

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 26, 2017

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

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

REMINDER; it is not too late to apply for the Spring Women Cursillo **March 9-12**, Men's weekend **April 6-9**, 2017. Cursillo is a nice way to give yourself a spiritual spa. Please contact Helen Lemoire at 613 590-7450 for information.

PARISH BREAKFAST – The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Parish Breakfast on Sunday, March 12th after the 9:00 & 11:15 am masses. The cost is \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family. Tickets will be sale the weekend of March 4/5.

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

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

Offering for February 19, 2017

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 3393.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	\$ 813.00
Total Collection:	\$ 6866.00

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S CORNER

"...strive first for the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." How many of us put this the other way around in our own lives? How many of us are so concerned for security, to feel secure and comfortable in this world first, that we make this our first priority? Once I'm set up and feel secure then I'll have time for God. But once we start on this path are we ever satisfied, isn't there always something else we need, until we find that 99 percent of our time has been spent on our 'worries' and maybe 1 percent on God? Are we so caught up in the world in which we live that we practically forget about the world in which we will spend eternity? Am I so worried about a sick relative that I forget that my worry will not add a single second to that person's life span, and that it is God who holds that person's future in His hands? "Seek first the kingdom." Am I so worried about what other people think of me that I forget that I am here to help them in their needs, that God made me not for show but for love? "Seek first the kingdom." Am I so worried about that big presentation I have to make tomorrow that I forget that tomorrow is my wedding anniversary, that my spouse is one of the greatest gifts God has given me? "Seek first the kingdom." Jesus offers us freedom from worry. He knows that much of our time is necessarily given up to our bodily needs, and the needs of those whom we love, and he wants to help us with these "worries", not hinder us. But he tells us that there's so much more to life than this, that God has blessings for us beyond all our dreams, but that if we are so focused on our "worries", we will miss them, and we'll wonder why God wasn't there for us.

We cannot be of two minds about this: either God first or myself and my "worries" first. God doesn't give us any other options.

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.

Retreats for healing after abortion: March 3-5 2017,

This retreat is designed to help men and women experience post abortion healing and the compassion of God. **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 rvr_ottawa @yahoo.ca

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.

INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 25 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm †Janice Martin req by the CWL
†Andy Dugandzic req by the CWL
†Winnie Weymouth req by Carmen Valere
†Teresa Wong req by the family
†Gene & Vivian Lusignan req by Dr. G.M. Lusignan
Deceased members of the CWL

Sunday, February 26 - 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
†Lucy Tracey req by Ray & Marg Madden
Mass of Special Intentions req by JP & Patricia Clement

11:15 am For Our Parishioners

Monday, February 27 – Eighth Monday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass of Special Intentions

Tuesday, February 28 – Eighth Tuesday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass of Special Intentions

Wednesday, March 1 – Ash Wednesday

7:00 pm For Our Parishioners

Thursday, March 2 –

9:00 am †Annie & Narcisco Cardenas Jr. req by Marilou Storie

Friday, March 3 –

9:00 am †Presentacion & Fulgencio de Guzman req by Amelia
Andel

Saturday, March 4– First Sunday of Lent

9:00 am Intention of Father Shroff req by Vince & Annmarie
Costello

5:00 pm †Leonidas & Carmelina Roperero req by the family
†Gordon Grenier req by Noel & Joan Bhumgara
†Teresa Wong req by the family
†John Rogers req by Mr. & Mrs. Lapointe

Sunday, March 5 –First Sunday of Lent

9:00 am For Our Parishioners

11:15 am †Douglas Snell req by Carmen D'Souza
†Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus
Intention of Joann req by a Parishioner
Mass of Thanksgiving req by a Parishioner

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.

PRO LIFE CORNER

Let us pray that mothers who are tempted to abort the child of their womb may be freed from anxiety and strengthened in their special calling to nurture life. Let us pray for all elected officials that they will courageously advance the cause of life and that health care practitioners, especially doctors and nurses will be permitted to practice their profession in accordance with their conscience.

If you or someone you know is pregnant and needs support, confidential help is available. www.stmaryshome.com www.miriamottawa.org 613-830-8623 www.birthright-ottawa.org or visit: www.abortionincanada.ca www.adoptionincanada.ca or contact the parish office.