



Friday Facts

Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office
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FROM THE ARCHBISHOP & AUXILIARY BISHOP'S OFFICE

ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER FOR LENT 2016: The Archbishop's Letter for Lent is available online at (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca>).

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

PENTECOST CONFIRMATIONS FOR CATHOLICS: Archbishop Prendergast, S.J. will celebrate Confirmation for adult Catholics (grade 9 & above) on **Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2016** at the noon Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral. Details for parishes were emailed earlier this week.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE: Now available online at (www.CatholicOttawa.ca). Schedule includes **Fri., Mar. 4**, Day of Confessions.

REMINDER: Parishes, if you have not already done so, please let us know your Holy Week & Easter schedule, no later than **Tues., Mar. 1**. The schedule will be posted on our website.

***PARISH HOLY OIL VIALS:** If you have not already done so, please remember to return your small Holy Oil vials (3 vials in the small black case) to the Diocesan Centre, as soon as possible.

SAVE THE DATE: Please save the date of the next Pastoral Day, **Thursday, May 19**, and plan to attend.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING: Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., May 1, 2:30 p.m.** For couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 + years of marriage in 2016. Families & friends are most welcome. Registration details now available in parishes. Deadline to register: Wed., April 20.

PRAYERS: For the repose of the soul of Mr. Gérard Gauthier, father of Deacon Marc Gauthier, Annunciation of the Lord Parish. Mr. Gauthier died Sunday, February 21, 2016 at the age of 92. Funeral Mass was held at Annunciation of Our Lord Church on Feb. 25. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



THE PORTABLE TRAVELLING DOOR OF MERCY: Pope Francis in his letter on the Jubilee Year of Year states "I wish that the Jubilee Indulgence may reach each one as a genuine experience of God's mercy, which comes to meet each person in the Face of the Father who welcomes and forgives, forgetting completely the sin committed." Individuals can make a pilgrimage to the Door of Mercy at Notre Dame Cathedral and obtain an indulgence under the usual conditions. **Parishes with long term care facilities where residents are unable to make this pilgrimage may request to receive the Travelling Door of Mercy.** Parishes are asked to contact Aisha Poitevien (613-738-5025 x202; apoitevien@archottawa.ca) to inquire about availability and booking. Parishes are responsible for pick-up and return of the Travelling Door of Mercy. Please note that the Travelling Door is not intended for use in the parish church.

The family, home of
love and mercy.

*"Be merciful, just as your Father
is merciful"* (Luke 6.36)

PASTORAL CALENDAR 2015-2016

Available online at:

<http://www.catholicottawa.ca>

Dates to Note

Mar. 4 – Day of Confessions

Mar. 12 – Moved by Mercy event

Mar. 22 – Chrism Mass

Submitting a notice for the Friday Fax

- ✓ please ensure all notices include contact details
- ✓ ideally notices should be sent 3 weeks before event date
- ✓ weekly deadline for FF is **Wednesday noon**

How parishes can benefit most from the Friday Fax

- ✓ make a note of important dates in the parish & priest calendars
- ✓ skim the FF – the sub-headings are used to assist you in finding the info you may find helpful
- ✓ 'cut & paste' items of interest and important notices into your parish bulletin
- ✓ print and keep the FF in a binder, for future reference
- ✓ feel free to post, print, distribute and forward

DIOCESAN FAMILY & YOUTH OFFICE PRESENTS 'MOVED BY MERCY – HUNGRY AND HOMELESS': St. George Parish, 415 Piccadilly Ave., **Sat., Mar. 12, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** The first of three sessions in this Jubilee Year of Mercy; sponsored by the Diocesan Family & Youth Ministry Office. Prayer, speakers, discussion, lunch. Live your faith & show God's mercy. All ages welcome. Free child care and children's programming available. RSVP: (skorban@archottawa.ca).

PRAY AT THE HOUR OF MERCY: Join Christians all over the world that are uniting in prayer as one Body of Christ at the time Our Lord Jesus died for us, 3:00 p.m., daily. Learn more here: (<https://passionofchrist.ca/the-hour-of-mercy/>).

VOCATIONS

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 6. For the faithful response of all persons now being called to seek out those who are lost and bring them back to life in Christ by serving Him and His Church as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

PERMANENT DIACONATE – INFO SESSION: Is the Lord calling you to the Permanent Diaconate? Come and discover what the diaconate is all about. All Roman Catholic men in the Archdiocese are invited; married men are encouraged to come with their wives. To register for session or for info, contact Deacon Michael Seath (613-834-1840); (mseath@archottawa.ca). **Mon., Feb. 29, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** at Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr., Kanata (in the hall).

FROM THE HOLY SEE

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MARCH: That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments. That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

2016 MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE 31ST WORLD YOUTH DAY: The Pontifical Council for the Laity has released the Message of the Holy Father for the 31st World Youth Day. WYD 2016 will first be celebrated in the local Churches on **March 20** on the theme "*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy*" (Mt 5:7). This will be followed by the 21st world gathering of youth in July 2016 in Cracow, Poland. [Pope Francis' Message](#)

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

"JOURNEY OF HOPE" FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS: This ministry, for separated and divorced Catholics, offers separate sessions for women and men at Holy Rosary Parish. Women's session begins **Tues., Mar. 29**; men's session begins **Thurs., Mar. 31**. Sessions run 6 weeks, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. The program, led from a Catholic faith exploration perspective, is designed to help participants find reconciliation, peace and healing by taking positive steps in their daily spiritual life. Info & registration: Elaine Simpson (613-290-1577); (JourneyofHopeOttawa@gmail.com). Cost: \$25.

FAITH FORMATION

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2016: At the Westin Hotel, Ottawa with live-stream video to host sites across Canada and the US on **April 15 & 16**. Featuring world-class Catholic speakers. Details: (<https://www.newevangelization.ca/>).

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

CLIMATE ACTION AFTER PARIS – NEXT STEPS FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES: At international climate negotiations (COP21) last December, world leaders drafted "The Paris Agreement". What is the significance of this agreement, what more must be done, and how can faith communities move forward on climate issues? This event, co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Ottawa, will take place on **Wed., Mar. 9, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** at Centretown United Church 507 Bank St (At Argyle). Mardi Tindal, leader of the United Church delegation to COP21, will be interviewed by Dennis Greunding, Author of Pulpit and Politics. Following time for questions, Karri Munn-Venn (CPJ), Graham Saul (Ecology Ottawa), and Tony Clarke (The Polaris Institute), will lead a discussion of next steps for Canadian communities of faith. Further info: (www.cpj.ca/events); John Dorner (613-738-5025 x251; jdorner@archottawa.ca).

LENTEN MISSIONS

HOLY CROSS PARISH LENTEN MISSION: Holy Cross Parish, 685 Walkley Rd., **Feb. 29, Mar. 1 & 2, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Preacher: Rev. Dr. Paulson V. Veliyannoor CMF. Theme: “MERCY AND THE PARABLES.” Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wed., March 2. All welcome. Free will offering. Info: (613-731-7834).

PRAYER & WORSHIP

TAIZÉ: Brother Emile from the Taizé Community will be in Ottawa on **March 10**, at Sacré-Coeur Church, 591 Cumberland. Prayer starts at 7:15 p.m., preceded by a song rehearsal at 6:00 p.m. for all those who wish. Info: Sr. Marie-Pierre (taize@101parent.ca); (613-241-7515).

PARISH EVENTS & SOCIALS

ST. MICHAEL, FITZROY HARBOUR ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE: Doors open **8:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m., Sat., Mar. 12.** Refreshments available. Prize for best costume. Age of majority required. Info: (613-623-3419).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6217, ST. MARTIN DE PORRES PARISH ANNUAL IRISH NIGHT: Music by Lorne Daley & his band. **Sat., Mar. 12, 8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.** in the Parish Hall, 3891 Old Richmond Rd. Montreal Smoked Meat sandwiches served. Tickets: \$20; available from the Parish Office (613-828-6720) or from John Brennan (613-258-9936).

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION PARISH ST. PATRICK'S WEEK DINNER/DANCE: In the Parish Hall, 5338 Bank St., **Sunday, March 13, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.** Homemade Irish stew, etc. Bar opens at 2:00 p.m. \$15 per person. Featuring Kings Creek Band. Info: (613-822-1777); (613-884-4043).

ST. CLARE, DWYER HILL ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S SUPPER: 4011 Dwyer Hill Road on **Sun., Mar. 20, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.** Homemade meal; quilt raffle. Info & directions: Shirley O'Connor (613-838-2704).

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

PUBLIC LECTURE: *Extremism, Conflict and Peacebuilding: What Does Religion Have to Do With It?* Presenter: Prof. Gerard Powers, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, Notre Dame University on **March 1, 7:30 p.m.** in the Amphitheatre at Saint Paul University. Info: (www.ustpaul.ca).

THE FRONTIER APOSTOLATE ANNIVERSARY: The Frontier Apostolate will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of its founding with a reunion on **Aug. 19-21** in Prince George, BC, at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre. Info: (PGFAreunion@gmail.com).

2016 COUNCIL ON AGING OF OTTAWA ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON: At the Shaw Centre, 4th Level, Trillium Ballroom, 55 Colonel By Dr. on **Wed., April 20, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** welcome reception, cash bar/silent auction. 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. lunch and presentation. Keynote speaker: The Honorable Sharon Carstairs. *Advanced Care Planning: Choices About Your Future Personal Care.* Cost: individual ticket \$75; sponsor a table of 10 for \$700. Register by Apr. 8, info, donation for silent auction or sponsorship: Lise-Michelle Bouchard (613-789-3577 x11); (l-m.bouchard@coaottawa.ca).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

PART-TIME COOK – PRIESTS' RESIDENCE AT ST. GEORGE PARISH: 15 hours/week. Duties: menu selection, food shopping, kitchen/dining room cleaning & meal prep. for 2-4 persons. Organize/maintain contents of fridge/freezer. Details: (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca/employment-opportunities>). Must have clear Canadian criminal records check. Resume and 3 references to (Secretary@saintgeorges.ca) by **Mar. 31.** Only candidates selected for interview will be contacted.

PART-TIME HOUSEKEEPER – PRIESTS' RESIDENCE AT ST. GEORGE PARISH: 4 hours/week. Further details: (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca/employment-opportunities>). Candidates must have a clear Canadian criminal records check or willingness to obtain same. Send resume and 3 references to (Secretary@saintgeorges.ca) no later than **Mar. 31.** We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.