DIFFERENCE |
| Sunday Collection | \$20,441. | \$23,520. | -\$3,079. |
| Other | 2,093. | 2,250. | - 157. |
| Total | \$22,534. | \$25,770. | -\$3,236. less revenue |
| EXPENSES | \$26,647. | \$27,764. | \$-1,117. Less expenses |

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY LENTEN FOOD DRIVE
 14 March Peanut Butter - 21 March Spaghetti Sauces
 28 March Canned Tuna or Salmon - 4 April Canned Pastas
Thank you everyone for your support.

IN OUR PARISH

| COLLECTION 22 FEBRUARY, 2015 - THANK YOU | | | |
|--|-------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Sunday | \$3,971.00 | Flowers | \$ 778,10 |
| Loose | 403.64 | Initial Offering | 20.00 |
| Total | \$4,374.64 | Candles | 138.60 |
| | | Book Table | 138.60 |
| Christmas | 20.00 | New Year's | 50.00 |

STATUS OF OUR DIOCESAN LOAN
 Thanks to \$25,000 received from the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation & \$25,000 from our Parish funds, \$50,000 has been paid against our \$75,000 loan from the Diocese, leaving a balance remaining of \$25,000. This loan was to pay for the repairs to the steeple which were carried out in 2012. Please continue your financial support to both the Parish and the fundraising events held by the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation to enable us to pay the remainder of this loan as soon as possible. Many thanks for your support.
Anne Gauthier, Finance Council

THE COMBINED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ST. COLUMBAN'S FINANCE COUNCIL AND THE PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION
 This is an opportunity to learn more about our Parish Finances and to ask any questions you might have.
7 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH
IN THE UPPER ROOM OF THE CHURCH (OVER THE SACRISTY). HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION
 The Foundation's mandate is to raise funds to restore and preserve the historic church of St. Columban in Cornwall. The parish has mounted an ambitious plan to restore the exterior of the church and will proceed with continued maintenance thereafter.
 In 2014, Foundation fundraising totaled \$52,917.29
 ~ Regular donations through envelope collections and mail - \$34, 067.34
 ~ In Memoriam donations on the death of a loved one - \$291.
 ~ Fall concert with corporate sponsorships - \$5,258.35
 ~ Fundraising Dinner & 50/50 draw at the Legion - \$1,830.70
 ~ Annual *Christmas Remembrances* bulletin insert \$11,469.90
 The Foundation contributed \$75,000 in 2014 for our new roof. Administrative and fundraising costs were kept to a minimum at \$1,148.53.
 We ask for your continued support for the Foundation in 2015 so that together we can meet our ongoing commitment to help restore and maintain our beautiful parish home.
 A complete financial statement will be reviewed at the joint annual general meeting of the Foundation and Finance Council in the upper room of the Church at 7 pm on Wednesday, 18 March
 Should you have any questions, please call Janet Surgeson, Foundation Treasurer at 613-937-3621. .
Thank you for your continued support of this and future projects.

IN THE PARISH

COFFEE AND CHAT – NEXT WEEKEND

Plan to stop after Mass next weekend and chat with other parishioners while enjoying a cup of coffee or tea.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA AUDIO CDs

NEXT WEEKEND – 14/15 MARCH

During the coffee and chat time after Masses, parishioners will be staffing our kiosk with a selection of *inspiring talks from the very best Catholic presenters*. Take advantage of this opportunity to purchase a few to enhance your own spiritual growth during this season of Lent and/or to share with someone you care about. Topics include testimonies, Church teaching, and much more. Each CD is still only \$5.

St. Columban's Catholic Women's League ST. PATRICK'S DAY TEA AND BAKE SALE

Enjoy sandwiches & desserts with your tea.
There will also be a bake table, candy table & basket draw.
In the Parish Activity Centre (upstairs Agape Bldg.)
Admission \$6. All are welcome.
1:30 TO 3 PM TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH

ADULT ALTAR SERVERS

are needed to serve at funerals and Masses when required.
If interested and you are able to be of assistance to the Parish in this ministry, please contact Sean Stoner at 613-933-9101
Ministry position description is available.

IN THE DIOCESE

AN ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS

WITH RENOWN CATHOLIC SPEAKER, RALPH MARTIN

Great Lenten opportunity to grow in faith. Ralph Martin is a best-selling author, TV host of "The Choices We Face" & President of Renewal Ministries, Ralph travels the world bringing the Good News of Salvation. He has worked for the national office of the Cursillo Movement & subsequently is a leader in the development of the National & International Catholic Charismatic Renewal. He was named by Pope Benedict XVI as a Consultor to the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization.
Advance Tickets \$10 online www.heartsablaze.ca
\$15 at the door – AGORA CATHOLIC CENTRE
PLUS FREE-WILL OFFERING FOR RALPH'S MINISTRY
FRIDAY 27 MARCH 7-9 P.M. - Call to Mission
SAT 28 MARCH 9-NOON – Call to Holiness / Gift of the Spirit

STEBENVILLE TORONTO YOUTH CONFERENCE – 7 TO 9 AUG.

Mega and inspiring Catholic Youth Conference (for youth in grades 8 to 12). Registration [open now with a \\$50 discount until 31 March](http://eng.alexandria-cornwall.ca/steubenville-toronto). Full price after 31 March will be \$325 (2 nights in hotel, 6 meals, and access to events). Information for parents, promo video, registration link, available on at:
<http://eng.alexandria-cornwall.ca/steubenville-toronto> or e-mail info@acgoes2to.ca Donations welcome to help some young people attend this quality Catholic Event.

IN THE DIOCESE

K OF C – BIG BREAKFAST

at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall. Menu: fruit, bacon sausage, eggs, homefries, pancakes, toast, coffee/tea, orange juice, baked beans. Free will donation – proceeds for St. Joseph & St. Matthew Mission Projects.
8 A.M. TO 12 NOON, SUNDAY, 8 MARCH

St. Francis de Sales Knights of Columbus
ROAST BEEF DINNER – THURSDAY, 12 MARCH
2 sittings 4:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. Adults \$10, child \$5

IRISH STEW FUNDRAISER

Treat yourself & family to a delicious meal prepared & served by the St. Andrews K of C at St. Andrews Catholic Church Hall.
Attire: Green is in. Bonus: Come and enjoy some Irish music.
\$10/person Or Donation. Children under 10 eat free.
4 TO 8 P.M., SATURDAY, 14 MARCH

CHURCH ALIVE SERIES – MONDAYS 6:30 TO 7:30 P.M.

At Blessed Sacrament Church. A series of talks lead by Deacon Pierre & Fr. Jacques. All welcome to attend & share. -
9 March Social Justice - 23 Mar. The Consecrated Life;
30 Mar. The Francis Effect

BISHOP'S MOVIE PIX

MOLOKAI – THE STORY OF FATHER DAMIEN

A native of Belgium, ordained in Honolulu, at the age of 33 Fr. Damien volunteered to be the first & only priest serving the leper colony. There he spent himself attending as best he could to the people's needs, both spiritual & physical, offering the Sacraments but also dressing wounds, helping shelter them from the elements & constructing coffins & digging graves.
Port Theatre - **MARCH 20TH TO 26TH** – 7:15 p.m.
Monday & Wednesday Matinees at 2 p.m.

BINGO – ST. THERESE DE LISIEUX PARISH – 19 MARCH

Early Bird 6:30 - Bingo starts at 7 p.m.

PRO-LIFE CORNWALL ANNUAL SPAGHETTI SUPPER

will be held at the Agora Catholic Centre
4:30 TO 6 P.M., SUNDAY, 22 MARCH
Adults \$8.; children under 12 free. Take-outs available
Donations of desserts are welcome

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

SUGAR BUSH BRUNCH 10:30 A.M. TO 1 P.M., SUN, 29 MAR
Crysler Community Centre. Music by Pierre & Eloise Lafleche
Adults & teens \$12; children 5 to 11 \$5; under 5 free
Menu: eggs,bacon, sausages, baked beans, pancakes, maple syrup. Taffy on snow (\$1.)

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2015

takes place at the Agora Catholic Centre, 301 McConnell Ave.
FRI. 24 APR. 6:30 TO 9:15 PM. & SAT, 25 APR 9 AM. TO 4:45 PM. Cost: \$65. includes lunch on Saturday
Speakers: Scott Hahn, Ralph Martin, Patrick Coffin, Jo-Ellen Gregus, Fr. Michel Gaitley, Fr. James Mallon, Ken Yasinski and Michael Dopp. To Register: www.newevangelization.ca

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