

# February 18, 2018

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

### Liturgies for the week of Feb. 19 – Feb. 25

Mon.: 11am Funeral: Lucille Deschenes  
 Tues.: 4:30pm Stations of the Cross  
           5:00pm Joe Mitchell  
 Wed., 8:30am Jerry Martin  
 Thurs.: 10:30am @ Lombard Manor: Special Intention  
 Fri.: 8:15am Liturgy of the Hours  
       8:30am Intentions of Neil Alder  
       10:30am @ Willowdale Retirement Ctre:  
                   Theresa Cauley  
           3:00pm Divine Mercy  
 Sat.: 5:00pm @ Smiths Falls: Olga Wolyniec  
 Sun.: 9:00am @ Lombardy: Special Intention  
       10:30am @ Smiths Falls: For the People

### Ministries for Feb. 24 & 25

#### @ St. Francis de Sales

#### Readers                      Extraord. Ministers

5:00pm	M. Clifflen J. Brohman	J. Parrell P. Murphy
10:30am	L. A. Bingley G. McWade	C. McAdam C. Stanzel

#### @ Blessed Sacrament

9:00am	P. Shaw	B. Mahon, J. Ritchie & N. Mahon
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Collection Counters: G. Uniacke, J.A. McIntyre &  
 G. Mitchell

### “Rediscovering the Art of Dying”

Many people expressed an interest in exploring this book by religious sister and doctor Nuala Kenny, when I spoke to you about it last Fall. Lent would seem the ideal time for this reflection group. If you are interested in participating, please call the rectory to leave your name and number. Our gatherings will take place on the following **Thursdays: Feb. 22, March 8, 15 & 22**. We will meet in the rectory at 12 noon. Please bring a lunch. Tea, coffee and snacks will be provided. Each session will conclude at 1:30pm. Several copies of Sr. Kenny’s book have been ordered. We suggest that each participant chip in \$10.00.

### Upcoming Events/Meetings

**Feb. 20**      K of C 4<sup>th</sup> Degree mtg., 7:30pm  
**Feb. 21**      K of C 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree mtg., 7:30pm  
**Mar. 3**        CIA Youth Group, 6pm  
**Mar. 7**        St. Vincent de Paul mtg., 7pm  
**Mar. 16**      St. Patrick’s Day Dance, 7pm

### Message from Archbishop O’Brien

I want to express appreciation to those who provided e-mail addresses for the Call for Conscience Campaign. The Coalition for Health Care will be following up with you shortly. Thank you for joining in this effort to provide conscience protection for doctors and medical facilities and increased funding for palliative care.

Staff and students of St. Francis School wish to thank The Catholic Women’s League and all the volunteers who prepared and served **Shrove Tuesday breakfast** at the school. It was a wonderful time of feasting and fellowship!

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a **Parish Ski Trip** to celebrate **Family Day on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>**. Price is \$50 for lift ticket and transportation. \$20 for rentals. We will be offering free lessons for first timers. Please email Chris at [rideauskiclub@gmail.com](mailto:rideauskiclub@gmail.com) or text/call 613-769-6529 to reserve your spot!

### Lenten Walk with the Lord – 40 Acts of Kindness

The Archdiocese of Kingston is presenting an additional or optional way to enhance and enrich your Lenten commitment and experience. “Lenten Walk with the Lord” invites you to do one (1) simple act of kindness for each of the 40 days of Lent. There is a calendar available at the entrance of both churches that you can pick up to help you keep track of your kindnesses along with some simple instructions to help guide you. For example, kindness can be as simple as a smile and often begins at home.

The **Northern Deanery Marriage Preparation Weekend** takes place on April 20 & 21, 2018. Couples are asked to contact the parish office for a registration form and return it in to the parish office with the fee. For couples who have recently been engaged and are contemplating marriage, please contact Fr. Rod at 613-283-0220.

**Knights of Columbus Rideau Council 2444**  
The next K of C meeting will be held in Hanley Hall on Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 PM.

Seniors are invited to register for a teen mentored **computer course** at St. Francis School. Classes take place on Wednesdays, starting February 21 from 3-4pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Please call Maureen at 613-283-6101 to register.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory Collection:	Actual	Budget
Jan. 21	\$ 4089.00	\$ 4000
Year to date	\$ 10,235	\$ 12,000
Building Maint. Fund:	Actual	Budget
Jan. 21	\$ 1528.75	\$ 1350
Year to date	\$ 3934.75	\$ 4050

The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** now have a **new telephone**; 613-285-1047. Please leave us a message if you need assistance or would like to help.

A **Pastoral Care volunteer** is needed to visit Broadview Nursing Centre once a month to take communion to Catholic residents. Training will be provided. For more info. please call Margie Ann at 613-283-4213.

#### Please Pray for:

**The sick** and many others who are in our hearts and for all Caregivers who give them loving support.

**For the Deceased:** Lucille Deschenes

*Please note names are published in the bulletin for 2 months. After 2 months, names are transferred to the Adoration Chapel where their intentions will continue to be remembered in prayer. If you wish to add or remove the name of a person asking for our prayers in the weekly bulletin, please inform the parish by calling 613-283-0220.*

**Thanks to all who** helped prepare for the Valentine dance last Saturday. Thanks also to The Doherty Brothers band for providing a great selection of music to dance the night away!

St Johns Anglican Church (2 George Street South) is hosting a **FREE Community Dinner on Sunday, February 18**. Doors open at 3:45pm. All are welcome to attend.

The **Word Among Us for Lent** is available at the entrance of both churches.

Join Bishop Robert Barron and the Word on Fire community for **daily email Lenten reflections**. You can sign up at <http://www.lentreflections.com/> Another great resource to check out is <http://bustedhalo.com/>

**St. Patrick's Day Dance will take place on Friday, March 16 from 7pm-11pm at Hanley Hall**. Great music by the band Turpin's Trail, formerly Crooked Wood. Get your tickets now at weekend Masses or reserve your tickets by calling Karen at 613-283-0676. Come and enjoy a great evening of entertainment, dancing and fellowship. A light luncheon will be served. LCBO licensed event.

#### Adoration Chapel News:

**An Adorer is needed for Tuesdays from 10-11AM ASAP**. Please call Helen at 613-656-2334. An Adorer is also need for **Tuesdays from 1-2PM ASAP**. Please call Jane at 613-283-2847.

There will be **NO Adoration** on Family Day, **Monday, February 19**. The chapel will reopen on Tuesday, February 20.

**Pilgrimage to Poland - 28 April - 14 May 2018** includes special moments not readily available to other groups such as conferences with the Sisters at the Convents, visit to the Archbishop's Residence in Krakow, seeing where Mary left her footprints in Lichen, visiting Plock where Jesus appeared to St. Faustina. All inclusive cost \$3,300 single and \$3150 for couples. Information: [sbielec@sympatico.ca](mailto:sbielec@sympatico.ca) or 613-792-4272.

There is a box at the entrance of St. Francis Church for the **collection of palms**.