FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ Year C March 10, 2013

Diocesan Theme "When they arrived, they called the church together and related all that God had done with them and how he had opened a door of faith" (Acts 14.27) "Increase our Faith (Luke 17.5)..."

Parish Theme "Though Many We Are One Body in Christ.

Saturday, March 9th

& Mass Intentions

4:30 pm For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

Sunday, March 10th

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Joyce Berard by the Berard Beaupre Family 10:45 am For the repose of the soul of Paul Harper by Dale and Lorraine Harper

Tuesdav. March 12th

7:00 pm For the intentions of our catechumens by the RCIA Team

Wednesday, March 13th Mass at the Parish

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Lynne Mary-Happy by Merrilynne Paupst-Happy

Thursday, March 14th

9:00 am Special intentions & Thanksgiving to our Blessed Mother & Our Lord Jesus by Rita Miles

Friday, March 15th

9:00 am For the intentions of the Kupferschmidt Family by the Berard Beaupre Family

Saturday, March 16th

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Sandra Sweeney by Judy & Bernard Connelly

Sunday, March 17th

9:00 am For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

10:45 am For the repose of the soul of Graham Wallace by Dale & Lorraine Harper

IN OUR PRAYERS

For the sick among our families and friends

especially: Matthew Holmes, Isaac Berkers, Helene MacDonald, Ashley Egan, Maddy Nichol, Yolande Bekkers, , Ken Poirer, Anita Cottrell, Justin McKenna, Arthur Durocher, Bill Hayste, Pamela Thomson and Dawn-Leanne Thomson: may Christ bless and heal them

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

Sunday, March 3rd ~ \$2993.00 Thank you for your generosity and support

PASTOR'S CORNER

On this "Laetare Sunday", we are presented with the popular story of the Prodigal Son. Some Bible Commentators and Spiritual writers thought it might better be called the story of the "Loving Father" or of the "Prodigal Father" to highlight the fact that in essence the father was more prodigal with his love and forgiveness than the son ever was with the father's property.

God's Attitude

Jesus told this parable in response to the Pharisees and the Scribes who criticized Him for being friends with sinners and tax collectors - welcoming them and eating with them! Jesus maintained that, contrary to their opinion, God is a Loving Father who does not desire the death of the sinner, rather let them turn from their sinful ways and live. He goes out to seek the sinner and when they eventually return to their Father's house and embrace His love and friendship there is rejoicing among the saints.

The Challenge

That God is like the father in the parable and not the sulking elder son is indeed consoling for us who are sinners. Our God is a God who forgives sins, He does not write off anyone rather ever ready to welcome us back each time we come to Him asking for his mercy. Therefore, the parable challenges us to imitate the father. Like our Heavenly Father, we should be ready to forgive; we should not be quick to condemn or write anyone off.

Thank you

To our Knights of Columbus for organizing this vear's spaghetti dinner in honor of our dear late Monica Baker and to raise funds for the Winchester hospital cancer research program. It was such a wonderful evening and a worthy cause. Our special thanks also go to all those who donated food items to the good neighbor food bank. Thanks everyone for your generosity and support.

Peace to all

March 10, 2013

OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open in the mornings only from March 12th – March 20th. 613-445-3054

OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL PARISH, RUSSELL.

LENT 2013 "WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM"(Matt 16:13) LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00pm March 15 Led by the R.C.I.A group March 22 Led by our Parish Mission Team.

Parish Mission/Retreat

Monday – Wednesday March 18 – 20-7pm Parish Penance Service Wednesday, March 20 - 7:00pm **Share Lent Collection** Sunday, March 17

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Tuesday, March 26 – Chrism Mass at the Cathedral – 7:30 pm (No evening Mass at the Parish) Holy Thursday – March 28 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday – March 29 Outdoor "Way of the Cross" (Meet at the arena at 10:00am) 3:00pm Passion Service (no confession on Good Friday and Holy Saturday)

Easter Vigil Mass – March 30, 8:00pm Reception to follow

Eater Sunday Masses - March 31, 9:00am and 10:45am

PARISH MISSION

When: Monday, March 18 – Wednesday, March 20 Time: 7:00 pm For: All Parishioners of Our Lady Preacher: Fr. Terry Donahue, CC

EDGE

If you are in the 6th, 7th or 8th grade you can come to the edge on Friday nights to have fun, meet friends and learn about the Catholic faith. Bring a friend and come every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) from 7pm until 9pm. Youth Coordinator: Rob Halpin ourladymmyouth@gmail.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CATECHUMENS

They are Blake Brooks, Lareina Gerstgrasser, Kate Johnson and Sean O'Reilly. Please keep them in your prayers as they journey towards the Easter Vigil.

OLMM EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND

This weekend we will take up a special collection to assist families and persons from our parish caught in difficult and unexpected financial circumstances and for Parish Charities. Envelopes will be provided in the pews. Thank you so much for thinking about the less privileged and for your generosity.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be serving breakfast next Sunday, March 17th after both Masses downstairs in the church hall. In

addition to our traditional breakfast, our menu will include best ever delicious

homemade waffles topped with fresh whipped cream. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children, or \$24 for families. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

Applications are now available to any graduating grade 12 students of our Parish for the annual CWL Student Bursary Award of \$300.00. Please contact Mary Payment, Bursary Committee Chairperson at 613-822-1170 for more information, or to obtain an application. The deadline for completed applications is April 30, 2013.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH

Attention Motorcycle Enthusiasts... The second annual *Ride to the Father* will be taking place on Saturday May 18, 2013 beginning in Metcalfe. The day begins with mass at 8 am at St. Catherine of Siena parish in Metcalfe, followed by a blessing of the bikes. The ride begins at 9 am sharp taking a scenic route through the Glengarry Counties and includes a visit to St. Raphael's Ruins. There will be refreshment breaks and stops for fellowship along the way. The ride ends back in Metcalfe with a BBQ. Pre-registration is \$10 per bike or \$15 on the day of the ride. Please contact Maurice at 613-673-2548 or by email at

<u>ephesians610niv@hotmail.com</u>. Brought to you by the Band of Brothers ministry.