

### First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm  
Denise Lauzon+ (Mike & Theresa Shanks)

Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am  
For the People of the Parish

Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
All Souls in Purgatory+

Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
Intentions of the Knights of Columbus  
Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm (Church)

Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am  
Intentions of Chuck & Doreen Thirnbeck  
(Phil & Noreen D'Eon)  
Divine Mercy Chaplet - Please pray at home  
First Confession: 7 pm

Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> - No Mass  
Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm (Church)

Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am  
Leo Guiney+ (Donna & Noel)  
10:00 am Adoration  
Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 pm (Church)  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (in Bath)  
7:30 pm Mass Rita McAvoy+ (in Bath)

### Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm  
Rheal & Lucille Labonté + (Cecile Downey & family)

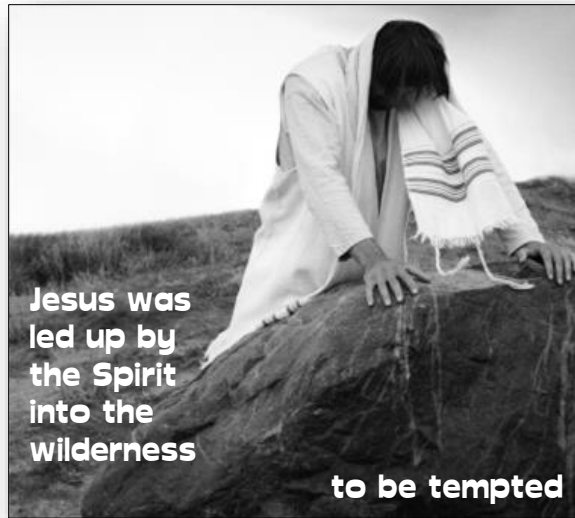
Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am  
For the People of the Parish

#### Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm  
Lector: P. Hoobin; Eucharist: J. Lyman;  
Offertory Procession: A. & M. Wilson.

Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am  
Lector: S. McParland; Eucharist: T. Johnson;  
Offertory Procession: A. & S. McDougall;  
Briargate: P. Godfrey;  
Helen Henderson: Greenwoods.

(Daylight savings time begins March 12<sup>th</sup> - remember to set your clocks ahead one hour).



*Imagine Jesus being led into a confrontation with the accuser, the tempter, the devil. Imagine Jesus turning the situation around as an opportunity to declare the truth, to declare his understanding and obedience to God's Word. Imagine Jesus simply telling the evil one to be gone. What an example!*

#### THESE FORTY DAYS OF LENT...

*Lent is the season that prepares us to celebrate Easter. The main reason that Lent is important is that Easter is our most important feast. On Easter, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, whose passage beyond death into life offers redemption to believers. The mystery of Christ's rising from the dead is so deep that the church invites us to six weeks of preparation before we fully celebrate it. We call that period Lent. Lent is a time of penitential practices and spiritual discipline.*

#### A Lenten prayer to help carry each other's cross.

On the first Sunday of Lent and each consecutive Sunday until Palm Sunday, exchange your cross (from the basket) for a cross worn by the person from the previous week. The name of that person or their cross will not be known. Simply pray for the cross that they have to bear. On Palm Sunday, all crosses are to be returned to the basket at church. No crosses will be worn during Holy Week. Instead we will be with Christ during His passion, His agony in the garden, and particularly for the cross He carried for us. As Saint Luke reminds us in the words Jesus spoke: "Take up my cross Daily and follow me".

**Knights of Columbus Regional Free Throw Results**  
Boys (10year) – Austin Laird 11524 (17) – Winner from our Lady of Mount Carmel School. Congratulations!

*\*During Lent there will be a Faith refresher course on Monday nights at 7:30 pm in the parish hall. It starts this Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> "The Sacraments". Everyone is welcome!*

*\*This Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, come to St. Linus Church in Bath: 7 pm Stations of the Cross and 7:30 pm Mass*

*\*Confirmation Meeting for Grade 7 students and older on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7 pm in the parish hall. Come with your parents.*

**Annual Diocesan CWL Convention – May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Registration forms are now available at the church entrance. Forms need to be completed with payment **by March 14<sup>th</sup>**. You may place the form and cheque marked 'CWL' in an envelope and place it in the collection basket or drop it in the parish mailbox. For more info, contact Donna at 613-389-2009.

#### ALCDSB Nominations

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board is calling for nominations. During Catholic Education Week, our board recognizes the exemplary accomplishments of students, staff and volunteers who demonstrate outstanding service. Info: <http://www.alcddb.on.ca/faith/Pages/Catholic-Educaton-Week.aspx>.

**Join the Call for Conscience: February 6 - March 31**  
The Ontario Government has introduced Bill 84, Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) Statute Law Amendment Act, which, at present, does not provide conscience protection for doctors and health care providers who conscientiously object to taking part in Medically Assisted Dying. A 'Call for Conscience' campaign has been initiated to encourage Ontarians to write to their local MPP's asking them to protect conscience rights – in particular, to support an amendment to Bill 84 that would provide conscience protection for doctors and health care providers and create a care coordination service which protects both patients and health care workers. Further info can be found at [www.canadiansforconscience.ca](http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca).

#### Breakfast – Thanks!

Thanks to all who attended our recent breakfast! Also, thanks to all the volunteers that came out to make this a fun time for all those attended. Thanks for supporting this event which builds parish community.

#### Your Church Chuckle

*The parish priest called to visit an elderly couple. The old gent said, 'When I die I'm going to leave everything to my dear wife'. 'He already does that Vicar,' replied the wife.*

### Looking Ahead

Games Night - March 21<sup>st</sup>

Looking Ahead - Sacraments

**First Communion:**  
Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am (Church)

**Confirmation:**  
Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm (Church)  
Please note the change in date.

**Confirmation Meeting: (parents & students)**  
Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm (Hall)

### Parish Council News

- A Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke will begin in September
- Our Lenten devotions will include the Stations of the Cross, daily Mass, a 'Faith Refresher Course' on Monday nights and a Holy Hour on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- We need teenage parishioners to volunteer to read at Mass. Call the office.
- We need altar Servers, grade 3 and older. See Fr. Shea.
- Starting Holy Week, parishioners will also be able to receive Holy Communion from the Chalice
- Our Liturgy Committee will meet in March
- Faith Refresher Course: starts Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the parish hall

#### Intercessory Prayers

Laurie Glecoff / Johanna Boon, Chuck Thirnbeck, Rick Van Vlack // Dale Ezard, Oliver Sparks, Fr. Ted Hughes, Helen & Buzz / Brielle Breeze // Meg, Josh Witjes / Diane Cribbes, Jane McGrath //

*We also pray for our family members and friends who are chronically ill and for all whose sickness, impairment or personal situations keep them from joining us at Eucharist or from living a full and happy life. We also pray for our troops and all who are away from home at this time.*

*...pray for the recently deceased and for all the the departed ... Leo Guiney, Marg Martyn.*

*The sanctuary candle burns for a special intention this week.*