
Sunday, March 9, 2014


First Sunday of Lent



**The Catholic
Communities of
St. John the Evangelist**

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MASS INTENTIONS

St. John

Sunday, March 9 at 9:00 a.m.

Soul of Glen Carroll, by Joan Downey & family

Thursday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Parishioners of St. John & St. Brigid

Friday, March 14 at 9:00 a.m.

Souls of Joe & Doug Burns, by Anna Burns & family

Sunday, March 16 at 9:00 a.m.

Soul of Manning McEvoy, by Leighton & Callista Kelly

St. Brigid

Saturday, March 8 at 5:00 p.m.

Soul of Gerald Neville, by Anne Perkins

Sunday, March 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Soul of Isabel Sousa, by Alice Cordeiro

Saturday, March 15 at 5:00 p.m.

Soul of Gerald Hartigan, by Jerry Hartigan

Sunday, March 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Soul of Nuno Cordeiro, by Alice Cordeiro

THE GIFT OF LENT

Another season of Lent has started. Another opportunity for deepening our lives is being given to us. My prayer is that all of us will be able to receive the gift that God is offering to us during these special days. What gift does God have for me, for you? More life, deeper life, a fuller life. God wants us to live with the deepest, fullest life possible.

We should be very clear about one thing. Lent is not a second chance to see if we can keep our New Year's resolution. Lent is not really about giving up this or that, no matter how hard this or that may be. Giving up desserts or your favourite television show is not at the heart of this season. But if giving up something helps you to become more receptive to receiving the gift of deeper life from God, then, by all means, give it up.

The devil faced Jesus with three familiar temptations: to use his power to be materially secure (never hungry), physically safe (comfortable) and politically successful (in control). The desires for wealth, comfort or political power are normal human impulses and Jesus is human – but he rejects them. He centres himself in another kind of power, far greater and more mysterious than what the devil offers. It is the power of love. This is the power that will save us, ultimately, from destroying ourselves.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confession):**

- Saturday at **St. Brigid** from 4:30 to 4:45 p.m.
 - Sundays at **St. John** from 8:30 to 8:45 a.m.
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Parish News and Community Life

TAX RECEIPTS

Please remember to get your tax receipt at the entrance of the church.

MARIAN PRAYER GROUP – ST. BRIGID

Join our Marian prayer group which meets the last Sunday of each month after the 10:30 Mass. We would be happy to pray for your intentions. A prayer box is provided at the entrance of St. John and St. Brigid's church. For more info see Peggy.

ICON OF THE BLACK MADONNA

A revered image from Poland, on tour in Defence of Life and Family. Mass at St. Patrick Basilica, **March 18, 7:00 p.m.**, followed by all-night veneration. Icon will be present for the conclusion of the annual novena to St. Joseph on Parliament Hill, at the Centennial Flame, **March 19, 6:15 a.m.** Then across from 65 Bank St, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Veneration continues at Notre Dame Cathedral at the 12:15 p.m. Mass. Mass and prayers at St. Hyacinth Parish, 201 LeBreton St., 6:30 p.m. All welcome. Info: Diane (613-263-3541).

LENTEN MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS

Holy Spirit Parish, 1489 Shea Rd, Stittsville. Catholic Women's League is hosting this special Way of the Cross, followed by a poverty meal. **March 21, 6:30 p.m.** All welcome. Info: (613-836-6762); (lynne-newman@rogers.com).

NEW LIFE RETREAT – ST. MARY'S PARISH

Join us for a weekend of opportunity to encounter God's love and power to live the Christian life. **March 21, 22, 23 and 24.** Info: (613-224-5723).

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT CHRISTIAN RIESBECK, CC

The Most Rev. Terrence Prendergast, SJ, will preside at the ordination of Bishop-elect Christian Riesbeck, CC on **Wed., Mar. 19, 7:30 p.m.** at Notre Dame Cathedral-Basilica. All are welcome to attend this celebration.

OTTAWA IRISH FESTIVAL

Music, storytelling, ceilidhs, March 7-17. Parade, **Sat., Mar. 15, 11:00 a.m.**; Parade Party, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m., St. Brigid's Centre for the Arts. St. Patrick's Day Mass, St. Patrick's Basilica, **Mon., Mar. 17, 12:00 p.m.** Schedule: (www.irishsocietyncr.com). Info: Bryan (613-591-9194).

MEN'S CURSILLO – APRIL 3 - 5

F. John Fletcher, CC is the spiritual advisor of the men's cursillo this April. All men are invited. See Fr. John for more information.

ST. JOHN'S FUNDRAISER AUCTION – Sat., May 24, 11:00 a.m.

Viewing starting at **9:00 a.m.** Many antiques and collectables, for more info see the church website, or call Dennis at (613-821-2889). **July 19th** a Church Picnic will be held at St. John's, more news will follow in the weeks ahead.

Last Sunday's Collection

St. Brigid: \$ 966.40

St. John: \$ 1,143.25

Clothing Depot

Open Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

Coordinator: Wilda Corcoran at 613-821-3730.

Food Bank

Open Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

Coordinators: Len or Denise Herbert at 613-821-1481.

Hospitality

St. Brigid – if you know of a parishioner who is ill, or has suffered a loss, and would appreciate receiving a card, please call Sharon Van Schyndel at 613-489-0247.

Baptisms

Upon Request. A baptism preparation course is required.

Marriage

Please notify the parish office at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

Our St. Brigid Community

St. Brigid Parish Council*

Deanna Kelly, Chair
Maureen Goodspeed
John Kelly

St. Brigid Cemetery

Mike Kelly 613-692-4293

Our St. John Community

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