

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**SCRIPTURE MESSAGE:** Peter's words in the first reading are some of the earliest proclamations of repentance after the Cross. Preaching to the community that handed Jesus over to death, Peter offers mercy for sin. In the Gospel, the disciples on the road to Emmaus do not recognize Jesus until He is gone. In both cases, there is ample opportunity to kick oneself, saying "We should have known." But they did not know, even if they might have, and often neither do we, until it is too late. The miracle is that God shows up for us whether we recognize Him or not. What a gift! Denial, justification, continuing in ignorance, wallowing in shame, or any other tactic we use to avoid repentance robs us of life. Do not add more sin to the first by refusing to see now or refusing grace. When you realize what you might have known, admit it, turn back and revel in the grace God offers us now that we know.

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday, April 17	1:30 p.m.	Bible Reflection Group
Wednesday, April 18	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
Thursday, April 19	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Prayer Group in the Chapel
Friday, April 20	7:00 p.m.	Parish Movie Night

**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 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.

**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

**PARISH MOVIE NIGHT:** The next Parish Movie Night will be on **Friday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m.** The movie will be "Heaven is for Real" starring Greg Kinnear.

MASS SCHEDULE APRIL 14 – 22, 2018		
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
Monday, April 16 to Friday, April 20		NO MASS
Saturday, April 21	5:15 p.m.	Tom Stretton
Sunday, April 22	8:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
	10:00 a.m.	Intentions of Father Jacob Chelamootil
<b>The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: Bob and Brian Visneski</b>		

Weekly Target: \$3500.00	Actual Offering – April 8: \$ 3663.85	Operating Surplus: \$ 163.85
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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, John Beriau, Debbie Freer and Shelley McCaffrey.

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

<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>
<b>Andrew and Loretta Tollman</b>	<b>46 years</b>	<b>April 27</b>
<b>Michael and Yvonne Donovan</b>	<b>34 years</b>	<b>April 27</b>
<b>John and Anne Howison</b>	<b>45 years</b>	<b>April 28</b>
<b>Brian and Julie McCarthy</b>	<b>17 years</b>	<b>April 28</b>

**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

***"Thus it is written, that the Christ is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day." – Luke 24.35-48***

APRIL 15, 2018

MINISTRY SCHEDULES				
MASS TIMES	HOSPITALITY	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, April 21 5:15 p.m.	Carol Ravnaas Josie Bracamonte	Camille Ballantyne Lloyd Clayton	Paul and Cynthia Mantha	Sarah and Lauren McDonald
Sunday, April 22 8:30 a.m.	Marguerite and Jill Whiteland	Marc Dennis Debbie Zabloski	Phyllis Dennis Noreen Shepherd	Grace Whiteland Evan Duffy
Sunday, April 22 10:00 a.m.	Johanne Cardinal Donna Cody	Christine Provost Robin Reil	Deacon Shawn Souder Peter Verhoeven	Isabelle and Liam Heffernan

**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.

**CWL PLANT SALE:** We need the help of all gardeners to make this fundraiser a success. Please consider potting up plants that you are dividing and donating them to the sale. Drop off is Friday, May 25 or very early Saturday morning May 26 at St. John Bosco Parish. The Plant Sale is on Saturday, May 26 from 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

**GARAGE SALE, PLANT SALE AND BAKE SALE:** The Knights of Columbus and the CWL will be having a joint Garage Sale/Plant Sale/Bake Sale on Saturday, May 26 at St. John Bosco Parish Centre from 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. If you have any gently used items you would like to donate, please drop them off on Friday, May 26 between 12:00 noon and 5:00 p.m. **PLEASE NO CLOTHING, SKIS OR ENTERTAINMENT CENTRES – ONLY GOOD CLEAN SALEABLE ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**ST. MARY'S, ST. CECILIA'S CWL:** The CWL is hosting a speaker, Joanna Sisk at their April meeting on April 16 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).

**BROCKVILLE ARTS CENTRE:** The Brockville Arts Centre is excited to announce that they have booked the film **I Can Only Imagine**, which was released in March 2018. The film is based on the popular Christian worship song by the same name, recorded by the band  *Casting Crowns*. There will be four showings: **Wednesday, May 23 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, May 24 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased in person at the Box Office or over the phone at 613-342-7122. You can also order only at [www.brockvilleartscentre.com/i-can-only-imagine/](http://www.brockvilleartscentre.com/i-can-only-imagine/).

**SPRING SENIORS CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY SERIES: "EVERYTHING BELONGS":** This series will take place on **Thursday, May 3 and May 17 from 9:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Providence Spirituality Centre.** The facilitator is Denise Berube, CND. The season of Spring always beckons creation to new life, a bit at a time, until it reaches a certain completion. Everything belongs to, and adds to, the rich panorama of God's creation. How is it so in our lives as Christians? What do we notice in the springtime of our lives? What does it mean for us to "grow into belonging" to the whole of God's creation? Senior or not – if you'd like to come you're welcome! Cost: \$20.00/session (includes Lunch). Please contact Providence Spirituality Centre at 613-542-8826.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK: *The Gift of understanding:*** A kindergarten teacher was observing the children in her classroom while they drew pictures. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's artwork. As she came to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

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