

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 19, 2017

*Christ calls us today to love as God loves,
generously, withholding nothing, greeting and
forgiving even enemies and persecutors.*

SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER – The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Pancake supper on **Shrove Tuesday, February 28th from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.** The cost is \$5.00 per person or \$15 for a family. Tickets will be sold after the masses the weekends of February 18/19 & 25/26th. You can also purchase tickets at the door on the 28th.

WIDOW & WIDOWERS FRIENDSHIP GROUP - The Good Shepherd Widows and Widowers Friendship Group is **holding its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. in the social space.** Please note that the following month, the meeting will not be held on the third Tuesday of the month but the third Wednesday, on March 15, 2017, at 1:30 pm. The Group offers friendship and informal support to widows and widowers in the congregation and is not a bereavement group. New members are always welcome. For more information about the group, please contact Pauline Canning at (613) 824-1104 or Debbie Arcand at (613) 830-9875.

The Schedule for the Stations of the Cross to be held each Friday at 7 p.m. during Lent is as follows:

Date	Leader
March 3	Knights of Columbus
March 10	Marilyn Olsen
March 17	Father Murray
March 24	Cursillo
March 31	Youth Ministry
April 7	CWL
April 14	Father Shroff

BIBLE STUDY - Touching the Mysteries: Scripture and the Rosary The Spring session of the Good Shepherd Bible study will focus on the biblical stories that provide background for the mysteries of the rosary. The 5-week series is available on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm April 17 - May 15 and is also offered on Wednesday mornings at 10 am April 19 - May 17. Application forms are available at the back of the church. Please sign up by March 15. For further information email gsbiblestudy@rogers.com

Pilgrim People God's people have always been sojourners, pilgrims on a journey, open to God's call and direction - from Abraham & Sarah, the Exodus, the Exile, to Jesus' exhortation "Come, follow me." The 5-week summer session of the Good Shepherd Bible study will be offered on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm May 29 - June 26 and also on Wednesday mornings at 10 am May 31 - June 28. Application forms are available at the back of the church. Please sign up by March 15. For further information email gsbiblestudy@rogers.com

Offering for February 12, 2017

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2589.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	<u>\$ 552.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$ 5644.00

Spiritual Adoption Program:

I am now five weeks old and already my heart has been beating for a week. My heart is an amazing muscle. Even though I am only ¼ of an inch long my arms and legs are forming. It is more important than ever to pray because many babies my age are in grave danger of being aborted.

On June 17, 2016, the Canadian government legalized "assisted suicide," which it dubbed "Medical Assistance in Dying" or MAID. The provinces were to incorporate this newly legal process into their respective healthcare systems. While most provinces created a process to provide MAID without compromising the healthcare provider's conscience, the Ontario government chose another route: forcing physicians to perform the lethal procedure themselves or obliging them to make an effective referral to a physician who would. Doctors who believe that their profession involves saving human lives and not taking them, and who thus refuse to perform the procedure, are often told that they should seek to pursue a career outside of the medical field. The *Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience* is fighting back to protect the conscience rights of Ontario's physicians. They have just launched a new website and encourage all Canadians who are concerned with this issue to visit the site and sign a petition in defence of the conscience rights of our medical doctors. The website can be accessed at: canadiansforconscience.ca. Note that euthanasia is contrary to Catholic teaching and is explicitly condemned in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: "Whatever its motives and means, direct euthanasia consists in putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick, or dying persons. It is morally unacceptable. Thus an act or omission which, of itself or by intention, causes death in order to eliminate suffering constitutes a murder gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God, his Creator. The error of judgment into which one can fall in good faith does not change the nature of this murderous act, which must always be forbidden and excluded" (CCC #2277).

St Patrick's Week Dinner & Dance Sunday March 12 2 pm to 6

pm - OLV Parish Hall 5338 Bank Street .Join in the fun at the St. Patrick's Week kick-off event – dinner & dance featuring Kings Creek Band plus entertainers. Enjoy delicious homemade dinner with beverage for \$15 pp. Cash Bar opens at 2 pm. Tickets at 613-884-4043 or 613-822-1777.

VOCATION FAIR: To Inspire Men and Women Discerning a Call - Join us on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at St. Margaret Mary Parish, 5 Fairbairn Ave. We begin at 9:00am with Mass & Brunch. Event will conclude at 1:00pm. Guest Speaker is Fr. Pierre Champoux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Ottawa. For Further info call 613-558-1445 or email deont33@hotmail.com

INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 18 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm †Alice McEntire req by Sean & Anna May O'Carroll
†Marty Layug req by Marilou Storie & family

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9:00 am For Our Parishioners
11:15 am †Petras Brikis req by Stase Danaitis
†Maria Lurdes req by the Garcia family
Souls in Purgatory req by a Parishioner

Monday, February 20 – Seventh Monday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am †Dennis & Martha O'Carroll and Michael & Mary
Martin req by the O'Carroll family

Tuesday, February 21 – Seventh Tuesday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass of Special Intentions

Thursday, February 23 – Memorial, St. Policarp, Bishop, Martyr

9:00 am Souls in Purgatory req by Marianne Louis-Seize

Friday, February 24 – Seventh Friday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am In loving memory of Jack, Peg, Joe & Sylvie

Saturday, February 25 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm †Janice Martin req by the CWL
†Andy Dugandzic req by the CWL
†Winnie Waymouth req by Carmen Valere
Deceased members of the CWL

Sunday, February 25 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am †Frank Faure req by Carol & family
†Keith Moffett req by Nancy and the girls
†Bruce McMullan req by the McLean family
Intention of Robert & Antonima Pittson
11:15 am For Our Parishioners

Please pray for our sick; Michael Nortey, Lorna Kennedy, Dominique Duma, , and John MacDonald.

Please pray for our deceased, that they may be received into God's love.

MONTHLY PRO-LIFE MASS: To pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Centre in Ottawa. **Sat., Feb. 25, 10:00 a.m.** at The Good Shepherd Parish, 3092 Innes Rd. Info: (613-831-2515); (wandawoj@rogers.com).

PRO LIFE CORNER

Palliative Care discussion at Notre Dame Cathedral (Parish Hall) on Saturday 18 Feb, 9am – 12pm. Speakers: Dr. Jose Pereira, Palliative Care Physician and Michel MacDonald Ex Dir Catholic Organization for Life and Family.

“He forgives all your offences... he does not treat us as our sins deserve”. Post abortion healing is offered to men and women so they will experience healing and the compassion of God: March 3-5 2017

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with an abortion. For information contact Lynda or Terry 613-806-5522 or rivr_ottawa@yahoo.ca