

First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2018

Lenten Weekly Schedule



Monday	OLL OLMC	7:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm Mass
Tuesday	OLL OLG	6:30 pm Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Mass 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Mass
Wednesday	OLL	9:00 am Mass
Thursday	OLL	5:00 – 6:30 pm Adoration & Confession 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Mass
Friday	OLL	1:30 pm Class Mass for OLL School

In our Prayers

We pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Morrow, husband of Susan, Terry Kelly and Robert Chenier, former members of Our Lady of Grace Mission. May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace. We ask God's blessing for those who are sick and for their care-givers. We pray for all who have asked us to remember them prayerfully before the Lord.

Renewing Mission in a World Church With Dr. Catherine Clifford,

University of St. Paul's, Ottawa

Wednesday, February 21, 2018, 9 am to Noon followed by lunch **Caritas Residence Chapel**. Please RSVP to Pam by **February 14th** by calling 613-735-4111 or e-mailing pam@greysisters.ca

Riverview Seniors Social Club

The Riverview Seniors Social Club's **Soup & Sandwich on February 21st has been cancelled** for this month only. We hope to see you at the R.S.S.C. **Pub Night on February 21st** and enjoy a Cipaille (sea pie) supper in the Westmeath Rec. Centre Hall.

Marriage Preparation Program

The next Marriage Preparation Program will be held on **February 24th and March 3rd, 2018** at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Renfrew. The deadline to register is **February 16th**.

THE SEASON OF LENT – JOURNEY TO NEW LIFE

Lent is a Season of many layers, but all are joined together in the idea of the Journey to New Life. For the Elect - those who are journeying towards the waters of the baptismal font at the Easter Vigil - it is a Season of final preparation, when the Word of God speaks to them of the mystery of death and life in water, their entry to the mystery of the Cross and Resurrection. For those of us who entered those waters of baptism a few or many years before, it is a time to purify ourselves so that we can renew the sense of Rebirth as new creatures, washed in the Blood and Water. This is why Lent is a "season looking forwards" - our eyes are fixed on the road ahead, and especially on the **Easter Triduum – Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday – March 29th to April 1st** - when the Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, celebrates the Paschal mystery – the suffering, Death and Resurrection of the Lord. All our penance and devotions should be carrying us somewhere, all our prayers and hymns and sacrifices should be leading us onwards and upwards to Easter!

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Knights of Columbus

Council 1531 of the Knights of Columbus will host the Board of Columbus House at its **February 27th** meeting. Led by Executive Director Tina Belanger, members of the board will give an update on Columbus House. The meeting starts at **7 p.m.** in the Knights of Columbus Hall and is open to members, their families and the community.

Bishop Smith Catholic High School Information Session

Personally invites grade 8 students and their parents to a High School Information Session on what to expect in grade 9. **Wednesday, February 28, 2018 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.** in the Robert Tate Library.

PAINT NITE 2

There will be a coffee, cake and canvas fundraiser at **Holy Name Church Annex** in Pembroke on **Tuesday, March 6th** beginning at **6:30 p.m.** Pre-registration only. Cost is \$40.00 per person with a tax receipt issued. Payment to be dropped off at Holy Name Church Office with contact information included. Please call Helen at 613-638-6116 for further information.

Our Lady of Lourdes News

Sunday Offerings

Last Sunday's Offering: \$3,680.00

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Our Lady of Mt. Carmel & Our Lady of Grace News

Sunday Offerings

Our Lady of Mount. Carmel:

Last Sunday's Offering: \$527.00

Our Lady of Grace:

Last Sunday's Offering: \$883.00

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Scharf Family Charitable Trust

Patrick Kelly, a former resident of Westmeath was instrumental in arranging the sizeable donation to the parish resulting in the new LED lighting you see at Our Lady of Grace church in Westmeath.

Patrick became professionally acquainted with the "SCHARF FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST", along with Anne Fleming and Lorna Bradley – nieces of the late Mr. Graham Scharf.

Mr. Scharf left his Estate in Trust with provisions to donate funds to worthy causes throughout the Ottawa Valley.

In December, 2016, Patrick visited the church to see what Capital Project would qualify for a donation. With the help of Bernie Ethier, three projects were pointed out; lighting, carpeting and painting.

The Scharf Family Charitable Trust, along with Anne and Lorna, thought lighting was the preferable option and agreed to donate the \$8,000 to see the project to completion.



YOU'RE INVITED

Next Sunday, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, everyone is invited to the Parish Hall for a friendly gathering and refreshments.



Loving God, As we celebrate Family Day, we ask you to bless and protect our family, and all families in our parish. May we follow

the example of the Holy Family and create a home filled with your peace, love and joy. **Amen.**