

Lent began with Ash Wednesday that marked the start of a season of inner growth. Lent is a time to deepen our relationship with God. If our progress has not been a source of delight to God, it's never too late to begin. We are temples of the Spirit, called to holiness and to the joy of eternal life.

ST. COLUMBAN

PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

MARCH 04, 2018

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Rev. Fr. Claude Hallé, Guest Priest
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
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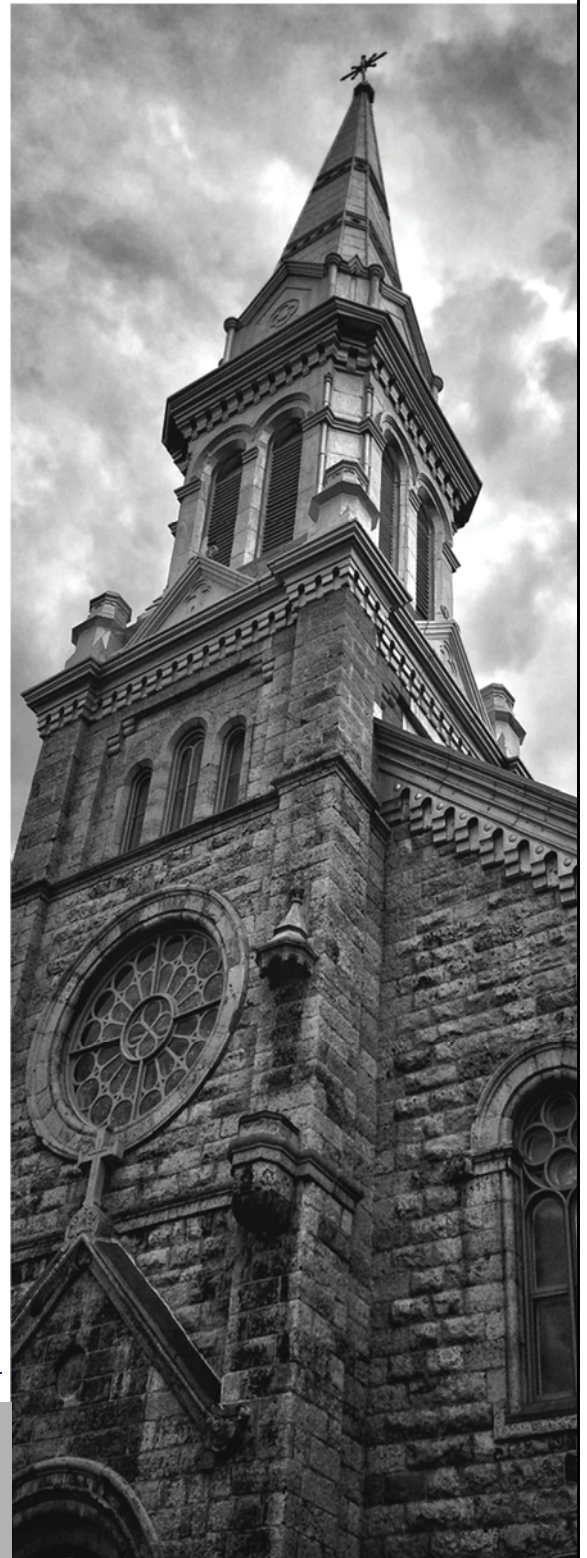
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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, March 03rd IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

FIRST SATURDAY

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Special Intention for Frank Ricci by the Joy of the Lord Prayer Group
3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Deceased Members of the Fraser & Provost Families by Joan Provost

Sunday, March 04th 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m. Intention of Parishioners
9:30 a.m. Tom MacInnis by Teresa MacInnis
11:00 a.m. Pauline Boileau (33rd Anniversary of Death) by Diane & Gilles Lafrance

Monday, March 05th

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** 3rd WEEK OF LENT

Tuesday, March 06th

7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory by a Parishioner
12:10 p.m. Doreen Rose by her Sister Cathy Miron

Wednesday, March 07th ST. PERPETUA AND

ST. FELICITY (OM)

7:30 a.m. Ruth Stidwill by the Family
12:10 p.m. Souls in Purgatory by Ethel Bingley

Thursday, March 08th ST. JOHN OF GOD (OM)

7:30 a.m. A Special Intention by a Parishioner
12:10 p.m. Kevin Fallon by Gerry & Lise DiCola
7:00 p.m. CWL Diocesan Mass

Friday, March 09th ST. FRANCES OF ROME (OM)

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
12:10 p.m. Florence Lapierre by Teresa MacInnis
5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 10th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Mr. Kekera by St. Columban's Choir

Sunday, March 11th 4th SUNDAY OF LENT

Daylight Savings Time begins this morning – clocks are moved forward one hour at 2:00 am, so 2:00 am becomes 3:00 am

7:30 a.m. Intention of Parishioners
9:30 a.m. Special Intention for Our Children by Richard & Carole Pilon
11:00 a.m. Robert Harrison by Carol Papps & Family

Monday, March 12th

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** 4th WEEK OF LENT

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything....” - Exodus 20:4

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognise. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday March 06th.

ADDED LENTEN MASS

There is a 12:10 p.m. Mass Tuesday to Friday during Lent. Make this part of your Lenten journey.

PLEASE JOIN US

Every Friday during Lent. We will be doing the Stations of the Cross. Join Fr. Ernest at 5:30 p.m. in the Church. We will use the program from Dev. & Peace.

PARISH MISSION - SAVE THE DATE!

Everyone in the Diocese is welcome to take part in the Parish Mission hosted by St Columban's Parish with Father Eslin Pereira - a member of the Claretian Missionaries. Join us at 7pm on Sunday March 11th, Monday March 12th and Tuesday March 13th for one, two or all three days! Social time and Refreshments will be served following the talks...

CWL GENERAL MEETING

On Tuesday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Activity Center upstairs in the Agape Building. All ladies welcome to attend.

DIOCESAN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Thursday March 22 - The Gift of God's Mercy. Come and experience the healing mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. No matter how long it has been, or how much or how little you have to confess, Jesus is waiting for you.
St. Francis Parish – 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY TEA & BAKE SALE

St. Columban's Catholic Women's League tea & bake sale on Saturday March 17, 2017 - 1:30p.m. – 3:30p.m. at Parish Activity Centre. Admission \$7.00. Basket draw, Bake sale, Candy table. Tickets for the basket draw will be available at Church on the weekends of March 3rd/4th and March 10th/11th.

CWL DIOCESAN GENERAL MEETING

On Thursday, March 8th. Mass in St. Columban's at 7:00 p.m., followed by meeting in the Activity Center upstairs in the Agape Building.

HOLY THURSDAY - FOOT WASHING

Fr. Ernest invites those parishioners who would like to take part in the foot washing on Holy Thursday to see him or call the office to participate. The washing of the feet is a direct expression of our service to one another.

CLEANING OF CHURCH

The Catholic Women's League invites all those parishioners willing to assist them in cleaning our beautiful Church on Tuesday March 27, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Followed by refreshments in the Activity Center. Bring a bucket & clean cloths.

TODAY'S READINGS – MARCH 04TH

1st Reading (Long): Exodus 20.1-17
1st Reading (Short): Exodus 20.1-3, 7-8, 12-17
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25
Gospel: John 2.13-25

Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FINANCE COUNCIL & PATRONS FOUNDATION

All parishioners are invited to attend the combined "Annual General Meeting" of the Finance Council and the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation which will be held on Wednesday March 07 at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Room of the Sacristy. We hope to see you there.

THE WILD GOOSE

Video Series presented by Fr. Dave Pivonka

Join Us Tuesday March 20th at 7:00pm.
St. Columban's Activity Room.

Above the Agape Centre.

Note: There are no sessions on March 6th & March 13th.



GET SET FOR KINDERGARTEN!

Registration for the 2018-2019 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.

"I'M STILL HERE"

At Upper Canada Playhouse **March 11, 2018 at 1:30pm**
Of interest to everyone, this production aims to help us better understand the experiences from the perspective of a care partner and of the person diagnosed with dementia or Alzheimer's disease. Purchase your tickets now for \$20 at the Alzheimer Society of Cornwall and District 613 932-4914, 106B Second Street West.

PRO-LIFE SPAGHETTI DINNER FUND RAISER

Pro-life Cornwall Pro-Vie invites everyone to our fund raiser spaghetti supper on **March 11th. at the Agora Centre. It runs from 4:30 to 7:00 PM.** Cost is \$8.00 per adult and children under 12 are free. Both regular and gluten free spaghetti, salad, rolls, desserts and coffee or juice is available. Take-out orders are welcome. We appreciate donations of homemade baked goods and help at the supper. For further information please call Joan at 613-931-2087. Start the March Break off with a nice family meal prepared just for you!

ROAST BEEF DINNER

St. Francis de Sales K of C - Council #11531

ROAST BEEF DINNER Thursday, 8th March 2018 from 4:30 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall \$10 per person.

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Sunday Envelopes	4,554.15
Loose Collection	347.85
New Year's	55.00
Initial Offering	45.00
Flowers	769.25
Total	\$ 5,771.25

BOOKTABLE NEWS

During the season of **LENT** the book table has some booklets for you with daily reflections. (\$2.00). "*Let them lead you from contemplating on Christ's mercy and Passion to the astounding joy that is ours because of His great sacrifice for us.....*" Have a blessed Lent!

PARISH MISSION – STE-THERESE CHURCH

You are invited to the **Lenten Parish Mission** (in French) with Sister Marie-Thérèse Nadeau, author of many books and articles, which will take place at Ste-Thérèse Church from Sunday March 4th to Wednesday March 7th. There will a talk at 7 p.m. each evening, with Confessions on the Tuesday evening and a Mass on the Wednesday evening. A talk will also be given at 2 p.m. on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Please join us.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL GATHERING

Tuesday's 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Parish Activity Centre. Parishioners are invited to participate in an afternoon of games and socializing with others on Tuesday afternoons. Always open to new activities and ideas. For more info call 613.932.7091.

WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE WITH FR. KEVIN MALONEY

Join us **Wednesday mornings from 9:00-10:00 a.m.** in the St. Francis de Sales Parish Hall as Fr. Kevin gives an "Introduction to the Old Testament". It's a great way to learn more about your faith this Lenten season. These 1-hour sessions run each **Wednesday from 21st February 2018 to 28th March 2018**. All are welcome to these informative talks by Fr. Kevin with time set aside for questions.

PILGRIMAGE IN GREECE + CRUISE

The footsteps of **Saint Paul** with Father Marc Piche from September 29th to October 12th, 2018. For more information, Please contact Madeleine Lepage at 613-932-4136 or by email: madonnat@hotmail.com or Father Marc at 613-931-1424.

PARISH MISSION - ST. FINNAN'S

Lent is a time to renew our encounter with God. This Lenten season, Saint Finnan's parish invites us to come together to pray for our families and to reflect upon our family life. These sessions will contain Pope Francis' message on "Love in the Family". **We will gather at St. Finnan's Cathedral in Alexandria on Tuesdays from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. for 5 weeks.**

Topics:

February 20: With Mary, how to love and cherish our family.
February 27: With Joseph, how to listen and accompany our family.
March 6: With Jesus, how to become a good shepherd for our family.
March 13: Our family = "a domestic Church".
March 20: A family where the Holy Trinity dwells.

Our guide during this time of prayer and reflection will be Sr. Denise Desrochers, a Sister of Holy Cross. For more information, contact Sr. Denise Desrochers at d-desrochers01@gmail.com or Elizabeth McDonnell at bmcdonell@xplornet.com.

You are most welcome to attend any of the last three sessions even if you have missed the previous two sessions.

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