

# Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 26, 2017

- Mon, Mar 27 8:00 am** Laurent Dumais by Mike & Rita Fortin  
Intentions of Julie Ann Smrke by Len Weisflock
- Wed, Mar 29 12:00 pm** Intentions of Rheal & Marcelle Beaulieu by Romeo & Ann Cousineau  
Ron Marleau by Frank & Nancy Tremblay
- 7:00 pm** *Regional Penitential Service at Holy Name Church*
- Thu, Mar 30 12:00 pm** Denise Taillefer by Theresa Taillefer  
Lena Aultman by Diane Aultman
- Fri, Mar 31 Sacrament of the Sick**
- 9:30 am** Jeannette Beaulieu by Connie O'Connor  
Jeff Jones by Marilyn Judd
- 10:00 am – 4:00 pm** *All Day Confessions at Pro-Cathedral Parish*
- 7:00 pm** *Way of the Cross*
- Sat, Apr 1 5:00 pm** Ron Fournier by Family  
Bertille Murtaugh by Joan & Eximer Turcotte
- Sun, Apr 2 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Share Lent Collection**
- 9:00 am** For the intentions of all parishioners by Father Tony
- 11:00 am** Leon & Kelly Levasseur by Eileen Levasseur  
Emma Venditti by Donna & Vicki DeMarco & Family

Father Tony's homily is available online at [www.stpetertheapostle.ca](http://www.stpetertheapostle.ca) →About→Meet Our Pastor→Our Pastor's Homilies

**PRAYER LINE:** *In sorrow and suffering, go straight to God with confidence, and you will be strengthened, enlightened and instructed.* If you or any member of your family, or anyone you know, is sick, in distress or experiencing troubling times, we invite you to call the Parish Office to place that person on our prayer list.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:**



## OFFERING

Sunday, March 19, 2017 \$4 164.13  
*Thank you for your generous contributions!*

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Mar 27 – Apr 2

Monday	Isaiah 65.17-21; John 4.43-54
Tuesday	Ezekiel 47.1-9,12; John 5.1-16
Wednesday	Isaiah 49.8-15; John 5.16-30
Thursday	Exodus 32.7-14; John 5.18,31-47
Friday	Wisdom 2.1,12-22; John 7.1-2,10,25-30
Saturday	Jeremiah 11.18-20; John 7.40-53
Sunday	Ezekiel 37.12-14; Romans 8.8-11; John 11.1-45

## CWL NEWS

The Catholic Women's League *General Meeting* will be held on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. All members welcome.

### Prayer for Families

God, who healed the blind man, heal us too. Open our hearts to ask for your help. Give us the courage to ask you for the healing we need, and the humility and trust to receive it this Lenten season and always. Amen.

### WISDOM QUOTE:

"Anyone can heal who believes that he can and will take the time to put that belief into motion." Ernest Holmes



### *Calendar of Events*

- Mon 10:00 am** Rising Stars  
**10:30 am** Near North Palliative Care Music  
Night Planning Meeting (Kitchen)  
**3:30 pm** SNAP (Parish Hall)
- Wed 9:30 am** Cenacle – Rosary (Church)
- Thu 1:00 pm** Parish Hall Occupied  
**6:30 pm** Choir Practice – All Members  
*New Members Always Welcome!*
- Sat 10:00 am** Catholic Women's League  
Convention Meeting (Parish Hall)  
**1:00 pm** Parish Hall Occupied



Our **Share Lent Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale** will be held TODAY, Sunday, March 26, 2017 after the 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses. The cost for adults is \$6 each, children aged 6-10 cost \$3, and children 5 & under are free. All proceeds from this event go to Development & Peace/Share Lent. We look forward to your participation in this worthy annual project.

### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Reflect:** "I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; The things of the past shall not be remembered or come to mind." Isaiah 65.17

**Pray:** Father, thank you for your mercy and forgiveness. It is not you who hold me to my past mistakes, but it is I. I want to accept your promise of a fresh beginning, a future of hope. Help me to move on by the power of your spirit. I will confess my sin, accept your pardon and begin again. I am a new creation in your sight, and now I will live in that conviction. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

**Act:** If there is anything holding you back, bring it to the Lord in prayer and accept God's forgiveness.

### **Join the "Call for Conscience" Feb 6 – Mar 31**

The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording in the legislation intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients. No other country does this. Provinces across Canada do not do this. Yet, Ontario refuses to protect doctors who object to assisted suicide/euthanasia. Please visit [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca) to learn more, join the "Call for Conscience" and write directly to your elected Member of Parliament asking them to protect conscience rights.

### **CHUCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING**

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in June 2017 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

### **Good Friday 2017 Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Land**

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on Good Friday April 14, 2017. Our parish, along with all parishes across Canada, is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

Please join Bishop Damphousse and Monsignor Jean-Paul Jolicoeur as they explain the reason for the *Collection for the Holy Land* in a video produced by the Diocese: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vjbl-vykMBc>

### **Women are creating a future filled with hope in Syria**

This week, open your hearts to the reality of women living in a country at war. Listen to the voice of Hannan, a Syrian woman who tells us how our partner's training centres are helping to change the female workforce and the financial autonomy of women in her region. "Through the training course, I personally evolved a lot as a person. Today, I dream of teaching sewing and running a learning centre." Thanks to your support during Share Lent this year, 280 Syrians will have access to an 11-week training course in sewing and psychosocial services!

***Share Lent Collection takes place Sunday, April 2, 2017. Please be generous.***

### **Confirmation Information Night 2017 Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 pm**

in St. Peter's Parish Hall. Candidates and parents are asked to attend this meeting. Sponsors are also welcome. Please include a copy your Baptism Certificate with registration form, available from the Parish Office or on the church website [www.stpetertheapostle.ca](http://www.stpetertheapostle.ca) Candidates requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation are presumed to be in Grade 7 or 8 (or older) and to have previously received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. If you are missing one or more of these sacraments, please call the Parish Office at 705-472-1817.



**EASTER MEMORIAL DECORATIONS:** A special way to remember loved ones during this holy season is to donate memorial decorations in their memory. The decorations will be used to decorate our worship environment for the greatest feast of the year... the Feast of the Resurrection.



Envelopes for the decoration donations are available at the entrance to the Church. You may also use a plain envelope marking it:

<p><b><i>Memorial Decorations</i></b> In Remembrance of _____ Donated by _____ Address _____ Postal Code: _____ Envelope # _____</p>
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Include your donation and return it to the office or in the collection by ***Sunday, April 2, 2017***. A listing of remembrances will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Income tax receipts will be issued for all donations.

All Masses on Easter Sunday will be celebrated in memory of those for whom the Easter Decorations were donated.

*Remember loved ones this Easter and give glory to the Lord by helping to decorate for this beautiful season.*



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Ottawa, March 01, 2017

*Dear Father,*

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is held this year on Good Friday, April 14, 2017. Once the celebrations of the Paschal triduum are underway across Canada, in Jerusalem, the just recently renovated Holy Sepulchre will be more radiant and readily accessible to all Christian worshippers of the world.

In that spot, near the empty tomb of Jesus Christ, the church contemplates the gift of the Resurrection: "I saw the tomb of the living Christ and the glory of his Resurrection" (Victimae Paschali laudes). It is this vision that the Church celebrates with all the children of God born anew of water and Spirit. The Church in Jerusalem watches over and restores the tomb of Jesus to ensure that this site of faith be in full view, visited from afar and a source of inspiration.

The restoration of the tomb of the Christ Jesus has just recently been completed. It is emblematic of the efforts of renewal and support engaged at all times for the life of the faithful and the communities in the Holy Land: share with Christians the life in abundance promised by Christ and implemented by the Church.

In a most unassuming manner, the Pontifical Collection invites us as Catholics to "bear one another's burdens and to fulfill the law of Christ". This is true for the faithful and also applies to our Church who is committed to this gesture of solidarity year after year. It is our way of reminding ourselves that "love never fails" (1 Cor 13, 8).

The opportunity is provided to us to express on holy days our solidarity with the Christians of the Holy Land. A donation in response to the annual appeal of Pope Francis is a direct way of changing the lives of those caught in the grips of war, violence and the instability in this region. Thank you for your participation in this gesture of solidarity.

**Please find enclosed:**

- An introduction to present the Collection during the Good Friday Service.
- A thematic notice to be published in the parish leaflet of Palm Sunday, i.e. on April 9, 2017.
- Two posters about the Collection to be posted in your church, as of Palm Sunday.

We thank you for sending the papal collection proceeds to your bishop who, subsequently, will be forwarding to us the entire offering of your diocese. The offering of the catholic faithful of Canada is sent in full each year to the Holy Land.

With gratitude,

*Gilles Bourdeau, OFM.*

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*Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada*

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Feast of St. Francesco da Paola**



**Pasta and Meatball Dinner**

Coffee or Tea-Salad-Buns-Desserts



**Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017  
Dinner at 5:15pm**

**Holy Name of Jesus Church  
For tickets: 705-497-1367**

**Adults: \$12.00 Children 11 & under \$6.00  
Children 5 and under are FREE  
Take out is available**

## March 26, 2017 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

At first, Samuel judges by appearances, then he is reminded by God to judge the heart in order to find a worthy candidate to anoint as king. Saint Paul challenges us to live as *children of light*. In the Gospel, we have a man, blind from birth, move from seeing Jesus as a prophet to seeing Jesus as the Promised One, while the blindness of the Pharisees remains. Observing how a blind person negotiates his or her way through life is inspiring. Observing blindness of heart, however, is troubling. Those who are blind to the truth often stumble through life because of obstacles they place in their own paths. When we seek the truth of the Gospel, we are like the blind man who came to believe in the Son of Man.

### LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

*“Change my heart and help me to follow the way.”*

#### **Regional Penitential Service - Wednesday, March 29**

Holy Name of Jesus Church at 7:00 PM

Followed by Individual Confession.

#### **All Day Individual Confessions - Friday, March 31**

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Joshua Sullivan will be leading Praise and Worship** beginning at 7:00 PM each Sunday evening during Lent in the Pro-Cathedral. ALL are very welcome and encouraged to attend this uplifting experience!

**Mass of Chrism** will be held Thursday, April 6 at St. Jerome's Parish in Sault Ste. Marie at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend this special Diocesan mass where Bishop Damphousse will concelebrate with his presbyterium and at which the holy chrism is consecrated and the holy oils are blessed.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Feast of St. Francesco da Paola Pasta & Meatball Dinner** Saturday, April 1 at 5:15 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Coffee, Tea, Salad, Buns & Dessert too! For tickets call 497-1367. \$12/Adults, \$6/Children 11 and under, Free/Children under 5 years of age. Take out is available.

**Book Study on Pope Francis' The Joy of Love** will be held on Saturdays April 1, 8, 22 & 29 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM at the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall. Facilitated by Sr. Mae Kierans, this book is appreciated as an aid to reflection, dialogue and pastoral practice and as help and encouragement to families in their daily commitment and challenges. Registration limited – register soon by calling the parish office at 472-3970.

**Regional Outdoor Way of the Cross on Good Friday**, April 14 begins at St. John's Anglican Church (301 Main St. East) at 5:00 PM and up Main Street to Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Parish. The youth stop along the way to enact each Station. All are welcome to come and support our youth in this sacred evening by walking with us or joining us at the Cathedral at approximately 6:20 PM for Regional Indoor Way of the Cross.

**Divine Mercy Sunday** is on 23 April at 3:00 PM at St Peter's Church. Fellowship will follow with a potluck supper. Reminder – begin the Chaplet and 9 day novena on Good Friday.

**North Bay will be hosting this year's 97th Annual Catholic Women's League Diocesan Convention** from April 28 to 30 at the Best Western. For more information please contact Marcelle Beaulieu at 475-1851 or [randmbeaulieu@bell.net](mailto:randmbeaulieu@bell.net) before April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Prayers for the New Evangelization in our Region:** Every Tuesday at Holy Name Church from 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM. In front of the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray for the Holy Spirit to help us to be Evangelizers. For more information call Fran at 476-4146 or Holy Name Parish Office at 495-1501

**The Promises of Fatima:** Come pray the Rosary with a group of dedicated people who form a Fr. Gobbi Cenacle honouring our Blessed Virgin Mary. Wednesday mornings at 9:30am at St. Peter's Parish.

**Celebrate Spring with a Contemplative Art Retreat Day** Like the Unfolding of a Flower, Experience the Elegance that is YOU! Sunday, April 23 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at St. Joseph's Motherhouse. Facilitators: Sr. Sharon Miller & Sr. Pauline Guindon. Cost: \$75 includes lunch, art supplies & take home project. Limited space (12 to 24 participants) – register soon. Non-refundable reservation fee of \$15, balance to be paid on the day. Call 474-3800 ext. 213 to register.

**The new North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre** is now open & in full operation. You can receive the following services by dropping in at 323 Algonquin Ave. We are opened week days from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We offer free pregnancy testing, optional counseling, a friendly non-judgmental ear, baby supplies, post abortion grief counseling, and community service referrals. All services take place in a home-like atmosphere. Call us at 475-9270 or you can mail us at Box 733, North Bay ON, P1B 8J8

**The New Evangelization Summit 2017** is scheduled for May 12-13, mark it on your calendar. Eight great speakers – including Bishop Robert Baron. Cost is \$25.00/person. For more information contact Len Lanthier [lanthier@gmail.com](mailto:lanthier@gmail.com) 705-724-1368

**CLAY- (Catholic Love Attitude Yes!)** A Youth Program for JK to Grade 5, Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00pm at St. Gregory's School Gym, Powassan, back entrance. Come out and join us for games, crafts and faith teachings in a fun filled and positive environment. For more information please contact Laurie Dobbs at 724-1277 or Jessica Sheppard at 724-1835 or [jessicasheppard@gmail.com](mailto:jessicasheppard@gmail.com).

**Lenten Mission “The Seven Last Words of Jesus”:** St. Joseph's Church, Powassan March 26 to March 29 at 7:00 PM. Retreat Master Father John Perdue, Vocations' Director for the Diocese of Peterborough Free-will offering. Father John will also celebrate 9:00 AM mass March 27 to 29. For details call Laurie, 705-724-2118, or Jeannine, 705-724-3424. Everyone is welcome.

**March Gladness – Music and Words to Welcome Spring** Sunday March 26 at 2:30 PM at Trinity United Church. \$15 at the door with The Joy Band, Near North Voices and four local published authors Marca Attema, Steve Pitt, Donna Sinclair and Heather Stemp. Funds support Grandmothers for Africa - everyone Welcome!

**April Showers Tea and Bake Sale** St. Brice's Anglican Church, April 22 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Sandwiches, pickles/veggies, dessert tea and coffee will be served for \$5.00. Children under 10/ \$2.50. Cardmakers' unique cards also for sale. All welcome.

**Strawberry Luncheon and Bake Sale at Redeemer Lutheran Church** (Ferguson) on Saturday, April 29 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Everyone welcome!

**UKRAINIAN EGG DECORATING** led by Liz Lott. Holy Name of Jesus Church will be hosting an egg decorating session on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM in the Parish Hall. The fee is \$20.00 per person, which covers ALL costs. Recommended for 12 years old and up. Limit of 20 people, so please call 494-7869 to reserve a spot. Easter egg decorating options will be available for younger children – FREE! A simple pot luck lunch will follow Mass and precede the egg decorating – optional. Come experience this wonderful ancient art form and start a new Easter tradition.

**Open Adoration: St. Alphonsus in Callander** every Friday 8:30AM to 12:00 Noon. First Friday 8:30 AM to 8:30 AM (24Hrs). **St. Joseph's Motherhouse** first Sunday of the month from 3:30-4:30 PM in the Holy Family Chapel and **Pro-Cathedral** First Friday 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

**Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** every Wednesday at 11:55 AM at Pro-Cathedral prior to the 12:05 PM Mass.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is held weekly at Holy Name Church. Mon & Thu 12:00 – 5 PM; Tue 12:00 – 9 PM; Wed & Fri 12:00 – 6 PM. To make a weekly one-hour commitment, please call Lena 497-1368.