

# FRIDAY FACTS

Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

March 9, 2018

## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**Archbishop's Letter for Lent 2018:** Archbishop Prendergast's Letter for Lent 2018 is available on our website [here](#).

**Parish Lenten Penance Service Schedule, Confession Times & Easter Triduum Schedules:** Up-dated & available at <https://www.catholicottawa.ca/>.

**Permanent Diaconate – Info Sessions:** Is the Lord calling you to the Permanent Diaconate? Come discover what the diaconate is all about. All men in the Archdiocese are invited; married men are encouraged to come with their wives. If you wish to attend a session or get more info, contact Deacon Michael Seath (613-324-0007); ([mseath@archottawa.ca](mailto:mseath@archottawa.ca)). Last info session: **Sat., Mar. 10, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.** at Annunciation of the Lord Parish, 2414 Ogilvie Rd.

**RSVP for Priests to Jubilarian Reception & Dinner:** Following the Penitential Service for Priests (**3:30 p.m.**) on Tuesday in Holy Week, **March 27** at Notre Dame Cathedral. Reception at the Archbishop's Residence at **4:15 p.m.** Jubilarian Dinner in the Cathedral hall at **5:00 p.m.** RSVP to reception & dinner required **before March 9:** ([arch@archottawa.ca](mailto:arch@archottawa.ca)); (613-738-5025 x233, available 24/7) or online [here](#).

\* **Parish Holy Oil Vials:** If you have not already done so, please return your small Holy Oil vials (3 vials in small black case) to the Diocesan Centre, as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Chrism Mass:** At Notre Dame Cathedral, **Tues., Mar. 27, 7:30 p.m.** Appointed parish representatives are asked to be at the Cathedral, inside the main entrance, no later than 7:00 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the Chrism Mass.

**Communion and Liberation - Way of the Cross:** On **Good Friday, March 30**, through the streets of downtown Ottawa. Led by Most. Rev. Terrence Prendergast S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa. Departure at 9:30 a.m. from St. Patrick Basilica, 220 Kent St. Arrival around 12:00 Noon at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica. Info: David McConkey ([clonottawa@gmail.com](mailto:clonottawa@gmail.com)).

**Parishes - Wedding Anniversary Mass:** An online registration for the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass is now available on our website [here](#). Poster & registration forms were distributed to parishes at Pastoral Day in February. Parishes, please scan and email to [abrown@ArchOttawa.ca](mailto:abrown@ArchOttawa.ca) registrations when you receive them (or at least periodically), so that parish registrations do not all arrive the week of the April 25 deadline. Thank you.

**Pentecost Confirmations for Adult Catholics:** Parishes submitting candidate names for Confirmation on Pentecost, please complete this online form **before Fri., Apr. 20:** <http://www.catholicottawa.ca/pentecost-confirmations-for-adult-catholics>.

**Correction to Pastoral Calendar:** Catholic Education Week begins **May 7, 2018** (not May 1, as shown in the Pastoral Calendar).

**Prayers:** Father Charles Gervais, SFM (Scarboro Foreign Mission Society), brother of Archbishop Emeritus Marcel Gervais, died on March 1, 2018 in his 83<sup>rd</sup> year. The Mass of the Resurrection was held in the chapel of Scarboro Missions on March 5, 2018. In his memory, please pray for peace and work for justice for indigenous peoples everywhere.

**Prayers:** For the repose of the soul of Mr. Neil Cuddihy, brother of Deacon Thomas Cuddihy, St. Monica & St. Andrew parishes. Mr. Cuddihy died this past week at the age of 62. The funeral will be held at St. Monica Parish on **Fri., Mar. 9, 1:00 p.m.** Please pray for him and his family.



*"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience...above all, clothe yourselves with love!"*  
(Colossians 3.12,14)

## FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

**Journey of Hope – A Program for Separated and Divorced Catholics:** Six week sessions for women (Tuesdays, Mar. 20 – Apr. 24, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.) and men (Thursdays, Mar. 22 – May 3, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.). Fee: \$25. At Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish Hall, 20 Grant St. Register by Mar. 16: [www.journeyofhopeottawa.com](http://www.journeyofhopeottawa.com); Mary Jane Manley (613-294-1308).

## CARE FOR CREATION

**Planning for Earth Day - Sunday, April 22:** The Global Catholic Climate Movement (GCCM), an organization supported by Pope Francis, encourages us to unite in a global effort encouraging dioceses to establish a care for creation office such as we have in the Archdiocese of Ottawa. Parishes may register to receive resources from GCCM to help celebrate creation at Mass on Earth Day and to learn about the global initiative ([www.catholicclimatemovement.global/earth-day-2018/](http://www.catholicclimatemovement.global/earth-day-2018/)). Info: John Dorner (613-738-5025, ext. 251; [jdorner@archottawa.ca](mailto:jdorner@archottawa.ca)).

## VOCATIONS

**Prayer for Vocations: Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 18.** For all those being called to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, that they may deepen their faith in Christ who calls them to glorify God in a profoundly personal way through their vocations, we pray to the Lord. **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – March 25.** For the faithful response of all men and women called to follow Christ and His passion through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

**55<sup>th</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations – Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 22:** The Holy Father has released a [Message](#) entitled "Listening, discerning and living" in which he refers to three aspects of a vocation: "In the diversity and the uniqueness of each and every vocation, personal and ecclesial, there is a need to listen, discern and live this Word that calls to us from on high and, while enabling us to develop our talents, makes us instruments of salvation in the world and guides us to full happiness."

## FROM THE CCCB

**Palliative Care Focus Groups:** The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) in collaboration with Pallium Canada and Dominican University College, has initiated focus-groups with some Catholic parishes in Ottawa. The purpose of the focus-groups is to ascertain the questions that are being asked by the faithful with regards to what palliative care is, Catholic teaching on end-of-life issues, and the support mechanisms they feel are needed as a person prepares to die, including subsequent bereavement. 1<sup>st</sup> focus group (French): **Sun., March 11, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** at Paroisse Sacré-Coeur (<http://sacrecoeurottawa.ca>).

**Life and family suggestions for homilies and prayers of the faithful during March 2018:** The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops posts homily ideas and prayers of the faithful to help link the Sunday liturgy with the national pastoral initiative for life and family. The texts for March are available here: [Documents and activities proposed by the CCCB](#).

## FROM THE HOLY SEE

**Pope institutes feast of Our Lady, Mother of Church:** *The liturgical memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church—currently celebrated in Poland and Argentina—has been extended to the universal Church and will be celebrated on the day after Pentecost Sunday. Cardinal Robert Sarah, prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, said that the new feast emphasizes “the importance of the mystery of Mary’s spiritual motherhood, which from the awaiting of the Spirit at Pentecost has never ceased to take motherly care of the pilgrim Church on earth.”*

## PRO-LIFE

**Monthly Pro-life Mass:** Pilgrimage of prayer for the establishment of a Pro-life Centre in Ottawa. Good Shepherd Parish, 3092 Innes Rd, Gloucester on **March 17, 10:00 a.m.** Sponsored by Pro-life Doctors. Info: [wandawoj@rogers.com](mailto:wandawoj@rogers.com) or 613-831-2515.

**Dying Healed Workshops:** Comprehensive education on palliative care/end of life issues and preliminary training for palliative and hospice care volunteers. For those wishing to provide compassionate love and support to those in need, particularly at

end of life. **April 7 & 14, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** St. John the Apostle Parish, 2340 Baseline Rd. Cost for both sessions: \$35; incl. lunch. Registration required: Anastasia Bowles (613-722-1552); ([info@lifecanada.org](mailto:info@lifecanada.org)); ([www.maketimeforlife.ca](http://www.maketimeforlife.ca)).

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

**Saint Patrick's Day 2018 Mass:** Saint Patrick Basilica, 220 Kent Street, Ottawa. Saint Patrick's Day Celebration with Mass on **Sat., Mar. 17, 10:30 a.m.** Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC presiding. The Mass will be followed by a lunch in the Scavi. All are welcome. Info: [info@basilica.ca](mailto:info@basilica.ca).

**Night of Praise & Worship:** Stations of the Cross, 7:00 - 7:30 pm led by youth; 7:30 - 9:00 pm Reflection, Exposition, Adoration, Praise & Worship, followed by fellowship in the parish hall. St. Monica Church, 2080 Merivale Rd., **Fri. Mar. 23.** Hosted by St. Monica Parish Youth Group. Info: 613-727-1067 (x221). Everyone welcome.

## FAITH FORMATION

**The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Lenten Mission:** With Fr. James Buckley, FSSP at St. Clement Parish, 528 Old St. Patrick St., Ottawa. **Sun., Mar. 18,** Sermon at all Masses (8:30 am, 10:30 am, 6:30 pm); **Mon., Mar. 19 – Fri., Mar. 23,** Mass at 6:30 pm with confessions prior; Mission Talk at 7:30 pm followed by more time for confessions. Info: (613-565-9656).

**2018 Ontario Spring Retreat for Deaf Catholics:** Retreat for Deaf Catholics fluent in ASL. Presenter: Fr. Christopher Klusman, Associate Director of Deaf Ministry, Archdiocese of Milwaukee, first Deaf priest in that diocese. Theme: *Family of God*. Register by March 25. Contact Maureen Ceroni: [maureen.ceroni@gmail.com](mailto:maureen.ceroni@gmail.com). At Maison Notre Dame de la Providence, Orleans, **April 13-15, 2018.** Cost: \$55. Sponsored by Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario.

## SCHOOLS

**Academia Stella Maris' Spring Workshops:** Spring semester registrations are now open; register and find more details online at [www.academiastellamaris.ca](http://www.academiastellamaris.ca) or by phone 343-883-6600 before **March 28.** Workshops offered this Spring: Ancient Greek Culture and Thought: Piety in Sophocles and Plato; Applied Latin: Aquinas' commentary on the Lord's Prayer; Greek II; Latin IV; Excellence in writing; Logical Fallacies II; French Part III.

## EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Part-time Bookkeeper:** Saint Patrick Basilica Parish is looking for a part-time bookkeeper. The job description can be found at [www.basilica.ca](http://www.basilica.ca). Interested candidates should send their resumes to the Parish Office by email at: [info@basilica.ca](mailto:info@basilica.ca).

**Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) seeking a bilingual Publication and Office Agent:** To perform clerical duties for various departments of the CCCB. Full time permanent position. Info: [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca) under Careers. Interested candidates are invited to submit a cover letter and a resume to [careers@ccb.ca](mailto:careers@ccb.ca) before March 28, 2018, at 4 pm.

## WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

**Concert John Paul II:** On the occasion of the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death, a concert will take place at Notre Dame Cathedral on **Fri., Mar. 23, 7:00 p.m.** With Ana Toumine, soprano, Mariusz Monczak, violin, Nadia Monczak, violin, Jenna Richards, accompanist, the Ensemble Con Brio of Montreal and the Ottawa Classical Choir directed by Michel Brousseau. Readings of Pope John Paul II's reflections and literary works will be presented by Liliana Komorowska. Free. Info: 613-241-7496.

**Hulse, Playfair and McGarry 2018 Spring Seminar Series: Wills & Executor Duties.** Useful tips for preparing your will and choosing an executor. Roles & responsibilities of an executor. Speaker: Marcia Green, *Nelligan O'Brien Payne*. **Wed., Mar. 21, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Central Chapel, 315 McLeod St. RSVP: [preplanning@hpmcgarry.ca](mailto:preplanning@hpmcgarry.ca); 613-233-1143.

**St. Patrick's Home Annual 2018 Lottery:** Tickets are \$100 each. April 18 Grand Prize Draw: \$20,000, \$5,000 and 5 draws of \$1,000. Tickets: 613-731-4660 ext. 353. Info: (<https://stpatsfoundation.ca/ways-to-give/lottery/>).