

PARISH MINISTRIES

<u>Altar Linens</u>	
Colleen Grum	692-7841
<u>Altar Servers</u>	
Daniel Giguere	736-7889
<u>Amor Dei</u>	
Deltra Van Dongen	489-0124
<u>Baptism</u>	
Michelle Dixon	692-7611
<u>Catholic Women's League (CWL)</u>	
Carol Dailey	825-6485
<u>Children's Liturgy</u>	
Bryanne McCarney	899-1135
<u>Children's Mass</u>	
Marc Paradis	323-2397
<u>Confirmation</u>	
Hilda Cambareri	692-0644
<u>Development & Peace</u>	
Carroll Woods	489-0852
<u>Finance Council</u>	
Andre Lefebvre	692-1146
<u>First Communion</u>	
Elizabeth Murphy	491-3334
<u>Knights of Columbus, Council # 11752</u>	
Jim Kile	612-3561
<u>Ladies' Auxiliary and Funeral Hospitality</u>	
Ann O'Neill	491-1751
<u>Liturgical Environment</u>	
Claudia Ressler	255-3221
<u>Liturgical Music Ministry</u>	
Bob Russell (Sat.)	692-3233
Sophia Villeneuve 9 a.m.	822-9916
Colleen Campbell 11 a.m.	868-2214
<u>Maintenance</u>	
Vince Thomson	425-2713
<u>Marriage Preparation</u>	
John & Janice Villeneuve	822-9916
<u>Mary in the Morning Sat. 7:30 am</u>	
Don & Daisy Langdon	298-9016
<u>Mass Ministry Scheduling</u>	
Scott Wilson	692-1187
<u>Pastoral Care Team</u>	
Marc Wood	692-3667
<u>Pastoral Council</u>	
Jonas Abromaitis	489-2068
<u>Pro- Life</u>	
Doneen Brazier	491-5433
Jane Brownrigg	692-6662
<u>RCIA and Adult Faith Formation</u>	
Barry Gauthier	692-0620
<u>Responsible Ministry</u>	
David D'Angela	821-0941
<u>Social Action</u>	
Susan Killeen Ramsay	822-4782
<u>Seniors' Homes Pastoral Visitation</u>	
Roxy McCarthy	692-3678

July 16th and 23rd, 2017 **15th and 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**"But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. Who indeed bears fruit and yields."
Matthew 13.1-23**

Celebrations Of The Eucharist (Masses)

- Sat. July 15 4:30 p.m. **Parishioners of St. Leonard**
- Sun. July 16 9:00 a.m. Repose of the soul of **Loretta Becker**
by HeatherAnn Wilde
- 11:00 a.m. **Parishioners of St. Leonard**
- Wed. July 19 9:00 a.m.
Thur. July 20 9:00 a.m.
Fri. July 21 9:00 a.m.
- Sat. July 22 4:30 p.m.
Sun. July 23 9:00 a.m. Repose of the soul of **Loretta Becker**
by HeatherAnn Wilde
- 11:00 a.m.
- Wed. July 26 9:00 a.m.
Thur. July 27 9:00 a.m.
Fri. July 28 9:00 a.m. Repose of the soul of **Deacon Jeffrey Nelson**
by Paul and Linda Dupré
- Sat. July 29 4:30 p.m. Repose of the soul of **Deacon Jeffrey Nelson**
on the 2nd year of his passing by Janet Nelson
- Sun. July 30 9:00 a.m. Intentions of **Anne Villeneuve**
by her friends
- 11:00 a.m.

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Seek To Truly Hear and Understand God's Word

"But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." In the parable of the sower that Jesus tells in today's Gospel, the ideal is to be *"the seed sown on rich soil"* that yields an abundant harvest. As Jesus explains, this means we should strive to be *"the one who hears the Word and understands it."*

So how do we place ourselves in this category? How do we assure that we will hear God's voice (i.e., the word) and actually understand what he's saying to us? The answer comes in the parable itself. Jesus explains what we need to avoid in order to make sure our seed bears fruit.

First, we must beware of *"the evil one"* who comes and steals away the seed of God's word. Faithfully praying the Lord's Prayer, with its request to "deliver us from evil," is a good starting point here. Placing ourselves under God's protection every day is like taking up a shield against the forces that would seek to derail us.

Secondly, we must be committed enough to God's word that *"tribulation or persecution"* do not uproot us or make our faith wither and die. Here, too, sincerely praying the petition in the Lord's Prayer—"Thy will be done"—can prepare us to accept whatever comes our way without waffling or wavering.

Finally, we must be careful that *"worldly anxiety and the lure of riches"* do not *"choke"* us. Again, we turn to the Lord's Prayer and find an antidote built in: "Give us this day our daily bread." We pray not for a new car or a winning lottery ticket, but for our basic needs.

So let us embrace the prayer Jesus gave us, indeed the words he himself gave us to say, as we seek to truly hear and understand God's Word.

143rd Annual Pilgrimage To Ste-Anne-De-Beaupré And Cap-De-La-Madeleine, August 12-13, 2017

Weekend Celebrant is Bishop Michael Mulhall, Diocese of Pembroke. Pilgrimage theme *"That My Joy May Be In You."* Info: Mike Budge (613-224-8110); (www.ste-anne-de-beaupre.com).

All Night Prayer Vigil For 100th Anniversary Of Fatima

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Maurice Parish, Thursday Sept. 7 11:00 p.m. - Friday Sept. 8 6:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary. Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 a.m. Contact: Shirley and George Nedoborski, 613-225-6529, george@nedoborski.com



Pastoral Care

Pastoral care communicates Christ's healing love and compassion to all, especially those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. It is the way in which we journey with each other in times of sadness, turmoil, transitions, and along quiet stretches. Pastoral Care members are available to visit and/or bring Communion to the sick, housebound, lonely or bereaved. Call Marc Wood 613-692-3667.

Pro-Life Mass – St. Leonard Parish – July 22



A special Mass to pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Centre in Ottawa will be held Sat. July 22, 10:00 a.m. at St. Leonard Parish. A reception will follow in the parish hall. Contact Doneen Brazier 613-491-5433 or Jane Brownrigg 613-692-6662.

The Ride For Cancer Research



Parishioners **Suzie & Giorgio Noaro** will participate in The Ottawa Hospital, Ride for Cancer Research. If you'd like to make a donation please sign the pledge form in the church entrance. Never give up!

Our Lady Of The Visitation Outdoor Cemetery Mass

5338 Bank St., Sun., Aug. 27, 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Rain or shine. Reception to follow. Bring a chair and park at the back of cemetery. Info: 613-822-2197.

Sunday Offering July 2 and July 9

2017 - \$4,519.00 \$4,769.14
2016 - \$4,802.50 \$3,934.75