

4th Sunday of Easter - May 07, 2017

Intentions - May 07 - Today's Mass is in celebration of all our first communion candidates.

Intentions are \$15.00

Offertory Collection

April 30 - \$576.75 **Thank You**

Coffee Sunday

On this 4th Sunday of Easter we celebrate the receiving of 1st communion with this year's candidates and their families. Please join us for light refreshments in the church hall after mass today.

1st Communion Candidates

Colton Kenneth Cavanagh
Hailey Davis-Jeanveaux
Luka Spahich

08 May



Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine: Catherine de Longpré was born in France in 1632. At the age of 12, she entered the convent of the Hospitallers of Bayeux, a branch of the Augustinians, the first order to send missionaries to Canada. In 1648 she asked to go to Quebec City to help the sisters in the Hôtel-Dieu hospital, the first established in Canada. She contracted the plague on her voyage, but recovered. In the following years, she worked with the poor through famine, conflict and illness, even as other members of her community returned to France. Catherine was graced with several mystical experiences, but the people of New France remembered her more for her kindness and her great love for them. She battled poor health all her life and died in 1668 at the age of 36. Counted among the founders of the Canadian Church, she was beatified in 1989.



Today's Gospel Reflection: Jesus is the gate, the only entrance to the fold. The image of the gate directs our attention to Jesus the Risen One who always recognizes us and cares for us, to Jesus our Shepherd. This is where resurrection faith leads us so "that we might have life and have it more abundantly." Christ is truly here for us, calls us by name and leads us to life. (Living Liturgy, p.130)



Christians, Jews and Muslims call for palliative care strategy for Canada: The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, has signed a joint interfaith letter released as an op-ed in The Hill Times. In their letter, the religious leaders call for a "well-funded, national initiative to improve palliative care access and quality" in Canada. "An important first step," they note, "is for parliamentarians to vote for Bill C-277, introduced by MP Marilyn Gladu, which calls for the development of a pan-Canadian palliative care strategy." The interfaith letter also points out that "those approaching the final stage of life are, unquestionably, among our most vulnerable. While much of the conversation around end-of-life issues in Canada has focused on what is often referred to as 'Medical Assistance in Dying', far too little attention has been paid to palliative care."

St. Gabriel's Yard Sale

Saturday June 3rd is the yard sale. Please start putting items aside that you would like to donate. The items can be brought to the church hall every Sunday.



Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for the sick among our families and friends, especially Gerry Borris, Raymond Cameron, Colleen Campbell, Patricia Cassidy, Christine Fraser, Suzanne Geldert, Mary Jardine, Peter Kelly, Sheila Moeser, Virginia Ramos and Richard Vollmer. *The names will remain on the list until we are otherwise advised.*

Sandhill's Seniors

Second Wednesday every month we have pot luck lunch and good fellowship at the Legion Hall. Call Jim Wilson (613) 832-3222.

West Carleton Food Access Centre: When you grocery shop this week, please remember the West Carleton Food Access Centre.



Thank you: to all who contributed their time and energy to our annual yard clean-up. Good job - well done!

Spaghetti Dinner

Please mark your calendar for our Spaghetti Dinner taking place on May 27th, at the Community Centre.

We are mainly looking for food donations, money donations, selling tickets and hands to help on the day of the event as the Knights of Columbus are taking over the setting up and cooking.

In whatever way you can participate, we would appreciate your support. We have different lists at the back of the church for you to sign-up. The faster those lists are being filled up, the less you will hear from us.

We count on you all to make this event a success. Please spread the word and commit to at least one duty. **Saint Gabriel needs you!**

Thank you!

Tickets are now available - See Garry Fisher.

Volunteer Corner (Help Needed) *Seriously*

Archivist - Keep the archival material in good condition to maintain the history of the parish.

Photographer - Takes photographs of parish events, labels the photos then turn them over to the Archivist for safekeeping.

Parishioners wishing to serve in these ministries are to meet with the Parish Council Chair. (Michele Davey 832-0253)

We hope that you will join us after mass for the Rosary, starting next Sunday May 14 and each Sunday in the month of May.



Love those who humble and contradict you, for they are more useful to your perfection than those who flatter you.

- Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque