## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**SCRIPTURE MESSAGE:** Today's readings teach us that Lent is the ideal time for cleaning out the Temple of our own hearts and to offer to God proper Divine worship by obeying the Ten Commandments. They also teach us that our New Covenant with God demands that we should keep our parish Church holy and our Divine worship vibrant by our active participation in the liturgy with hearts cleansed by repentance, and holy by allowing the Holy Spirit to control our hearts and lives. Scripture lessons: Today's first reading teaches us that the Ten Commandments are the basis of our religious and spiritual life. Instead of restricting our freedom the Commandments really help us to love and respect our God and our neighbors. The Responsorial Psalm refreshes the soul and rejoices the heart; love of God is pure and true, more precious than gold. The second reading reminds us that we must appreciate the Divine "foolishness" of the crucified Christ and obey His commandment of love as expression of our Divine worship. Today's Gospel gives us the dramatic account of Jesus' cleansing the Temple of its merchants and money-changers, followed by a prediction of his death and Resurrection. Jesus cleansed the Temple which King Herod began to renovate in 20 BC. The abuses which kindled the prophetic indignation of Jesus were the conversion of God's Temple into a "noisy market place" by the animal merchants and into a "hideout of thieves" by the money-changers with their grossly unjust business practices - sacrilege in God's Holy Place. Jesus' reaction to this commercialized Faith was fierce. Life messages: 1) We need to avoid a calculating mentality in Divine worship: Our relationship with God must be that of a child to his parent, one of mutual love, respect and a desire for the family's good, with no thought of personal loss or gain. 2) Let us remember that we are the temples of the Holy Spirit: St. Paul reminds us that we are God's temples because the Spirit of God dwells in us. Hence, we have no right to desecrate God's temple by impurity, injustice, pride, hatred or jealousy.

## ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH MISSION

"RENEWING THE JOY OF LIVING IN CHRIST" March 19, 20 & 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Retreat Master: Fr. Abraham Orapankal is the pastor of St. John Neumann Parish in Califon, NJ, and Theological Consultant to the Office of Family Life in the Diocese of Metuchen. He has served as National Presenter and Retreat Director for RENEW International for six years. Ordained in 1983, he has a Masters in Theology and a Ph.D. from Fordham University, NY. He has served as a professor of Theology and spiritual director for seminarians at Oriens Theological College, Shillong, and a High School principal and Pastor in Nagaland. Fr. Abraham is a joyful person who is known for both his deep spirituality and pastoral compassion.

MASS SCHEDULE MARCH 3 - 11, 2018				
Saturday, March 3	5:15 p.m.	Intentions of Neil Cameron		
Sunday, March 4	8:30 a.m.	Alan and Adam MacDonald		
	10:00 a.m.	George Churney		
Tuesday, March 6	6:30 p.m.	Deceased members of the Adley family		
Wednesday, March 7	9:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Dennis family		
Thursday, March 8	8:30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Cameron family		
Friday, March 9	11:00 a.m.	Sherwood Park Manor Deceased members of the Lefebvre family		
Saturday, March 10	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners		
Sunday, March 11	8:30 a.m.	Bill and Marguerite Clifford		
	10:00 a.m.	Rita Riley		
The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for:				

Weekly Target: \$3500.00	Actual Offering – February 25, 2018: \$4398.58 Property Maintenance: \$3005.00	Operating Surplus: \$898.58
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Alan and Adam MacDonald

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Remember in your prayers: 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, Gerry Hermes and John Beriau.

## **LENTEN PENANCE CELEBRATIONS:** All celebrations start at 3:00 p.m.

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Sunday, March 11	St. Mark's, Prescott
Sunday, March 18	St. Francis Xavier, Brockville
Sunday, March 18	St. Mary, Morrisburg
Sunday, March 25	Holy Cross, Kemptville

BENEFITS OF GOING TO CONFESSION: helps us to better "know thy self", helps us overcome vice, brings us peace, helps us become more saintly – more like Jesus, and makes our will strong. Jesus invites you to Confession to experience the incredible feelings of mercy, peace, joy, relief and love by receiving grace through this Sacrament.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES				
MASS TIMES	HOSPITALITY	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, March 10	Mary MacDermott	Camille Ballantyne	Peter Verhoeven	Sarah and Lauren
5:15 p.m.	Grant Marshall	Sylvia Shackles	Melinda Condon	McDonald
Sunday, March 11	Rick Zabloski	Paul Cosgrove	Heather Charbonneau	Grace Whiteland
8:30 a.m.	Margaret Bougie	Debbie Zabloski	Noreen Shepherd	Evan Duffy
Sunday, March 11	Johanne Cardinal	Doug and Mary Roughton	Deacon Shawn Souder	Christopher Logstrup
10:00 a.m.	Mary Gilliard		Norma Burns	Joshua O'Keefe

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS** 

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, March 3	3:30 p.m.	Baptism -Shyla Miller
Sunday, March 4	3:00 p.m.	Parish Lenten Confessions First Reconciliation
Tuesday, March 6	1:30 p.m.	Bible Reflection Group
Wednesday, March 7	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
Thursday, March 8	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Prayer Group in the Chapel
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 9	12:10 p.m.	Stations of the Cross followed by Soup

PAPAL PRAYERS FOR MARCH: Let us pray that the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

**CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT MASS:** All Confirmation candidates **must** attend one Enrollment Mass. **Confirmation** Sunday, March 11 at 10:00 a.m.

RCIA: Please pray for our Catechumens Ella Walker and Jessie Franklin and our Candidate, Darren Stadig, their families and sponsors at this time as they prepare to be received fully in the Catholic Church

**LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOCIAL AT SJB:** During Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross before every Daily Mass. Every Friday at 12:10 p.m., there will be Stations of the Cross followed by a Lenten Social. Please see the sign-up sheets in the atrium. Contact Margaret Cameron at 613-498-1702.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: This year, Development and Peace is making its focus on peace and dialogue with people around the world. In a world where a multitude of cultures, religions, and beliefs co-exist, one of the first requirements for peace is to look within ourselves in order to speak with kindness and establish a sincere and genuine dialogue with "the other." This year, and in the future, let us make a commitment to be artisans of peace, engaging in an approach based on openness and respect. The collection this year will take place on March 18.

THURSDAY LENTEN FAITH FORMATION: This is a five week study about the biblical roots of the Mass so we may appreciate the splendor of the sacred liturgy and prepare to encounter Jesus at every Mass on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church.

Thurs, Mar 8 Liturgy of the Word

Thurs, Mar 15 Liturgy of the Eucharist P1

Thurs, Mar 22 Liturgy of the Eucharist P2 & Concluding Rites

Each week there will be a 30 minute presentation followed by discussion. Please bring you Bible!

ST. PATRICK DINNER / ENTERTAINMENT: Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Mark Parish Centre, Prescott. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Celtic style entertainment to follow. Adults: \$15.00; Children under 12: \$6.00; under 5 - Free. Limited number of tickets available. NOTE: Tickets available by advance sale only. Please note that alcohol will not be available. Tickets may be purchased by calling Klaas deVries at 613-925-2207.

<u>LAY FAITH DEVELOPMENT SERIES</u>: Come out and join us for our new Lay Faith Development Series. Our first topic will be on <u>Franciscan Spirituality</u> with presenter Fr Ed Debono on Saturday April; 14<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Diocesan Centre 390 Palace Road, Kingston. Registration \$10 (Lunch included). To register, go to the Archdiocese of Kingston website.

<u>GIVE UP OF THE WEEK FOR LENT:</u> your worries and anxieties! Instead, trust God with them. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about, like tomorrow! Live today and let God's grace be sufficient.