

6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR "B" FEBRUARY 11TH 2018

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (Psalm 30.3-4): Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.
 LEV 13.1-2, 45-46 1COR 10.31-11.1 MK 1.40-45

Mass Intentions



Lent



Ash Wednesday – February 14th
9:30 am- Fr. Fenelon School Mass & Distribution of Ashes - Community is also welcome
6:30 pm- Holy Hour
7:30 pm- Mass and Distribution of Ashes

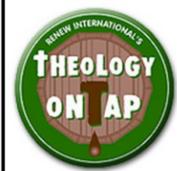
TURN AWAY FROM SIN. BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL.
Stations of The Cross
Fridays during Lent: 7:00 pm- Mass followed by the Stations of the Cross. Let's journey together with Jesus on the way with the cross which will lead to the tomb and the glory of Resurrection.

Offertory of the 7 Day Candle
 If you would like to offer a 7 Day Candle, at the statue of Our Lady of Fatima or the Sanctuary Lamp, for your intentions, kindly contact the parish office or speak to the Sacristan.

Building Fund Collection: This Weekend
 This Sunday, February 10/11 there will be a second collection for the building fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations
Richard Molinaro and Hailey Shore
 on your celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage.

Theology on Tap EAST: Transubstantiation
Monday, February 12, 2018 - 7:00pm - 9:00pm
 Faith Connections, the Office of Catholic Youth, and the local parishes invite young adults (19-39) to join us for an evening of thought-provoking conversation on theological topics!
Munchies provided, cash bar available - come and bring a friend!
 Special guest: **Fr. Michael McGourty**, Pastor, St. Peter's Parish.



Saturday, February 10 th	
5:00 p.m.	† LUBICA GOLUBIC
Sunday, February 11 th	
9:00 a.m.	† JOHN & ANTHONY MASCARENHAS
11:00 a.m.	Mass For The People
5:00 p.m.	† MARY MARFIL
Monday, February 12 th	
8:30 a.m.	† DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE HEATHCOTE & NAUGHTON FAMILIES
Tuesday, February 13 th	
8:30 a.m.	† JULIANA KUK
Wednesday, February 14 th	
7:30 p.m.	† John Brignole & Mary McWatters
Thursday, February 15 th	
8:30 a.m.	† FRANK AZEVEDO
Friday, February 16 th	
8:30 a.m.	† JOSEPH & MARIA LUGARICH
7:00 p.m.	† JEROME MENEZES
Saturday, February 17 th	
5:00 p.m.	† DR. WALTER GARBARINI
Sunday, February 18 th	
9:00 a.m.	† PAUL CHARADE
11:00 a.m.	Mass For The People
5:00 p.m.	† PEDRO GOROSPE

The Parish office is currently accepting Mass Intentions for March to July 2018.

Family of Faith Campaign: Tax Receipts
 Most gifts to the campaign have been in the form of pledges, payable over five years. Tax receipts will be issued for the value of gift amounts actually received in 2017, through Sunday, December 31, 2017. Please note that contributions sent by mail that were postmarked on or before December 31, 2017 are eligible for a 2017 tax receipt.
 The Family of Faith campaign will issue 2017 tax receipts for Family of Faith donations by the end of February.

St. Mary Parent Council is hosting a Used Uniform Sale on Thursday, February 22nd from 5-7pm at St. Mary C.S.S., [1918 Whites Road](#). Good quality used uniform items will be available for purchase. CASH ONLY.



Coins For Life 2018: Campaign
 From February 18th to April 1st

Would you, your family and friends put aside your toonies, loonies, quarters, nickels, dimes during the **next 4-6 weeks**, and contribute these savings to help in the struggle to end abortion and to create a Culture of Life in Canada? If so coins for life boxes will be handed out at the back of the church on the weekend of Easter Sunday. This project helps us to continue to run the National March for Life in Ottawa on May 10, 2018.

Be sure that your small change can lead to a BIG change in our land and does help to save countless innocent lives now and in the future. God's preborn children in the womb have no voice but ours. You may even wish to make this a family, school, office project? Spread the good news of the sanctity of every life from conception to natural death which God created as no one has the right to destroy that life. In our present-day culture of death society we all have a role to play to reverse the tide even with this 'little project' for life. The Parish will post the date to return the boxes and if you wish, leave your name/address/email/cell so CLC can thank you personally for your kindness. For more information call Jenny or Jeff at CLC, 416 204 9749. Volunteers are always needed!



Sacramental Dates – Attendance Mandatory

Sacrament of Confirmation
Confirmation Retreat: Sat., Mar. 24—9 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.
Confirmation Rehearsal
Fr. Fenelon C.S. : Thursday, May 10 at 7 p.m.
St. Monica C.S. & Church Class: Thurs., May 24 at 7 pm.
Confirmation Celebration
Fr. Fenelon C.S. : Thursday, May 17 at 7 p.m.
St. Monica C.S. & Church Class: Sat., May 26 at 2:30 pm

Sacrament of First Holy Communion
First Reconciliation: Tuesday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m.
First Holy Communion Rehearsal
Fr. Fenelon C.S. & Atrium: Tues., May 29 at 7 p.m.
St. Monica C.S. Friday, June 1 at 7 p.m.
First Holy Communion Celebration
Fr. Fenelon C.S. & Atrium: Sat., June 2 at 1:30 p.m.
St. Monica C.S.: Sunday, June 3 at 1:30 p.m.

Have a Safe Lenten Walk into the Wilderness

As the Lenten season begins, so does our walk into the interior wilderness. Being from the tropics, I often wonder in awe, at the transformation of the lush green scenery of the wet season turning into dry and barren when the hot season sets in, hot by day and night. This allows me to visualize what Jesus might have experienced in the wilderness. Around here, the season of Lent coincides with the season of slush, rains on the thawed ground and an occasional snowfall that turns any unpaved surface into a shoe-wrecking slop. So it's a little hard to journey with Jesus, into the desert, but it's a good metaphor to step into during this February - March stretch. If we do it right, our walk into the desert's heat when we are actually freezing to the bones, challenges us to leave behind what we really don't need and to rely on what God alone provides. One question pops up in my mind, a question that may be central to personal meditation through the season and throughout the year ie. What is different about the forty days of Lent this year 2018? Perhaps it is your question too. We live in an age of convenience, getting things easy and quick. No wonder then, that some churches, are offering drive-through distribution of ashes or 'Ashes-To-Go Services'.. It's tempting to sit idling and then 'get your ashes', while missing the richness of season, namely 'to get up and walk with Jesus'. That walk is a scary trip, and not without sacrifice. If we take a fearless look within, we are likely to find the hurts, the prejudices, the fears and the sinfulness that we stuff into the dark parts of our heart. Then Lent comes and invites us to confront them head on, to uproot whatever sin lies in those corners of the heart. Maybe we would prefer to convince ourselves that they aren't so bad, or that's just the way we all are, and we can't be expected to purge our hearts of sin. No, there is work to do and we really can't do it alone. Through grace, Christ can lift away the sins we lift up to him, so that we can live through the Spirit that resides within us. The reason for fasting, for giving to charity, for fervent prayer and for immersing into the word of God, is to probe our own hearts more deeply. The wilderness of our hearts is a place that requires a lot of courage to walk through. But we don't go it alone. Frequent confession, celebration of the Eucharist, the various devotions, stations of the cross during this Lenten season, setting times for prayer, are traditional Catholic aids on that rough walk. They make it a bit easier to get to the heart of the matter. Who knew the church had anticipated the age of convenience? We might find in that desert some hidden springs of water bubbling up where we had not seen them before. And not only at the journey's culmination on Easter, but here and now, in Lent's early days. By water, that refreshment of a prayer concluded in the silence of our heart as we are sitting in traffic, standing in a line or meditating in a quiet place at home. That's the kind of water, along with the challenge, that awaits in the wilderness of Lent. Now is the time to lace up our boots and slog through the slushy streets where we dwell, one day at a time, with the Lord.

Your servant
 Fr. Colman