

**4TH SUNDAY
OF EASTER (C)
17 APRIL, 2016**

Almost the whole city gathered to hear the Word of the Lord. ... the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

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.

WORD & SPIRIT ENABLE EVANGELIZATION

The Word of God is transmitted by breath. The breath or the ruah of God according to the Bible is the Holy Spirit!

Human news is transmitted in person or via radio, cable, satellite, etc. Divine news, since it is divine, is transmitted by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the genuine, essential means of its communication, and without Him we would perceive only the human language in which the message is clothed. The words of God are "Spirit and life" (Jn 6:63), and therefore they cannot be transmitted or received except "in the Spirit."

Jesus began preaching "in the power of the Spirit" (Lk 4:14). He Himself declared that "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor" (Lk 4:18). Appearing to the apostles in the upper room the night of Easter, He said, "As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you!" And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (Jn 20:21-22). In commissioning the apostles to go into the whole world, Jesus also conferred on them the means to accomplish that task—the Holy Spirit—and He conferred it, significantly, through the sign of His breathing on them.

According to Mark and Matthew, the last word Jesus said to His apostles before ascending into heaven was "Go!": "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation" (Mk 16:15; Mt 28:19). According to Luke, however, the final command of Jesus seems to be the opposite: Stay! Remain!: "Stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high" (Lk 24:49). There is of course no contradiction here: it means, "go into the whole world but not before receiving the Holy Spirit."

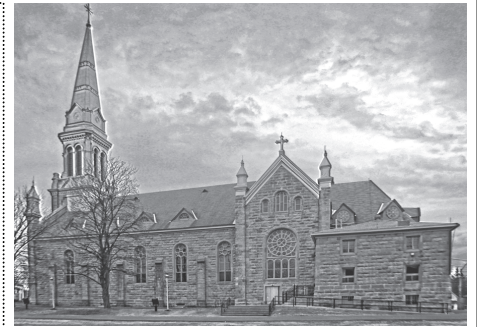
The whole account of Pentecost serves to highlight this truth. The Holy Spirit comes, and then Peter and the other apostles begin to speak in loud voices about Christ crucified and risen, and their speech has such anointing and power that 3,000 people feel their hearts pierced. The Holy Spirit, coming upon the apostles, becomes in them an irresistible urge to evangelize.

St. Paul goes so far as to affirm that without the Holy Spirit it is impossible to proclaim that "Jesus is Lord" (1 Cor 12:3), which, according to the New Testament is the beginning and the summation of all Christian proclamation. As for St. Peter, he defines the apostles as "those who preached the good news to you through the Holy Spirit" (1 Pet 1:12). The first thing to avoid when we speak about evangelization is to think that it is synonymous with preaching and is thus reserved for a particular category of Christians.

Marshall McLuhan once applied his slogan "the medium is the message" in a way that, for me, is extremely enlightening. He said that only in Christ Jesus is there "no distance or separation between the medium and the message: it is the one case where we can say that the medium and the message are fully one and the same." Such a total identification between the herald and the message could only be found in Christ, but in a derived sense it should also be true of anyone who proclaims the gospel. Here, the messenger is not the message. However, if preachers have given their lives totally to Christ, if they can say with Saint Paul, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Gal 2:20), then it can be truly said of them that the medium is the message, that their very life is their message.

Excerpted from one of Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa's homilies to the papal household.

(Fr. Cantalamessa is one of the presenters at the New Evangelization Summit this weekend.)



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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, April 16th

3 - 4 p.m. Confessions

5:30 p.m. Leo & Bea Massia by Raymond & Kelly Poitras

Sunday, April 17th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners

9:30 a.m. Brendan Mullin by John & Janice Meyer

11:00 a.m. Shirley Gosselin by Isobel McLennan

Tuesday, April 19th

7:30 a.m. Edmond Leblanc by Lynn Heatley &
Georgette Brand

Wednesday, April 20th

7:30 a.m. Archie MacMillan by daughter Isobella
MacMillan

Thursday, April 21st

7:30 a.m. Barbara Parisien by Joe Parisien & family

Friday, April 22nd

7:30 a.m. Aldea Brunet by David Herjavec

Saturday, April 23rd

3 - 4 p.m. Confessions

5:30 p.m. In Thanksgiving for favours received by a
parishioner

Sunday, April 24th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners

9:30 a.m. Iola Parisien by Joe Parisien & family

11:00 a.m. Albert & Lillian Burnie by their children

COMMUNION STATIONS ARE LOCATED
CENTRE FRONT & HALF-WAY DOWN CENTRE AISLE
Please exit pews from the Centre aisle and return
by the Side aisles. Thank you.

Adopt a Candidate (Sacramental Prep)

Thank you to all who have shown their love and prayers for our children who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation & First Reconciliation. Your note of congratulations and prayers for special grace is due on May 1st.

MASS INTENTIONS

The Church offers us a wonderful way to bring our intentions before the community so that we are not alone in our prayer. We can entrust a Mass intention for an individual, a group of individuals (for example, deceased family members) or a special prayer intention (for example, peace in the world). We welcome all those who would like to have a Mass or a number of Masses said for their intentions. For more information, see Kelly at the parish office 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays.

IN OUR PARISH

COLLECTION 3 APRIL, 2016 – THANK YOU

\$3,642.00 Sunday Env.

\$ 70.00 Dev. & Peace

343.35 Loose

\$ 148.60 Candles

\$3,985.35 Total

\$ 68.95 Books

\$ 118.70 Sale of Palms

\$ 65.00 Good Friday/Holy Land

\$ 202.00 Easter

\$ 20.00 Vocation Sunday

COFFEE AND CHAT

At the 4th Street entrance
following Masses this weekend.

This will be an opportunity to meet

***DEACON CHRIS CHISHOLM
AND HIS WIFE PAULINE.***

Stop and enjoy a cup of coffee
and take time to personally welcome them
to our Parish Community.



Catholic Women's League
DIOCESAN SPRING RETREAT, THURSDAY APRIL 28
at Shalom House. Adoration 6 p.m. Retreat at 7 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION BURSARIES

St. Columban's Catholic Women's League will present a \$150. bursary at both St. Joseph's and Holy Trinity's Grade 12 graduations. Parishioners are invited to nominate eligible candidates. Call Jane Anderson 613-933-1062.

CWL SPRING GARAGE SALE – SAT. 7 MAY

While spring cleaning, please set aside any useful but unneeded/unwanted items and donate them for the Sale. Items may be dropped off from 3 to 5 p.m. at St. Columban's School on Friday, May 6th

FROM THE VATICAN

POST-SYNODAL APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION
AMORIS LAETITIA OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS
to Bishops, Priests & Deacons, Consecrated Persons,
Christian Married Couples & all the Lay Faithful on
LOVE IN THE FAMILY

The Joy of Love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church. As the Synod Fathers noted, for all the many signs of crisis in the institution of marriage, *“the desire to marry and form a family remains vibrant, especially among young people, and this is an inspiration to the Church”*.

As a response to that desire, *“the Christian proclamation on the family is good news indeed”*.

Document now available on the
Vatican website www.vatican.va

IN OUR DIOCESE

LIFE MATTERS

**CONFERENCE ON EUTHANASIA,
PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE & ABORTION**

9 A.M. TO 4 P.M., SATURDAY, 23 APRIL

at the Agora Centre, 301 McConnell Ave.

Adults \$10. incl. lunch & refreshments. Students free.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

BY WEDNESDAY, 20 APRIL

Call Joan 613-931-2087 or Dale 613-362-2867

db19914@hotmail.com or cruzin66cc@hotmail.com

Speakers: Alex Shadenberg (Euthanasia Prevention Coalition), Faye Sonier (Physicians for Life), Albertos Polizogopoulos (Constitutional Law and Civil Litigation Lawyer), Dr. Mary Jane Randlett (Palliative Care Physician), Angelina Steenstra (Silent No More Awareness Campaign), Dale Barr (Hospice RN, Rachel's Vineyard Facilitator)

IN OUR DIOCESE

WORDS OF LIFE

Don't be afraid to stand up for the value and dignity of life. Catholic Christians have a special role to play in resisting the culture of death.

All Catholics are called to be strong supporters and proponents of the Gospel of Life.

Make your voice heard.

Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J.

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The dignity of the human person is rooted in his/her creation in the image and likeness of God.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

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Support groups and individuals actively involved in promoting palliative care and opposing euthanasia and assisted suicide.

Catholic Women's League - Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall
PALLIATIVE CARE DAY

TWELVE HOURS OF PRAYER – WED., 4 MAY

Palliative care is an important component of the continuum of health care in Canada. However, palliative care is not sufficiently defined as a medically necessary service under the existing Canada Health Act.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA INVITES ALL PARISHIONERS TO JOIN IN A PRAYER VIGIL as the nation awaits changes to the Canada Health Act.

Let us pray that our national government moves to improve the accessibility, affordability, and quality of palliative care for all Canadians affected by a life-altering illness. Please note the following schedule:

MORNING MASS FOLLOWED BY PRAYER VIGIL

7:30am - 9:30am St. Finnan's

PRAYER VIGILS

8am - 10am: St. James

10am - 12pm: St. Andrew's

12pm - 2pm: St. Columban's

2pm - 4 pm: St. Francis de Sales

4pm - 6 pm: Our Lady of Grace/St. Pius X

4pm - 6 pm: St. Peter's

EVENING MASSES, PRECEDED BY PRAYER VIGIL

6pm - 8 pm St. Bernard's

6pm - 8 pm: Our Lady of the Angels

**Knights of Columbus – St. Francis de Sales Parish
BREAKFAST – SUNDAY, 24 APRIL**

In the Parish Hall: 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., - \$7.

STILL SPACES FOR STEUBENVILLE-TORONTO

Canada's largest Catholic Youth Conference. Now in its third year, the conference will take place July 22-24 on campus at UOIT in Oshawa, Ont. **REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.STEUBENVILLETORONTO.COM** for teens entering Gr. 9 next September. For more info. contact Sr. Francine, FMA at fguilmette@alexandria-cornwall.ca.

THEOLOGY ON TAP – 8 P.M. FRIDAY, 6 MAY

TALKING FAITH OUTSIDE A CHURCH ENVIRONMENT

A monthly encounter for young adults & their friends married or single where fun, friends & faith mix in a relaxed & inspiring atmosphere. This month we meet at the Best Western in Cornwall. Guest speaker Andrew Bennett, Ambassador for Religious Freedom within the federal government.

SALESIAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

29-30 APRIL, 1 MAY

FOR GRADES 9-12 TEENS

Youthful, dynamic, funny, hands-on learning week-end with a Catholic perspective of leadership. Limited space. Program co-lead by ACTiv8 & Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco. Contact fguilmette@alexandria-cornwall.ca

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