

Tragedies show us that life is fragile and that we must get right with God before we die and face judgment. If you have fled to Christ for refuge and you're bringing forth the fruits of repentance in your life, you are ready if tragedy strikes. You will not perish!

ST. COLUMBAN

PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

MARCH 24, 2019

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

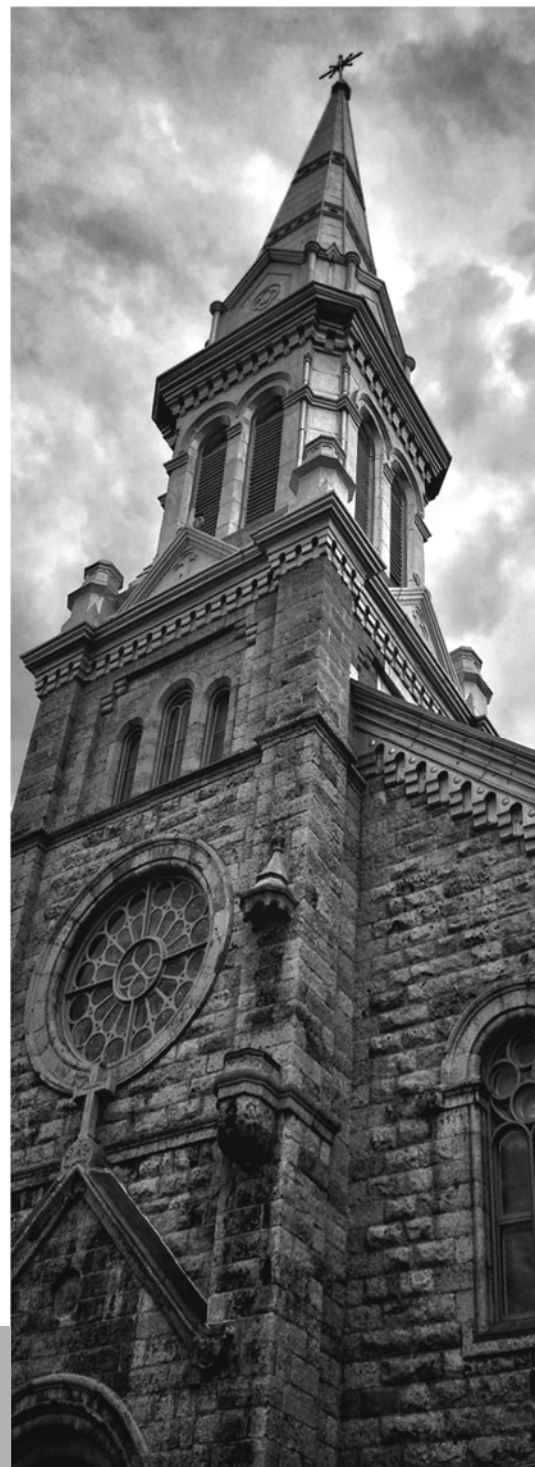
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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, March 23rd ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO (OM)

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 5:30 p.m. Nick Cinquina by Gerry & Barb Devaney

Sunday, March 24th THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Norma Dupree by Betty Piquette
 11:00 a.m. Robert Pilgrim by Isabel Lalonde

Monday, March 25th THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (S)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** LENT – WEEK 3

Tuesday, March 26th

7:30 a.m. A Special Intention for Audrey Greve by Elizabeth & Jennie
 12:10 p.m. Audrey Levac by Art & Geraldine Lauzon

Wednesday, March 27th

7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory by A Parishioner
 12:10 p.m. Slatko Draganjac by Darlene Brabant

Thursday, March 28th

7:30 a.m. Nick Cinquina by Cheryl-Ann Lebrun
 12:10 p.m. Annie McDonald by Elizabeth & Jennie

Friday, March 29th

7:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving for Favor Received by a Parishioner
 12:10 p.m. Terry Gauthier by Marion Tobin
 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 30th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 5:30 p.m. Gerald McDonald by Annie & Alfie McDonald

Sunday, March 31st FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Jim McCann by Joan Earle
 11:00 a.m. Glenn Cameron by Brigitte Brennan

Monday, April 01st

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** LENT – WEEK 4

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“He said to the gardener, “For three years now I have searched for fruit on this fig tree but have found none.”
 - LUKE 13:7

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.

TODAY'S READINGS – MARCH 24TH

1st Reading: Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12
 Gospel: Luke 13.1-9
 Unless you turn back to God, you will perish as they did.

POPE FRANCIS' APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION, THE CALL TO HOLINESS

Join us on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 PM, as we start to study and learn more about Pope Francis' vision on Holiness. Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXULTATE, on the Call to Holiness in Today's World. We will meet for three weeks, praying, reading, and discussing this document. Refreshments will be served. Meet at St. Columban's Church in the room above the Sacristy. Please contact Janet to register at 613-363-5331 or by email at janetsurgeson@gmail.com.

PLEASE NOTE – LENTEN MASSES

Our Friday evening Stations of the Cross begins Friday March 08, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. and every consecutive Friday ending on April 12.

Our Lenten 12:10 p.m. Mass begins on Tuesday March 12, 2019, ending on Friday April 12, 2019.

C.W.L. PORNOGRAPHY CAMPAIGN 2019

The Catholic Women's League of our Parish are holding their campaign against pornography this weekend at all the masses. Please take time to sign one of the petitions located at the entrances to the Church. Print and sign your name. Thank you.

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The living flame of the Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for Elaine Lebrun as she recovers from surgery by Jackie Sheney.



HOLY THURSDAY - FOOT WASHING

Fr. Ernest invites those parishioners who would like to take part in the foot washing on Holy Thursday (April 18) to see him or call the office to participate. Signup sheets are also available at the Sunday Masses. The washing of the feet is a direct expression of our service to one another.

CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER

Chicken Dinner Fundraiser for Patrons of St. Columban Foundation for the restoration of our historic St. Columban's Church at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 297, 415 Second St., West, Cornwall. 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Sunday, April 7. Tickets available after masses the weekend of March 23-24, 30-31. Tickets \$12 also available at St. Columban's parish office during office hours, from Foundation members, by calling Brian Lynch at 613-933-8353, and at the Legion. Everyone welcome.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER – Bring a Friend

Our next evening will take place on Thursday, April 04, 2019, 7pm in the Church. Bring a friend and your specific prayer intentions as we will also continue to pray for our Parish and our Diocese. Followed by refreshments and Social time. If anyone is interesting in sharing how God has worked in their life or if you would like more information, please call Janet Surgeson at [613-363-5331](tel:613-363-5331) or by email at janetsurgeson@gmail.com

IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS MARCH INTENTIONS

Evangelization – Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

ATTENTION ALL PARISH MUSICIANS OF ALEXANDRIA/CORNWALL

Once again, this year, there will be a Diocesan Choir for the *Christ Mass* to be celebrated Monday April 15th at 7p.m. in *Nativity Co-Cathedral*. Rehearsals will begin on **Tuesday, March 19th at 7 p.m. at Nativity church** where more details will be given. If you wish to take part in this choir please **contact Helen McAlear (613-932-8326) by March 17th**.

MESSAGE FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Each year during Lent we have a 6-week food drive, intent on stocking our food bank shelves. We provide a calendar which itemizes products each week that are in demand and are the staples we provide as emergency food assistance to our clients. All of us have a tradition of “giving-up” something for lent, but instead of chocolate or coffee maybe we can give up some of our own goods to the benefit of the poor in our local area. The scriptures continually talk to the need for all of us to share our bounty with the poor, and this is an opportunity to do just that. The calendar will be available in your church bulletin and/or at the back of the church and our 2018 Annual Report is on the reverse side of the calendar. Food can be brought in and left at the church and we will arrange for pick-up. Thank you.

HOSPITALIZED OR HOMEBOUND

If you are in the hospital or homebound or know someone who is and would like a visit from Fr. Ernest to receive the sacrament of the sick or would like a member of the Pastoral Care Outreach to visit please call the parish office 613-932-9616. If you would like your name mentioned in the prayers of the sick please call the parish office. All names given to be prayed for must be with permission.

ST. JULIAN'S CHAPEL

Anxious? Lonely? Depressed? Do you need peace? Come to Simply Adore Jesus at St. Julian's Chapel - 24/7 Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Behind St. Peter's Parish (side entrance). You are always welcome!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Catholic bookstore located at 146 Chevrier Ave. (behind the Nativity Church), is in need of volunteers. If you are bilingual and would enjoy working a 3-hour shift/week serving the people of our Diocese, contact Jeannine Lacroix at 613.938.6364. We are all volunteers working in a great environment serving great people!

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORTS FOR MARCH 10, 2019

Sunday Envelopes	3,263.00
Loose Collection	312.25
Total	\$ 3,575.25

CITY LENTEN MISSION

Join us Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings, March 31, April 1 and 2 from 7-8:30 pm at **St. Peter's Parish** for this year's Lenten mission with Tom and Jean Marie Edwards. From Florida, Tom has travelled the world for the past 35 years sharing the Gospel message in a simple, down to earth fashion. Jean Marie has a powerful testimony to share with us as well. With great music and hospitality, it is a great opportunity to invite friends who aren't comfortable in a Mass environment. Opportunities for personal prayer and a reception will follow the sessions at 8:30 pm.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The sanctuary lamp is a special lamp which is kept close to the tabernacle. The sanctuary lamp remains alight to indicate and honour the presence of Christ. The living flame of the sanctuary lamp signifies the Eucharistic presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. Sponsorship of the Sanctuary Lamp is available for a week long period of time. Stipend is \$20.00 per week and the intention will be listed in the bulletin.

ST. COLUMBAN'S IS "LIVE" ON "MY PARISH APP"

- Download Now to your iPhone, iPad, Android Phone and Tablet
- Keep up to date with what's happening in our Parish and with the other Parishes in our diocese!
- Read Bulletins ~ Gospel Reflections ~ Calendar of Events ~ Diocese information and notices ~
- You can also create a group or join a group to keep in touch with Group Activities or notices: Available now... CWL or ALPHA

For more information or to create a group contact Janet at janetsurgeson@gmail.com or 613-363-5331.

FAMILY BREAKFAST

St. Francis de Sales K of C 11531 are having a 'Family Breakfast' on **Sunday, March 31, 2019 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. \$7.00/person. *Everyone welcome.*

WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION

Please join us Sat. April 6 from 9:30 am - 12:00 at the Centre Charles-Emile Claude on Chevrier St., Cornwall, for mass, confession, breakfast, a talk and the rosary. The guest speaker will be Ellen Hrkach, an award winning Catholic author. For any inquiries please contact Heidi Krol 613 347 7561 or Marilynn Light 613 537 2021. A free will offering of \$5 is appreciated.

HALL RENOVATIONS FUNDRAISING DINNER

Saint Joseph Parish, Lancaster, will be hosting a "Hall renovations Fundraising Dinner" on Saturday March 30, 2019. The "Gourmet meal" will be served at 6:45 p.m., in the parish hall. Cost \$25.00 per person. Only 120 tickets will be sold. To reserve a ticket, please call Anne Van Sleeuvan at 613-347-2518 or the rectory at 613-931-1424.

Movie – FATAL FLAWS

This documentary will be shown on Monday, **March 25th at 1:30 pm at The Port Theatre** (123 Montreal Road, Cornwall). There will be a second showing **in the evening at 7:15 pm followed by a brief talk by Alex Schandenber.** Alex is the Executive Director of the **Euthanasia Prevention Coalition**, which he established in 1999. He is one of the world's foremost anti-euthanasia activists.



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