

Monday, February 19, 2018

Rectoru office is closed for the Family Day Hliday

8:35 - Rosary before 9am Mass

† Giovanni Conte by the Conte Family

† Joe Vacilotto by the Vacilotto Family

† Gail Harper by Pat & Marilyn

Living Mark Goggin

7pm Bible Study the Book of Exodus—Fr. Martin Room

9:30am - 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration- Assembly room

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

8:35 - Rosary before 9am Mass

† Barb Deneau by Pat & Maurice Bastien

† Fern Mercier by Mary Jane Murphy

Living Friends of Deb & Ron Tofflemire

Confirmation Candidates & their Families by the Confirmation Team

9am Reconciliation at Stella Maris School

2pm Richmond Terrace Mass

7pm Pastoral Council Meeting—Fr. Ware Room

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

† Leonard Goudreau by Marieanne & Joe Vandensteene

† Mary Bondy by Catherine, Gerard & Dorothy

† Wayne Marshall by Rose and Girls

† Jennie Murphy by Rose and Girls

9:30 Book Study—Fr. Ware Room

1:30pm Centering Prayer—Fr. Martin Room

6:30pm Faith Buddies—Assembly Room

7pm Unveil—K of C Hall Amherstburg

1pm—Legionari Della Sacra Familgia: TBA

Thursday, February 22, 2018 Chair of St. Peter

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

† Donato D'Amore by Angela D'Amore

† Garnet Deslippe by the Deslippe Family

† Terry Deslippe by the Deslippe Family

7pm Mass

† Harold Jane by Laura & Frank Vitella

† R. Maxine Greenham-Gardin by Laura & Frank Vitella

† Amedina Simone by Laura & Mike Mancini

6:30pm 1st Communion Lesson—Fr. Martin Room

7:30 Bible Study "The Gospel of Mark" Fr. Ware Room

Friday, February 23, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

† Charles Beneteau (45th Ann.) by Rose & Harry Beneteau

† Lillian and Edgar Pillon by the Pillon Family

Living Angela D'Amore by Jeannie Garinger

9:30am—10:30am—Adoration in the Adoration Chapel

1pm Adoration Meeting—Fr. Ware Room

3pm Divine Mercy Hour

7pm Stations of the Cross—church lead by our St. Vincent de Paul

4:30-6:30pm K of C Fish Fry

Saturday, February 24, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

† Amedina Simone

† Lou St. Louis by Anne St. Louis and Family

† Barb Deneau by Mary Jane Murphy

10am 1st Comm. Lesson /1pm 1st Comm. Lesson Fr. Ware Room

4-4:45pm—Reconciliation

5pm—Mass

Sunday, February 25, 2018

2nd Sunday of Lent

8am Mass

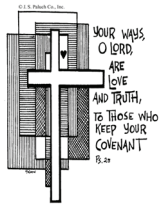
10am Mass—Children's Liturgy

February 18, 2018

1st Sunday of Lent

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." - MARK 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.



Readings for February 25, 2018

First Reading : Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Psalm : 116

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading : Romans 8.31b-35, 37++

God did not withhold his own Son.

Gospel : Mark 9.2-10

This is my son, the Beloved; listen to him.

Financial Report February 11, 2018

Regular Offortory

Envelopes 4,262.65

Pre Authorized Payment (PAP) 1,625.00

Assessment Total 2018 \$65,850.96

Payment -5,487.58

Assessment balance \$60,363.38

Loan for New Roof \$50,000.00

Payment made for Jan/Feb 10,000.00

Loan balance \$40,000.00

Gift Card Report

Profit last week \$ 192.50

Total Profits for 2018 \$1,510.00

Profits from 2006-2017 \$276,575.96

Ongoing Profit to Date \$278,085.96

Eucharistic Adoration—Monday 9.30am—Tuesday, 8.45am.



"Let us go, therefore, with confidence to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace in seasonable aid."

- Hebrews 4:16

Parish Giving

St. John the Baptist Parish 50/50 Lottery

All 500 tickets for the 50/50 Lottery have been sold for the 40 draws during 2018. \$5,000 will go to the parish and \$5,000 will be given out in cash prizes.

A special thank you to a dedicated team of sellers for your legwork to accomplish this sellout and to Vitella Plumbing Inc. Frank Vitella for sponsoring the printing costs. To our faithful buyers your support is very much appreciated.

Seminary Come and See Discernment Weekend

St. Peter's Seminary invites men 17-45 years old to a discernment retreat for men considering a call to the priesthood. This weekend offers a firsthand experience of the life of a seminarian, spiritual helps for discernment, and an opportunity to meet current seminarians and faculty. [click here for the [printable postcard](#)] See attached postcard. The weekend is scheduled for March 2-4. Contact Fr. Patrick Bénéteau at vocations@dol.ca, or 519-432-1824 ext. 204, for more information or to register.

St. John the Baptist Church is offering **COR 56**. If you are in grade 11 and up into your twenties, then a COR Weekend is for you. COR is a three-day retreat with talks, sharing, games and great food. COR means Christ in others renewed and if you are looking to have a Joy filled time, then please sign up for COR 56. The weekend begins Friday, April 20 at 7pm and will end on Sunday, April 22 at 6pm. The cost for this weekend is \$50. Application forms are available at St. John the Baptist Church Office. We invite you to take some time out of your busy schedules for this wonderful experience centred around God, Family, and Friendship.



Sexuality is a wonderful gift of God. It is meant to be shared by a husband and wife as an expression of love which is unitive and can lead to procreation. Porn can only offer exaggerated and warped depictions of a loving relationship. Porn can ruin the physical and emotional intimacy of real, loving relationships.

Pornography reduces sex to nothing more than a recreational activity where people are simply used for personal pleasure. With pornography, there is no relationship, love, intimacy, responsibility, unity, or openness to new life. People are simply treated as objects. It is a disordered use of sexuality, which can hurt people physically, emotionally, relationally and spiritually.

Porn consumers may think they're just being entertained, but their brains are busy at work building stronger and stronger connections between their feelings of arousal and whatever is happening on their screen. Consumers of porn typically become accustomed to the porn they've already seen, so they are constantly moving on to more extreme forms of pornography to be aroused. Eventually, consumers of porn become less responsive sexually to their their loving spouse.

Research supports the theory that porn affects the brain in ways that are very similar to harmful substances, like tobacco. Studies have shown that porn stimulates the same areas of the brain as addictive drugs, making the brain release the same chemicals. And just like drugs, porn triggers pathways in the brain that cause craving, leading users back for more and more extreme 'hits' to get high. Because of this developing tolerance, the porn that used to excite them starts to seem boring. They often try to compensate by spending more time with porn and/or seeking out more hard core material in an effort to regain the excitement they used to feel. Many porn consumers find themes of aggression, violence, and increasingly 'edgy' acts creeping into their porn habits and fantasies.

Once consumers start viewing extreme and dangerous sex acts, things that they thought were disgusting or degrading can start to seem normal, acceptable, and more common than they really are. One study found that people exposed to significant amounts of porn thought things like sex with animals and violent sex were twice as common as what those not exposed to porn thought. And, when people believe a behavior is normal, they're more likely to try it.

Pornography has been shown to weaken commitment in marriages because it creates an utterly false impression of what a normal body looks like and what sexual behavior is really about. The sexual relationship is meant to be mutually satisfying expression of each partner's love for the other. In contrast, porn is about self-gratification and often involves dominating or mistreating the other person.

Rose

PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT

If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens.

The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.