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**For those wishing to have a mass said for loved one or a friend, please see Sharon Murphy after mass.**

## ***Board of Directors' Corner***

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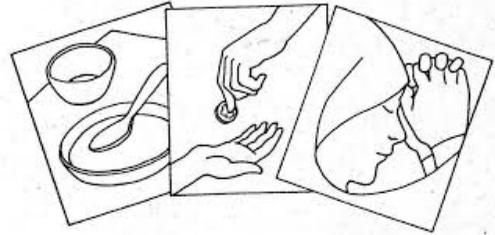
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## Celebrating Lent with a purpose...

I invited Paul, a young sacristan, and other youth animators in our parish to supper. Everybody ate meat except Paul. His friends were surprised and asked if he had become a vegetarian. He told us that for these forty days, he had given up meat. We were both surprised and happy for him as he shared his Lenten resolution. The others had not even considered this. Spontaneously, they began to make their own plans.



Good for them. **Don't always believe that you are alone in practicing your faith and remember that Christians are more numerous than we think.**

Winston Churchill said: *Without courage, all other virtues lose their meaning.* My friend Susan told me how important it was for her to practice her faith, to go to Mass, and help others as Christ did. She said that her friends don't always understand her. **Don't always believe that you are alone in practicing your faith and remember that Christians are more numerous than we think.**

Learning to let go and getting rid of "whatever" encumbers our lives is the best way to proceed. Imagine if Leonardo de Vinci were to give an enormous block of marble to a sculptor and say: "*Here is the Pieta.*" The sculptor would probably respond: "*This is impossible; it's only a block of marble.*"

However, if we see the potential in the stone, we will *see* the Pieta. We only have to work on the stone to *liberate* this work of art.

Lent is not a perilous adventure. On the contrary, it's the time to remind ourselves to pray, fast and give alms. We rid ourselves of our shackles and emerge as new people. Gild our coat of arms, affirm our faith, support our youth and share their confidence. Despite the winds of pride that stem from evil influences, a light breeze of hope appears on the horizon. Look at the example set by our youth. They are the future generation who are guided by Gospel values. They courageously and generously advance new projects.

Make our Lent count!

**Yvon Cousineau, c.s.c.**  
Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 5, 2017

### Please pray for:

Lea Guilbeault & Ferruccio Berardo  
Olga Fedoryk  
Rob Mastromatteo  
Carmela Crimi  
Angie Pompura  
Giuseppe Miglialo  
Livia Polo Sala

### Requested by:

Family  
Family  
Gabriel Family  
Cabral Family  
Clair & Tom  
Lucia Miglialo & Family  
Family

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**20/20 Draw:** Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> after Mass. This draw will be coupled with our **St. Patrick's Day Celebration**. Come and enjoy some Irish coffee! Purchase your lucky ticket at the table set up near the entrance of the Church.

**LOST & FOUND:** Silver bracelet with magnetic closure. Please see Gerry Romanow.

To those wishing to **donate computers to be shipped to Africa**, please ensure that your computers are **functional**. Several donated computers were found to be either non-functional or missing internal components. Thank you!

### Holy Family (in Deux-Montagnes) Lenten Retreat 2017 – Led by Fr. Mike Shaw

"God has loved – God is loving – God will love!" Who? – You and Me!

If you want to trust this statement, why not give yourself a break from the tensions and demands of daily life and join us for a day of insight, peace, laughter and healing on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, from 9:45 am to 3 pm at Holy Family Parish (1001 Oka Road, Deux-Montagnes, QC, J7R 1L9). A simple lunch will be provided together with a wonderful course of nourishment from the Lord! The retreat is free – all are welcome! You may contact the Parish at 450-473-2163 or Fr. Mike Shaw at 514-696-6451.

**MONTREAL DIRECTED RETREATS:** Begin the Lenten season in a prayerful mode, and be refreshed in mind, body and spirit. Silent directed weekend retreat at La Maison de Prière Notre-Dame (180 De Normandie Blvd., Longueuil). Begins Friday evening, March 10 and ends Sunday afternoon, March 12. Cost is \$140. Contact 514-626-9462 or 514-633-1172. Visit [www.montrealretreats.org](http://www.montrealretreats.org).

**New Evangelization Summit:** This two-day conference will bring together world-class Catholic speakers who are leaders in the New Evangelization to provide inspiration, encouragement, training, practical wisdom and resources on how Catholics can effectively evangelize. All Catholics – pastors, missionaries, lay ministers, and the lay faithful – will benefit immensely from this opportunity. The NES will be held in Ottawa May 12-13 and streamed to up to 24 host-sites, two of which will be in Montreal! Purchase tickets online at [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca).

Last Sunday's Collection was \$1685. Thank you!

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