

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

**WELCOME:** We would like to extend a warm welcome **Father Dean Purdy** who will be celebrating Mass with us each weekend while Father Jacob is on vacation.

**SCRIPTURE MESSAGE – DIVINE MERCY:** *Life flows from faith so believe and ask for deeper faith.* In the first reading, we hear about the great faith of the early believers and how their faith allowed them to live in community, caring for each other well. In the Gospel, this is juxtaposed with Thomas' doubt. In the wake of doubt, Thomas asks for what he needs – more faith – and God gives it. If we want to live lives of generosity, peace, joy, and service, we need to have faith. So the answer to our inevitable doubts, and those of Thomas, is more faith. We ask God for more of it, so God's life can flow in and through us more.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** The Sunday of Divine Mercy is a day established by Pope John Paul II as a "perennial invitation to the Christian world to face with confidence in divine benevolence the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come". This is not a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather, it leads into the continuing celebration of God's mercy during Easter time.

You are invited to celebrate **Divine Mercy from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. this Sunday, April 8 here at St. John Bosco Parish.** There will be Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. Everyone is invited to attend.

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday, April 10	1:30 p.m.	Bible Reflection Group
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday, April 11	7:00 p.m.	Brockville Catholic Men's Group
Thursday, April 12	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Prayer Group in the Chapel

**A NOTE FROM FATHER JACOB:** I will be away from April 2 to May 4. In my absence, Father Dean Purdy will be filling in for the weekend Mass at St. John Bosco and Father Justin Pulikunnel has agreed to celebrate Mass on Friday, April 13 at Sherwood Park Manor and April 27 at Bridlewood Manor. There will not be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration during this time. Please contact Father Price at 613-342-2993 in case of an emergency. Thank you so much to Fathers Purdy, Price and Pulikunnel for their great support.

MASS SCHEDULE APRIL 7 – APRIL 15, 2018		
Saturday, April 7	5:15 p.m.	Deceased members of the Robertson family
Sunday, April 8	8:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
	10:00 a.m.	Intentions of the Prayer Group
Monday, April 9 to Thursday, April 12		NO MASS
Friday, April 13	11:00 a.m.	Intentions of Brian and Olga Brougham – Sherwood Park Manor
Saturday, April 14	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, April 15	8:30 a.m.	Bob Visneski
	10:00 a.m.	Bill and Marguerite Clifford
<b>The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: Our Parishioners</b>		

Weekly Target: \$3500.00	Actual Offering – April 1 - Easter: \$ 5564.75 Good Friday: \$ 1120.00	Operating Surplus: \$ 2064.75
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**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Please pray for: Reggie Bernardo, Armand L'Anglais, Fr. Martin, Hilda Armstrong, Gerard Parker, Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Denis & Norma Savage, Dorothy Meaney, Stella Alberry, Heidi Reid, Gerald & Irene Moriarty, Bibin John, Leone McIntyre, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Maurice Belec, Margaret Smith, Grant Marshall, Margrite Dezainde, and John Beriau.

**CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND:** A display of olive wood religious items would be available for sale after Mass this weekend. All the items are hand carved by Catholics living in the Holy Land. This is a wonderful way to support the community in the land where our Lord once walked.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Prayerful best wishes to all who are celebrating their wedding anniversaries in April:

<b>Ken and Marlene O'Grady</b>	<b>57 years</b>	<b>April 8</b>
<b>Laurens and Betty De Kleine</b>	<b>51 years</b>	<b>April 15</b>
<b>Mark and Jill Heffernan</b>	<b>14 years</b>	<b>April 24</b>
<b>Rick and Debbie Noonan</b>	<b>32 years</b>	<b>April 25</b>

***"After eight days, Jesus came and stood among them."* – John 20.19-31**

APRIL 8, 2018

MINISTRY SCHEDULES				
MASS TIMES	HOSPITALITY	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, April 14 5:15 p.m.	Theresa Houston Anne Peace	Mary MacDermott Grant Marshall	Deacon Shawn Souder Paul and Cynthia Mantha Mary MacDermott	Samantha Glashan Allie White Grace Kelly
Sunday, April 15 8:30 a.m.	Noreen Shepherd Margaret Bougie	Deborah Souder Judith Hart	Deacon Shawn Souder Marc and Phyllis Dennis Susan Visneski	Grace Whiteland Evan Duffy
Sunday, April 15 10:00 a.m.	Carmen Hampel Donna Cody	Larry Baldissera Ann Gilliard	Deacon Shawn Souder Norma Burns Maureen Laurin Mary Gilliard	Christopher Logstrup Joshua O'Keefe

**FATHER JACOB'S SILVER JUBILEE:** On April 22, Father Jacob will be celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. Although he will be in India with his family on that day, the St. John Bosco Parish family is planning to celebrate with him upon his return. On **Sunday, May 6**, the Parish Pastoral Council will be having a Coffee Social after the 10:00 a.m. Mass with cake and treats. On **Friday, May 11**, we will be hosting a celebratory dinner for Father Jacob with Archbishop Brendan O'Brien in attendance. This dinner will be a catered beef dinner with entertainment and fun for all. Tickets for this dinner are **\$25.00 per person and they will be going on sale starting April 10 in the parish office and they will also be available after each weekend Mass for the weekends April 14-15 and April 21-22.** Please remember that there is limited seating and the deadline to purchase tickets is **April 24**. Also, we will be collecting gifts of money and spiritual bouquets to present to Father Jacob from the parish. More details will follow in next week's bulletin.

**RECEIVING THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST:** The faithful may receive the Eucharist in both Species at all Masses next weekend – April 14-15.

**FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:** Please remember our candidates in your prayers as they prepare for these special Sacraments -  
 May 10, 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Retreat  
 May 11, 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. First Communion Retreat  
 May 13, 2:00 p.m. First Communion Mass  
 June 2, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal  
 June 3, 2:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SPRING FLING:** The St. Vincent de Paul Society is hosting a *Spring Fling* Fundraising Dance on **Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Brockville Legion**. Come dance or just listen to the music of the 70's band Samsara, and DJ Tim Glashan. There will be a Silent Auction, door prizes, a light luncheon and more! Please support this important fundraiser. Tickets are \$25.00 per person or \$20.00 per person if bought in a group of 10 or more, and are available at both Scotiabank locations.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FLOWER PLANTING:** The Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce that they will be purchasing, planting and maintaining flowers at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery at a cost of \$40.00 per gravesite. Please contact Stewart Glashan 613-342-3855 and provide plot details and payment by **May 20**. Cheques should be payable to the Knights of Columbus Council 1049 and may be dropped off at the church or sent to Stewart Glashan, 7 Stanley Crescent, Brockville K6V 2S9.

**AN OCTOBER 10-DAY PILGRIMAGE & CRUISE TO GREECE & TURKEY:** Join us on one of the most exciting pilgrimages and see Athens, with the Acropolis and Mars Hill where St. Paul delivered his famous sermon about the "Unknown God". This pilgrimage is from **October 18-27, 2018**. For a detailed itinerary, email [frpwhalen@gmail.com](mailto:frpwhalen@gmail.com) Father Richard Whalen or [justin.pulikunnel@gmail.com](mailto:justin.pulikunnel@gmail.com) Father Justin Pulikunnel directly. The cost of this pilgrimage is \$4190 CDN per person, based on double occupancy. Deadline to register is **April 15th**.

**ST. MARY'S, ST. CECILIA'S CWL:** The CWL is hosting a speaker, Joanna Sisk at their April meeting on **April 15 following the 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's Parish, 31 Meikle St., Morrisburg** on homelessness. Joanna worked in several areas of Canada as a nurse. After retiring from nursing, Joanna worked on the streets of Ottawa ministering to homeless people. This experience has given her deep insight into the issue. She will share these experiences and insights in her presentation and we invite you to join us to learn more about homelessness and how each of us can help to improve the lives of those affected. We would appreciate if you could RSVP in advance to [celeste.guse@gmail.com](mailto:celeste.guse@gmail.com).

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** *The Gift of wisdom* - Four-year-old Amanda was taken to the doctor's office with a fever. The doctor looked in her ears and asked, "Who's in there? Donald Duck?" She said, "No". He looked in her open mouth, "Who's in there? Mickey Mouse?" Again, she said, "No". He put his stethoscope on her heart and asked, "Who's in there? Barney?" Amanda replied, "No, Jesus is in my heart. Barney is in the pocket of my underwear."

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