

Intentions:
September 21 - In loving memory of **Kevin Lee Reteff**, requested by Suzanne & Ludo.
Mass Intentions: \$15.00

Offertory Collection
September 07 \$831.00
September 14 \$621.00 Thank You

September 23

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina: Francesco Forgione (1887-1968) was born in the Italian village of Pietrelcina. He entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars at the age of 16, taking the name Pio ('pious'), and was ordained in 1910. A stigmatic, he lived more than 50 years at the friary of San Giovanni Rotondo, devoted to a life of ministry through sacramental reconciliation and celebration of the Eucharist, and helping countless people who sought his counsel. Pope Paul VI said of him: "Look what fame he had, what a worldwide following gathered around him! But why? Perhaps because he was a philosopher? Because he was wise? Because he had resources at his disposal? Because he said Mass humbly, heard confessions from dawn to dusk and was - it is not easy to say it - one who bore the wounds of our Lord. He was a man of prayer and suffering." Padre Pio was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2002.

 **Prayers for the Sick.** Please pray for the sick among our families and friends, especially Roy Campbell, Linda Cassidy, Patricia Cassidy, Marion Fisher, Suzanne Lafontaine, Priscilla Rowley, and Lorraine Stafford. *The names will remain on the list until we are otherwise advised.*

BULLETIN BLOOPERS

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement *on Friday afternoon.*

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.

Vincentian Meditation: "Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love. In a world where so many things can be brought with money, often our minds center more on money than upon love. What Jesus is trying to tell us is that money is a good servant but a bad master. When money is employed as a servant, it can bring joy and comfort to millions and especially to those who have little or none of it. But let money become our master, let it take the first place in our lives and it can be a tyrant. It can harder our hearts and blind our vision of the supreme realities of our existence. Millions of dollars passed through the hands of St. Vincent and he made every cent a good servant. Vincent regarded the money which he received or possessed as the "patrimony of the poor," and so it was always to be used for the benefit of the poor." (McCullen, *Deep Down Things*, p. 560)



NOTE: You are invited to consider Our 2 week Catholic Shrines Pilgrimage April, 2026 with Msgr. Joseph Muldoon, Holy Cross Parish, to Ireland, Northern Ireland, and Scotland. Coordinator: JBCtravel.ca Dennis@jbctravel.ca 613 581-5566, Limited number. Book early.

Roster for baptism is now out. It is on the notice board. Please look at it and let others know.

St. Isidore Catholic Parish (1135 March Road) is seeking to hire a permanent, part-time Property Employee. The Employee will be responsible for the maintenance of the Parish buildings and grounds including the Parish Cemetery. For a job description, please visit the parish web site – stisidorekanata.com.

Pope's Intentions for the Month of September
For mutual coexistence: Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.



Stewardship: A Way of Life

Stewardship is a spiritual and biblical way of life that orients us to be Christ-like in using everything we have and are in service to God and humanity. It's not just about giving or using our time, talent, and treasure; it's about being caretakers of God's gifts. We are called to accept gifts gratefully, nurture them responsibly, use gifts in loving service to others, and return gifts with interest to God.

Building on this foundation, we must regularly examine our faithfulness in using our time, talent, and treasure, as Socrates said, "The unexamined life is not worth living." Our mission is to make disciples of all nations, baptizing and teaching them to obey God's commands. We must be prudent and resourceful in acquiring goodness, just like the steward in the gospel parable.

One powerful way to live out stewardship is through giving. Giving enriches both the giver and receiver, and liberates the soul. Saint Mother Teresa shared a powerful story about a beggar who approached her on the street, eager to give her 30 cents - his entire day's worth of money. Mother Teresa was touched by his generosity and recognized the dilemma: taking the money would leave him without food, but not taking it would hurt his feelings. She decided to accept the gift, and the beggar's face lit up with immense joy, thrilled that he could give to Mother Teresa. This encounter led Mother Teresa to reflect on the true value of giving, concluding that "God looks not at the size of the gift, but at the love with which it is given."

Furthermore, generosity has numerous benefits. It deepens our trust in God's provision and care, like the widow's mite. It helps us develop selflessness, humility, and compassion, drawing us closer to God and bringing peace and contentment. Generosity also builds strong relationships with others, opens us up to receive more blessings from God, and stores treasure for ourselves in heaven. As Jesus reminds us, "Freely you have received; freely give" (Matthew 10:8). Let's remember that God cannot be outdone in generosity. As we give to Him and to others, He responds with even greater generosity, blessing us abundantly.

Dear parishioners, this stewardship Sunday invites us to prayerfully consider making a regular financial commitment to our parish, not from compulsion but out of love for God. While spontaneous giving is important, we are encouraged to make a planned regular contribution. This habit nurtures the spirit of discipline and trust in God's provision. We can kick-start this stewardship by:

- 1. Seeking God's face in prayer on how much to offer regularly
- 2. Planning to offer a percentage of your earnings, reviewing it regularly, and gradually increasing it.
- 3. Using regular Sunday envelopes, online giving, or bank transfers

May God bless and guide us as we strive to live out stewardship as a way of life, using our time, talent, and treasure to serve God and humanity. May our regular financial commitments to our parish be an expression of our love for God and trust in His provision. May we give freely, joyfully, and generously, knowing that God responds with even greater generosity, blessing us abundantly.

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Lost and Found: Periodically, please check the lost and found basket at the church entrance for articles you may have left behind.

Sts Michael and Gabriel helpinghand ministry: Her objective is to serve needy families periodically in a timely and confidential manner. More details will be announced soon. The administrators can be reached at stmichaelshelpinghands@gmail.com or (613) 623-3419.

West Carleton Food Access Centre: (WCFAC) Please remember our local Food Bank each week by donating items to St. Gabriel's grocery cart. Cash donations of \$20.00 and over will receive a tax receipt. Please include your name and address on the envelope. See Suzanne Lee if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.



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Weekly Eucharist

St. Gabriel's (Constance Bay) **St. Michael's** (Fitzroy Harbour)

Sunday 11:00 am Mass

Saturday 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday 9:00 am Mass

Wednesday 8:00 am adoration/confession, 9am mass

Thursday 8:30 confession, 9am mass

Friday 8:30 confession, 9am mass

live streaming link on YouTube St. Michael's Mass at 9 am Sunday

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Confessions and Sacrament Of the Sick are also available by request.

Please contact Fr. Anthony directly to book an appointment.

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