

First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2012

The flood waters of the time of Noah become the saving waters of our baptism in Jesus Christ.

Good Shepherd Refugee Council Report:

Good news dear parishioners. We just heard (Feb. 21st) by e-mail from the Kaneza Family. The interviews are over and they did very well. The next step is the family must get health checks. We are getting closer to having them come join us here in Ottawa.

ALTAR SERVERS – Our parish is in need of altar servers. Girls and boys age seven and up can volunteer. Training is provided and they can choose the Mass which to attend. For more information, or to sign up call Mary at 613-824-7270.

LENTEN HOLY HOUR – The Lenten Holy Hour of Adoration will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm during Lent. Please note that Adoration will not take place on Wednesday, March 14th.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE – The Good Shepherd Lenten Penitential will take place on **Wednesday, March 14th at 7:00 pm.** Priests will be available for individual confessions.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. On Friday March 30, the Stations will be led by the CWL, K of C and the youth, followed by a Lenten Soup Supper with a freewill offering. This offering will go to charity.

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS MEETING - Instead of the third Tuesday of the month, the **Good Shepherd Widows and Widowers Friendship Group** is holding its monthly meeting on **Tuesday, February 28, 2012**, at 7:30 p.m. in the social space. The Group offers friendship and informal support to widows and widowers in the congregation and is not a bereavement group. New members are always welcome. For more information about the group, please contact Pauline Canning at (613) 824-1104 or John Reny at (613) 842-4565.

Development and Peace has begun its 2012 *Share Lent* campaign and the children at our elementary schools have received a *Solidarity Calendar*. Reading the calendar's comments during Lent will help families reflect on the lifestyle that we enjoy and perhaps take for granted. It will also sensitize your children to the concept of alms-giving during Lent to aid those less fortunate in other countries. There will be a special *Share Lent* collection on **Solidarity Sunday, March 24-25.**

YOUTH MASS – The next youth mass will be held on **Sunday, March 4th at 4:30 pm** followed by a Pot luck dinner. All are welcome to attend.

Offering for February 19, 2012

Sunday Envelopes:	\$2827.00
PAC/Visa/MC	2700.00
Loose:	763.50
Total Collection:	<u>\$6290.50</u>

Refugee fund total to date **\$42,636.00**

Youth Corner

* Congratulations to Matthew Dunham, winner of the Saint Brother Andre Gentle Evangelist Award for youth ministry! Matt was given the leadership award by Archbishop Prendergast, SJ on Feb 4th at the annual youth ministry gala.

* Good Shepherd Parish is happy to announce that the youth Mass will now be held consistently on the first Sunday of every month starting at 4:30 pm, and followed by a community potluck. Everybody is welcome to attend either, or better yet, both!

Upcoming events

March 30th – youth are looking forward to joining the CWL and the KOC for their annual Way of the Cross and Lenten Soup Dinner

Launch – every Friday night

For more information on the Good Shepherd Parish youth program, go to the parish website and click YOUTH!

Looking for quality Catholic Education in a small, welcoming inclusive school community? Look no further than Good Shepherd Catholic School located at 101 Bearbrook Road. We have classes from kindergarten through to grade 6. We offer French Immersion and extended programs in grades 4, 5 and 6. Starting in September 2012, we are offering a full-day 50/50 French Immersion kindergarten program. Do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Knowles at the front office (613-824-4531) for additional information and registration forms.

Cursillo is a lay movement which promotes Christian renewal by providing a joyful three-day experience of dynamic and enduring Christian living. It can be the start of a new and fuller awareness of what Christianity can mean in your daily life at home and work, with neighbours and with members of your Church. Cursillo Weekends take place at Notre-Dame-de-la-Providence Retreat House, 1754 St Joseph Blvd. in Orléans. The next weekend for women is **March 1 - 4, 2012** and for men **May 3 - 6, 2012**. For further information, please contact Charlotte Gupta (613)841-2891 cgupta@rogers.com

Upcoming Weekly Events at Good Shepherd

Sun, Feb 26	11:15 am – 6 th Sacramental Prep Class
Mon, Feb 27	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Christian Meditation
Tues, Feb 28	7:30 – 9:00 pm RCIA 7:30 – 9:00 pm Widow & Widowers meeting 7:30 – 9:30 pm CWL meeting
Wed, Feb 29	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Diaconate meeting
Thurs, Mar 1	9:30 – 11:00 am Legion of Mary 7:30 – 9:00 pm Christian Meditation
Fri, Mar 2	7:00 – 9:30 pm Youth Meeting
Sun, Mar 4	11:15 am – 6th Alternate Sacramental Prep Class

Masses

Saturday, February 25 – First Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm †Michael Garvey req by the family
†Roger Gauthier req by the Good Shepherd CWL
†Jacqueline McGuinty req by the Good Shepherd CWL
†Leigh Anne MacDonald-Corbett req by the Good Shepherd CWL

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9:00 am †Roger Gauthier req by Ray and Marg Madden
11:15 am †Jacqueline McGuinty req by John and Joan Ronan
†Leigh Anne MacDonald-Corbett req by Bernie and Jackie Roach
Special Intention to all the parishioners and friends who offered prayers and Mass for George Gibbs req by George and Dorothy Gibbs

Tuesday, February 28

9:00 am †Leigh Anne MacDonald-Corbett req by Vince and Myrna Brown

Wednesday, February 29

9:00 am †Leigh Anne MacDonald-Corbett req by Gilmour, Crowley and Kavalaris families

Thursday, March 1

9:00 am †Leigh Anne MacDonald-Corbett req by the Verner family
†Giuseppe Bacchin req by Elizabeth Lorenzin

Friday, March 2

9:00 am Intention of Wilfred Lawrence req by the Kilby family
†Leigh Anne MacDonald-Corbett req by Dennis Perry

Saturday, March 3 – Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm †Leigh Anne MacDonald-Corbett req by Gerry and Joan Tompkins

Sunday, March 4 – Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 am Intention of Susanne Yaworski req by the family
†Jacqueline McGuinty req by Gail Lussier
†Maureen Turner req by JP and Patricia Clement
11:15 am †Leigh Anne MacDonald-Corbett req by John and Joan Ronan
†Leigh Anne MacDonald-Corbett req by the Knights of Columbus
†Joe Bockstael req by Gunter and Myrna Andrews

Please pray for our sick, Corinne Boyd, Lorna Kennedy, Julie, Suzanne Barrett, Suzanne Richmond, Dennis Tremblay, Narcisco Cardenas, Arlene Quinney, Stella Francispallai, Michael Tadiello, Mylene Gomes, Louise Clarke, Lina Brunelle, Augastenos Faltas, Michael Goyetche and John MacDonald.

Please pray for our deceased, that they may be received into God's love.

PRO LIFE CORNER

February 23rd marked the beginning of the spring 40 Days for Life Campaign which is taking place in 258 cities around the world. Ottawa will participate in this prayerful campaign to end abortion in the fall. Please pray for the continued success of 40 Days for Life which has resulted in hundreds of abortion facilities closing in areas where the faithful have prayed for 40 consecutive days.

