



Second Sunday of Lent-Year C

Diocesan Theme: **Christ is Everything for Us!** "Let us work for the good of all, and especially for the family of the faith" (Galatians 6.10b).

Parish Mission Statement: **Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples!** Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal parish through the liturgy, faith formation and sacramental life, provides opportunities for members to develop their faith and service to others.



St. Patrick, Pastoral Theologian

We might be wrong to take Patrick's statement about his ignorance at face value. To describe himself as a mere illiterate sinner was just a foil to highlight the glorious workings of God's grace. The style of his *Confessio* shows that Patrick was no ignorant man. He was a skilled writer in the traditions of the Church Fathers and of late Roman literature. Patrick's work should be read alongside the larger Confession of his near-contemporary, Augustine. Both were pastoral theologians of great insight, deeply aware of the presence of Christ in their lives.

Patrick's theology grew out of his personal experience of Christ, of his mission to Ireland, of the needs of the newly evangelized. Faith is not a knowledge but a life with Christ. Faith is not simply a matter of 'knowing' Christ and His teachings; it is a sensing of the presence of Christ and a response to that presence. Patrick grew to realize that faith is more than statements about God, a belief system of the head but an awareness of the presence of God sharing His life at every moment. Starved of reliance on family and friends, the boy Patrick on Slemish discovered he was not alone. This sensing of the presence and love of God shaped his life and became the foundation of all that he did. Faith is this awareness of the presence of Christ and of his own worth as loved by God which runs through the writings of Patrick.

Patrick's *Loricum* or Breastplate has the famous Celtic prayer, focussed on union with Christ: "Christ be with me, Christ surround me, Christ be in my speaking, Christ be in my thinking, Christ be in my sleeping, Christ be in my waking, . . . Christ be in my ever-living soul, Christ be my eternity." As Patrick prayed for the Irish people on the mountain in Mayo which bears his name (Cruach Padraig), let's pray for each other on his feast-day:

"May you recognize in your life the presence, the power and the light of Christ. May you realize that you are never alone, for He is always with you; that your living soul connects you with the rhythm of the universe. May the road rise up to meet you and the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rain fall soft upon your fields. Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand."

Blessings!

Have a great week.

Saturday, March 16

4:30 pm-For the repose of the soul of Fr. Ken O'Keefe by the James family

Sunday, March 17-Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 am-For the repose of the soul of Mary Payment by Theresa Coffey

10:45 am- For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

Tuesday, March 19-St. Joseph

7:00 pm-For the repose of the soul of Bradley Baird by his daughter

Wednesday, March 20

8:30 am-STA

9:30 am-OLMM

Thursday, March 21

9:00 am

Friday, March 22

9:00 am- For the repose of the soul of Steve Sediva by Sophie Sediva

Saturday, March 23

4:30 pm-For the repose of the soul of Jared Oldford by the staff and students of STA

Sunday, March 24-Third Sunday of Lent

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

10:45 am- For the 20th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus council #12401 by the KOC council 12401

~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

Pam Latour, Genny Detillieux, Melanie Joannette

Natasha Baechler, Beverley Plunkett

& Marie Kirkman

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR:

March 10th,-\$3,519.00

Thank you for your generosity and support

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MARCH:

Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

March 17th, 2019

**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**

What's Happening This Week

- Mon. March 18th -Bible Study-7:00pm-hall
- Tues. March 19th - CGS-Level three-4:30-6:30pm-hall
- Tues. March 19th -Adult choir-7:30-church

Lenten Penance Service

Lent is a time to "make straight the way of the Lord." The best way of preparing the way of the Lord, therefore, is to rid our hearts, through the sacrament of reconciliation, of those clutters that may impede Christ from coming into our hearts, so as to make room for Him. So please join us on Monday, April 1 at 7 pm for our Parish Lenten Penance Service. Visiting priests will be available.

Summer Employment at Waupoos Family Farm:

Seeking enthusiastic, hardworking youth looking for summer employment. Positions include: Lifeguard, Program Supervisor, Counsellor & Volunteer Coordinator, Maintenance and Animal Care. Submit resume & cover letter. Application deadline: **April 10**. Info: (<http://bit.ly/Waupoos19staff>); 613-822-2189; contact@waupoos.com.

Have you been missing the fellowship from attending coffee Sundays? If so please feel free to sign up and host an up-coming coffee Sunday. Sign up sheets are posted just outside the kitchen. Thank you all in advance.

**PLEASE JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY DURING
LENT FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS,
AT 6:45 PM FOLLOWED BY MASS**

March 22nd -Led by the KOC

March 29th - Led by the CGS

April 5th -Led by Fr. Robert

April 12th -Led by the CWL



God our Father,

You sent Saint Patrick to preach your glory to the people of Ireland. By the help of his prayers, may all Christians proclaim Your love to all men. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Our Lenten Retreat given by Fr. Roman will begin on the weekend of March 30/31 during the masses. The retreat will resume on Sunday, March 31 at 6:00pm and Monday, April 1 at 6:00pm.

The theme of the retreat:

On the way to life after life.

Fr. Roman is a Ukrainian Catholic priest. Originally from Lviv (Ukraine), Father Roman came to Canada in 2005. He holds a doctoral degree in Eastern Christian Studies. His doctoral thesis, *The Kenotic Theology of Anthony Bloom Metropolitan of Sourozh (1914-2003)*, in *Anthropological Perspective* was successfully defended at the Sheptytsky Institute at Saint Paul University in Ottawa in January 2012. He has been a lecturer at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv (Ukraine) and a teaching assistant at Saint Paul University. Fr. Roman has given spiritual retreats to various groups of people. He is an administrator at St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kingston. Fr. Roman works as a full-time chaplain at The Ottawa Hospital, General Campus and occasionally at Whitestone Clinic as a psychotherapist.

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: olmm.ca/groups/catholicwomensleague/bursary info, bursary application or contact June Pare, Bursary Committee Chairperson at 613-978-9571 or email: admin@olmm.ca

EASTER FLOWERS: Parishioners can help beautify the church for Easter by making a donation for church flowers in the name of a departed loved one. The names of the donors and the names of their departed loved ones will be published in the church bulletin at Easter. If you have a loved one you would like to honour in this way, please fill out the envelope found in the pews including your donation. Cut-off date is April 14th.

PILGRIMAGE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF THE

MIRACULOUS MEDAL is available to go home with a family this week. If you wish to take home Our Lady for one week, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the foyer.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE at www.olmm.ca

And also our Facebook page

Email: admin@olmm.ca