

**love**  
each other  
as I have  
loved you.  
John 15:12

## Sixth 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  for the  
Week

### Saturday, May 5

4:30pm~For the intentions of all the children  
who received their first communion in April

### Sunday, May 6~Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am~ For the intentions of the parishioners  
by the pastor

10:45am~For the intentions of the salvatorian  
fathers

### Tuesday, May 8

7:00 pm~For the repose of the soul of Louise by  
Denise Parenteau

### Wednesday, May 9

8:30am at STA

9:30am at OLMM

10:00am at STA

### Thursday, May 10

9:00 am~Mass Cancelled

### Friday, May 11

9:00 am~In thanksgiving by a parishioner

7:00pm~

### Saturday, May 12

4:30 pm~For all mothers by the CWL

### Sunday, May 13~ The Ascension of the Lord

9:00 am~For the repose of the soul of Eileen  
Mannion by her daughter Deirdre Laroque

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, & Marcella Woods

#### YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

April 29, 2018~\$ 3,220.50

*Thank you for your generosity and support*

#### INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MAY:

That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission,  
by responding with creativity to the challenges that  
face the world today.

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#### Gospel Summary

A complete circle of love is found in this gospel reading.  
God loved the Son, Jesus. The Son loves His followers,  
and the followers show their love for God through their  
love for one another. It is clear in this reading that  
while we are part of this circle, we are only part of it  
because God chose us to be. Our response to God's  
choice for us is simply to show our love for God  
through the love we show to other human beings.

#### Reflection For Families

The lives of parents are very full and busy. It's like  
juggling apples and catching each falling one to prevent  
it from splatting to the floor while tossing the others  
high in the air. But sometimes we need to think beyond  
the immediate demands of jobs, family and home.  
When we widen the circle of those we include in our  
love, our children see first hand how we live this gospel  
message. When we reach out to others, especially those  
who are difficult to love, they learn by our example  
what Jesus asks us to do in showing our love to one  
another just as He shows His love to us.

#### Bringing The Gospel Into Your Family

Jesus asks us to love one another as He has loved us. It's  
easy to love those who love us, but what about the hard  
part of this command? How do we show love to the  
person that does not show us love? Think about who  
those people are in the lives of your family members.  
Allow each person to offer suggestions about how they  
will show Jesus' love to the person that is difficult for  
them to love.

#### Discussion Starters

1. I recall a time when I was excluded from someone's  
love. I remember feeling...

2. The one person who always loves me and makes me  
feel welcome is...

3. I know that God loves me. Without thinking too  
highly of myself, I also love myself especially for the  
way...

Blessings,

Have a great week!

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

- Mon. May 7~ Bible & Virgin Mary study~7:15pm~hall
- Wed. May 9~Bible study~7:00pm~hall
- Thurs. May 10~CWL general meeting~7:00pm~hall
- Thurs. May 10~KoC executive meeting~7:30pm~kitchen
- Sat. May 12~ Bible & Virgin Mary study~TBA~hall

**This fall, OLMM is offering Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Level 1** for children aged 3-5 years old (born in 2013- 2015), **Level 2** for 6-8 years old (born in 2010-2012) and **Level 3** for 9-11years old (born in 2007-2009). CGS is a Montessori approach to sharing the Christian faith with children. Together with trained catechists, children will listen to and wonder about scripture, and be engaged in elements of the Church in a space called the atrium. The cost is \$200.00 for one child, \$100 for each additional child in the family. Payment plan options available upon request. Please pick up registration forms in the foyer or at the parish office. Space is limited. Drop off completed forms to the parish office.

**The CWL monthly general meeting** will begin with a special spiritual reflection "Your Relationship with Your Aging Self: Be Who You Are Meant To Be" video and prayer. Thanks to the Friday morning Women's prayer group for sharing this resource. All women of the parish are welcome beginning at 7:00pm Thursday May, 10th in the church hall. Our CWL meeting will follow and refreshments will be offered. Our Lady of Good Counsel guide us.

**Parish Clean-up Day is Saturday May 12th** from 9:00-12:00. Volunteers are needed for this year's parish spring clean-up. We need to clean, sweep and rake in and around our parish including the parking lot. We would also like to do a cleaning in the church to give everything a fresh look. Those who wish to volunteer are encouraged to sign up. Sign- up sheets are in the foyer. Remember that students in high school can earn volunteer hours for this.

**Friday, May 11th at 6:15pm there will be adoration** of the blessed sacrament and praying of the rosary followed by a healing mass at 7:00pm with the anointing of the sick in honor of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima.

**The annual March for Life** will take place on parliament hill on Thursday May 10th. Those who wish to take part in this public witness to the sanctity of human life may join the bus leaving OLMM parish parking lot at 8:30 am. The bus will drop us at St. Patrick's Basilica for mass at 10:00 am. Following mass we will walk to parliament hill for the march and prayer. The bus will leave St. Patrick's Basilica at 3:30pm to return to OLMM parish. Please join us! Sign-up sheets are in the foyer. **LET'S FILL THAT BUS!**

**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.

**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. **In particular we invite you to our Catholic Education Week Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas on Wednesday, May 9 at 8:30am & 10:00am.** 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

**BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**



**Welcome to the family of God:  
John Anthony Darrell Frangione**