

March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ And they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’” – MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Pray for the strength and courage to stand up for those in need of our help.

Readings for April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday

First Reading : Acts 10.34a, 37-43

We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

Psalm : 118

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading : Colossians 3.1-4

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

Gospel : John 20.1-18++

According to the Scripture: Jesus must rise from the dead.

Financial Report March 18, 2018

Regular Offertory

Envelopes \$6,804.00

Pre Authorized Payment (PAP) \$1,587.50

Share Lent \$3,167.00

After consultation with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Fabbro would like all Share Lent collections to come to the Diocese. Please contact the Diocese directly at 519 466 0658 if you have any questions or concerns.

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 \$ 195.00

Total Profits for 2018 \$2,762.50

Profits from 2006-2017 \$276,575.96

Ongoing Profit to Date \$279,338.46

St. John the Baptist Parish—Weekly Activities

Monday, March 26, 2018

Holy Week

8:35 - Rosary before 9am Mass

† Amedina Simone by Laurel & Luigi DiPierdomenico

† Ferenzo DiGiovanni by Justino D’Ascanio

† Barb Deneau by Grace Delmore & Family

Living Angela DeSantis by Mary & Marc Beneteau

1:30-3:30pm Parish Nurse is available at the Parish Center

7pm BibleStudy “the Book of Exodus” - Fr. Ware Room

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

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

8:35 - Rosary before 9am Mass

† Matteo Cristofaro (London) by Isabella & Chris Lemieux

Living Chris Lemieux by Maria DiGioia

Living Isabella Lemieux by Maria DiGioia

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

† Filomeno Fiorito by Carmelina Fiorito

Living Fr. Donato Lwiyando by Mary & Marc Beneteau

Living Gerry Goggin and Janice Ferguson

9:30 Book Study—Fr. Ware Room

6:30pm Faith Buddies Assembly room

1:30pm Centering Prayer—Fr. Martin Room

7pm Choir Practice—Church

1pm—Legionari Della Sacra Famiglia: TBA

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday, March 29, 2018

7pm Mass The Lord’s Supper

5:30pm Youth Group Event Pizza/Mass/Prayer

Good Friday, March 30, 2018

10am Italian Procession through town begins inside Church

3pm The Passion of the Lord

4:30-6:30pm K of C Fish Fry donations for this fish fry will benefit St. John the Baptist Church.

Holy Saturday, March 31, 2018

8:30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

The Resurrection of the Lord

8am Mass & 10am Mass & 12noon Mass

Eucharistic Adoration—Monday 9.30am—Tuesday,

“The Eucharist engages us unreservedly; it is a pact of love, an alliance signed in the deeper recesses of our being. All our potentialities are called upon to warrant the protection and fulfillment of this pact,”
from Francois Mauriac’s Holy Thursday: An Intimate Remembrance.



Easter Memorial Flowers

At this very special time of the celebration of the Lord’s death and rising, the community remembers in a very special way all those friends and family members who have died in the hope of sharing in the Lord’s Exodus. Our parish has the custom of remembering these loved ones in a special Easter honor roll and many give a donation to be used for the decoration of our church at this time. If you are interested in such a memorial, place the names of the deceased in an envelope and return it to the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory office.

You may also include a donation if you wish. Make sure your name, address and envelope number is included for tax purposes.

Fr. Brian will offer the Holy Saturday Vigil, first Mass of Easter, for all those on our parish Honor Roll.

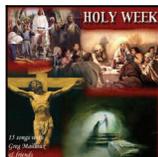
Parish Giving

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.

Priestly Ordinations

The Diocese of London and St. Peter's Seminary announce the ordinations of Rev. Mr. Paul Kim and Rev. Dr. Robert Weaver to the ministerial priesthood. The Sacrament of Holy Orders will be celebrated by Bishop Fabbro on Saturday, April 28 at 11 am at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, 196 Dufferin Ave., London. All are welcome to attend. We assure Deacon Paul and Deacon Robert of our support and prayers, as they prepare for ordination.

FREE LENTEN CD: "Holy Week" is now available as a free download. This CD contains 16 songs designed to inspire you during this season of Lent. Professionally produced and recorded, it features many from our Saturday evening music team. Go to mailloux.yolasite.com for details.



JOB POSTING

We are pleased to announce that Stephanie McGuire is expecting a baby and will be taking her maternity leave effective Friday, August 3, 2018. In her absence we are actively seeking a replacement for her part time position as Youth Ministry Coordinator, consisting of 20 hours per week for one year. For anyone interested in this position please submit your resume to our Hiring Committee, 225 Brock Street, Amherstburg, Ontario N9V 2H3 OR email bjane@dol.ca and cc our Business Administrator Anita Walach at awalach@dol.ca. Please submit no later than 4pm April 6, 2018



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Ask a recovering alcoholic or an ex-smoker how hard it was to quit, and how many times they quit before they succeeded. Ask them about how hard it is to resist urges to do it, just one more time. They know that they may not be able to stop after one. They realize that those substances, that they first tried out of curiosity, came to enjoy, and used to cope with life's difficulties, can still control their life.

Are you craving a substance or compulsively doing an activity? Are you losing control over the amount and frequency of use? Do you continue to use in the face of adverse consequences? These are all signs of addictive behavior.

Any activity, substance, object, or behavior that has become the major focus of a person's life to the exclusion of other activities, or has begun to harm the individual and/or others, physically, mentally, or socially, is considered an addictive behavior.

Whether you're dealing with an addiction to alcohol, tobacco, sex, drugs, lying, shopping, gambling, or pornography, admitting that you have a problem is always the first step to overcoming it. Then it's time to make a plan for quitting, seek help, and prepare yourself for obstacles you'll surely encounter as you try to make changes in your life.

Let's look at gambling as an example of addictive behavior. Although most people who play cards or wager never develop a gambling problem, certain factors are more often associated with compulsive gambling. Many gamblers have mental health disorders, personality disorders, depression or anxiety, and often have substance abuse problems as well.

Addictive gambling will eventually affect work and finances, and often leads to losing a home and even bankruptcy. Alcohol and drug abuse increases, affecting their whole health. And, when they get desperate enough, they commit crimes like fraud and check forgery.

If you're concerned about your own, or a friend's, gambling habits, there are steps to coping with an addiction. First, admit that you have a problem. Explore what may be triggering you to do that activity and how much you have loss because of it. Make a firm commitment to deal with these triggers in a different way so your life will be better. Professional help may be required to address and treat any underlying mental health issues.

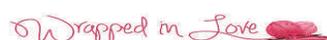
There are all sorts of resources to assist smokers break the habit. The twelve step program works very well for substance abuse and some addictive behaviors. There are a variety of good counselors and support groups to work with you on your problem. A faithful friend, sponsor, or coach, who is honest and supportive, will help you stay motivated and on track. Rose

From the Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please join us in the Fr. Ware Toom located in the Parish Center after the 5pm Mass Saturday, March 24th and the 8am and 10am Mass on Sunday, March 25th.

As Easter approaches you may know someone coping with major life changes who would benefit from the shawls and afghans made by our members with prayer and caring thoughts.

These items are free of charge and to be given to those in need of the intentions described.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry