



Fourth Sunday Of Easter~Year B

Diocesan Theme: **The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World**

"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience ...above all, clothe yourselves with love!" (*Colossians 3.12, 14*)

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

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

Saturday, April 21

4:30pm~For the repose of the souls of Dominico Sabatucci & Gaetano Parravano by the Parravano family

Sunday, April 22~Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am~ For the repose of the soul of Glen Cameron by Mary Payment & family

10:45am~ For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor

Tuesday, April 24

7:00 pm~For the intentions of Dick & Sally James by the James family

Wednesday, April 25~St. Mark

8:20am at STA

9:30am at OLMM

Thursday, April 26

9:00 am

Friday, April 27

9:00 am~For the repose of the soul of Ricky Jubenville by Jim & Jane Munro

Saturday, April 28

4:30 pm~For the repose of the soul of Lucien Laurin by his family

Sunday, April 29~Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am-For the repose of the soul of Agnes Coffey by Bruce & Margaret Helliker

10:45 am-For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor

~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

Alice Lavigne, Melanie Joannette,
& Marie Kirkham

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

April 15th, 2018~\$4,087.15

Thank you for your generosity and support

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR APRIL:

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE at: www.olmm.ca

Email: admin@olmm

Jesus The Good Shepherd - The Origin

Jesus the Good Shepherd is referenced in the book of John. In His own words, Jesus tells us "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own sheep, and they know me just as my Father knows me and I know my Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep."

Jesus The Good Shepherd - The Meaning

Jesus is the Good Shepherd to His believers just as the shepherds were of their livestock. A shepherd tended his flock day and night. He would gather the sheep into a sheepfold at night for their protection. The shepherd would often sleep or sit in the doorway, ready to guard his sheep from harm. Being different than a hired keeper who might run away in the face of danger, the flock belonged to the shepherd who would stay and defend them. He had a genuine loving concern for what belonged to him. In chapter 10, Jesus illustrates how the shepherd cares for his flock, protecting them from weather, thieves, and predatory animals. He loved and shielded them and if necessary, he would lay down his life for them. Jesus is that loving protector and caretaker for His flock. Ezekiel 34 foretold of the Messiah who would, like a true shepherd, come to caringly keep God's people. It was a loving message of the coming Christ, the Good Shepherd. John 10 tells us how thieves and wolves come to destroy the sheep. But the good shepherd is there to save them. These verses tell us that though Satan comes to steal, kill, and destroy God's people (John 10:10). Jesus is there to protect, love, and save us from destruction giving us eternal life. Jesus came not to merely be the hired keeper but came as the one (the only one), who was and is, completely committed to us -- even to His own death and resurrection. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who laid down His physical life for you and me.

Jesus The Good Shepherd - The Purpose

Jesus the good shepherd's purpose is to give life and protect from destruction. You may be asking yourself why Jesus needed to give His life for our protection. We all have sinned! By our sin, we are lost to the eternal life God has for us. We will not enter heaven if we don't accept Jesus the Good Shepherd. Jesus' blood was shed as payment for our sins. But He was resurrected; He lives as our shepherd today!

Blessings,

Have a great week!

April 22, 2018

**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**

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

- Wed. April, 25~Bible study~7:00pm~hall
- Thurs. April 26~K o C general meeting~7:30pm~hall
- Sat. April 28~Bible & Virgin Mary study group~11:00am~hall

The bible and the Virgin Mary: come join us on a six week journey through scripture on Saturday mornings in the hall starting April 28th until June 2 from 11:00am to 12:30pm. Also, Monday evenings in the hall from April 30 until June 4 from 7:15 to 8:30pm. The videos will show some of the apparitions and how the bible reveals Mary through the old and new testament. This beautiful, awe-inspiring series of the doctrine and comes alive in a powerful way.

Catholic Education Week 2018 begins on Sunday, May 6. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to discover what celebrations are happening in your children's school and if possible, attend. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is "Renewing the Promise." The theme for CEW 2018 draws upon previous documents on Ontario Catholic education, namely, "This Moment of Promise" (1989), "Fulfilling the Promise" (1993) and "Our Catholic Schools" (2006-2007). These three documents, while several years apart from each other, all speak of the unique mission of Ontario Catholic education, the importance of its shared leadership by all those involved in Catholic education and the critical role of Catholic education in contemporary society.

Catholic Education Week 2018 combines the themes of reconciliation, solidarity, love, justice and ecology. The CEW biblical quote is "For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." Acts 2:39

CWL Bursary 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 613-496-1170, or email:marycarol12@hotmail.com. Deadline for completed applications is April 30, 2018

Fr. Robert and the Parish Pastoral Council have been discerning on how to communicate the future direction of our parish. We want to clearly identify the need to answer God's call to our parish, by encouraging all members within our faith community to become involved and use their gifts from the Holy Spirit. After careful consideration, we are proposing to make "Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples" the Parish Vision Statement, and have the following as our Mission Statement:

"Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal parish supports the spiritual growth of the catholic faith community of Russell and the surrounding area. Through the liturgy, faith formation, and sacramental life, we provide opportunities for our members to develop their faith and service to others as disciples of Christ in response to God, the Father Almighty, throughout their faith lives."

If you have any comments regarding the proposed statements, please submit your comments in writing, or by email, to the parish office for consideration.

3 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care

All parishioners, family and friends are invited to join the OLMM CWL in prayer and solidarity for this important cause as we enter the National Hospice Palliative Care week. Please join the CWL on Thursday May 3rd, 2018 beginning with mass at 9:00am followed by prayer and meditation in the church until 12 noon

SICK CALLS: Please call the Parish Office if a parishioner is ill, hospitalized, or homebound and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, Reconciliation or Holy Communion. Hospitals or other facilities often do not contact us regarding spiritual needs.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to the Knights of Columbus members who came and tore up all the old carpet, plus moved everything back in place after the new carpet was installed. Also to the clean up crew that came in on Friday to give the church a cleaning after all the construction was finished. We couldn't have gotten it all done without your generous donation of your time!!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children who received first communion on March 15th:

- Summer, Cali, Kian, Marco, Emma, Hannah, Manny, Avery, Madelyn, Carter, Lily, Keegan, Ashton, Teodoro, Rhys, Sophia, Kaeden, Kaeleb, Hudson, Kacie, Connor, Julia, Allyena, Jacob, Adryhanna, & Bentley

