

## Fifth Sunday of Easter~Year C

Diocesan Theme "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6.36)

The family, home of love and mercy.

Parish Mission Statement: "LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, MAKE DISCIPLES"

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

**4:30 pm** For the repose of the souls of Genoveva and Americo Barbosa by the James family

#### Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> ~Fifth Sunday of Easter

**9:00 am** For the intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

**10:45 am** For the intentions of Carole and Tom Egan

#### Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

**7:00 pm** For the repose of the souls of Lucien, John, Aline and Raymond by Denise Parenteau

#### Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> ~ at STA

**9:00 am**

#### Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** For the repose of the soul of Yvette Martin St. Marseille by the staff and students of STA

#### Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> ~St. Catherine of Siena

**9:00 am** For the intentions of Noah Crane by Francis and Jaclyn Kwok

#### Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

**4:30 pm** For the repose of the souls of Bill, Harry and Leo Bouwhuis by the Bouwhuis family

#### Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> Sixth Sunday of Easter

**9:00 am** For the intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

**10:45 am** For the repose of the soul of Harry Nooyen by Christine and family

### **YOUR OFFERINGS FOR**

**April 17th, 2016 ~\$3,245.00**

***Thank you for your generosity and support***

**INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR APRIL:** That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor. That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.

### **~IN OUR PRAYERS~**

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

Trish McNulty, Claudette Pare, Margaret Robertson, Eleanor Kelly and Anne Duncan.

### Pastor's Corner

#### Our Trademark

A trademark is often defined as: "a word, name, symbol or device that is used in trade with goods to indicate the source of the goods and to distinguish them from the goods of others". According to Jesus in today's gospel, the ONLY way by which everyone will know that we are His disciples is by our love for one another. "Love one another just as I have loved you...by this everyone will know that you are my disciples..." The apostles were called "Christians" by non-believers because of the way they lived and loved - like Christ. Christ loved us by giving Himself up to die on the cross for our salvation. The challenge is to love like Christ! Real and true love must be sacrificial.

#### Annual Hike For Life

This year's hike for life takes place on Saturday April 30. I encourage everyone to consider participating in this all important pro-life event as a way of bearing witness to Christ the author of life and to stand up against abortion. You can participate in two ways, either by sponsoring me, our parish designated hiker, or take part in the 5/10k hike or at better still the two. This is a great way to promote pro-life activities and programs in Ottawa, and as a parish, to stand united against abortion and to be on the side life. It would be awesome to see a great number out there.

#### Congratulations

I wish to congratulate the children of our parish (34 of them) who made their 1<sup>st</sup> communion this year. We are so proud of you boys and girls! You have taken yet another major step in your faith journey. I pray that you may always remember the day of your 1<sup>st</sup> communion and may you and your family always hunger for Jesus, the bread of life! I wish, also, to thank all our parishioners for your prayerful support, and also for your patience and understanding particularly to those who gave up their 'regular' seats/pews during the celebration.

May God continue to bless us with His peace and love.  
Fr. Paul

**April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Are you new to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish?  
WELCOME! If you have not yet registered, please complete a registration  
form found in the foyer or in the office.**

**You may bring the completed form to the office or drop it in the collection basket.**



**THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S**

**Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

~ Adult choir~7:30~church

~RCIA~7:30~kitchen

**Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

~Edge youth group~6:30-8:00pm~hall

**Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

~Bible study~7:30-9:00~hall

**NEXT WEEK AT OUR LADY'S**

**Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

~ Adult choir~ 7:30~church

~RCIA~7:30~kitchen

**Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

~Edge youth group~6:30-8:00pm~ hall

**Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

~Bible study~7:30-9:00~hall

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Congratulations to all the children who received first communion on April 17<sup>th</sup> Dierks, Norah, Kathleen, Peter, Alexander, Kaden, Xander, Dean, Keira and Allyssa.



**Applications are available** to any student of our parish currently in their graduating year or within one year of graduating from grade 12 for the annual CWL bursary award of \$400.00. For more information and/or to obtain an application form please refer to the parish web site or contact Mary Payment, Bursary Committee Chairperson at [613-822-1170](tel:613-822-1170). Deadline for completed applications is April 30.

**Registration is now open for OLMM's 2015-2016** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program. Next year our parish will be serving 3-6 year old children in Level 1, as well as 6-9 year old children in Level 2. Registration forms can be found in the foyer. Space is limited, so please fill out your form and return to the parish office as soon as possible.

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE** at [www.olmm.ca](http://www.olmm.ca)

Email: [admin@olmm.ca](mailto:admin@olmm.ca)

**OLMM Mercy in Action**

**April - Shelter the Homeless**

**Reflect:** For some, to be homeless is to be deprived of a secure and acceptable dwelling. For others, to be homeless is to live without meaningful human connections. How can we both ensure that all have a safe place to sleep, as well as feel valued as children of God?

**Take Action:**

- treat the homeless with love and respect (look them in the eye, smile, listen to them, etc.)
- support and/or volunteer at a homeless shelter such as the *Shepherds of Good Hope*.
- donate clothing and supplies to a women's shelter or a home for young pregnant women such as *St. Mary's Home*.
- support and/or volunteer for charitable agencies such as *Habitat for Humanity* who help build homes for low-income families.
- help support our parish's *Honduras Mission* project.
- consider becoming a foster parent.
- lend tools and time to neighbours who need housing repairs.
- donate to agencies such as *CNEWA* that help refugees in Africa and the Middle East.

**HIKE FOR LIFE ~ SATURDAY, APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Come one, come all to Action Life's 27<sup>th</sup> annual Hike for Life ~ a fun event for the whole family: music, refreshments and prizes. Rain or shine, registration takes place from 8:00 am -10:00 am in St. Patrick's Basilica Basement Hall.~If you are unable to participate in this year's Hike for Life, please consider supporting Fr. Paul who is our parish's designated hiker.

**BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**



*Blake Bols, Savannah Frangione,  
Tessa Reid, Paisleigh Moreau,  
Emma Jones, Noah Walkington, and  
Owen Walkington.*

**Welcome to the family of God**