Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 15, 2019
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Ex 32:7–11, 13–14
1 Tm 1:12–17
Lk 15:1–32

Sonship Restored

Strangely enough and discouragingly often, we find the attitude of the older son from the Prodigal Son parable in the Church. The righteous believers who have always belonged can be jealous and look down upon the poor sinner who comes later and gets the same reward.

Yet, the attitude of all of us toward those who are spiritually, morally, or materially needy should be that of the loving father so wonderfully shown in the statue by Francesco Messina.

The sinner comes back in shame, weakness, and obvious failure. His very act of returning is a cry for help, support, and understanding. The father offers his mercy and compassion without questions, without an interrogation. His shoulder is never too proud, too hard, or righteous to be refused as a pillow for the humiliated soul who returns broken, pillaged, and ruined by sin.

Messina chose to show the father and son naked because it symbolizes mankind stripped to its essence. And in this you reveal greatness. Humanity is noblest when admitting its weakness. Humanity is greatest in its ability to show mercy and lift the downtrodden. The father-son relationship is most beautiful when it is being reconciled and restored.

We should always rejoice at the return of a prodigal child, and we should always honor a forgiving parental heart. "We must celebrate and rejoice," said the father. If we are convinced of this, we now have a charge: Go out and find the lost coin and welcome back the lost sheep with humility and joy!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Prodigal Son*, 1956
Artist: Francesco Messina
Location: Vatican Museums

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For Reflection

Do I have a welcoming spirit about me, always looking to build up and be positive?

Do I live gospel charity and love with all its consequences?

[Jesus said,] "I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents...."
Luke 15:7

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Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

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Office Hours:

Mondays to Thursday
9:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.
(closed 12 Noon-1:00pm)

Sunday Masses

Saturday 7:00 p.m.
Sunday
9:00 a.m.. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Liturgies

see inside bulletin for Mass Schedules

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Paul Conway
Deacons: Rev. Mr. Walter Morrow (retired)
Diocesan Order of Women: Raymonde Brant
Secretary: Cathy LaBlance

Parish Pastoral Council

Dan Drazenovich
Vincent LaRue
Outreach Member
Christian Formation Member
Randy Johnson
Finance Member
Liturgy Member

Adoration Chapel

Come spend some time alone with the Lord!
Open **18** hours ***Adorers needed....***
Please call either
Raffaela Medaglia 942-7891;
Susanne Quinn-Perron 450-7732

Prayer Line Requests

to place a prayer request, please phone:
Laverne..... 942-7630 (ans. machine)
Betty.....649-3611 (ans. machine)

Church Envelopes

If you would like to begin using parish donation envelopes, please contact the parish office.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time- September 15, 2019

E-Mail: olgoodcoun@shaw.ca
Website: olgoodcounselssm.com

Reconciliation

See changes for September in bulletin

Sacrament of Initiation

(Baptism) *REGISTRATION FORMS* are available for pick up in the foyer of the church.

Marriage

Please contact the parish office.
A MINIMUM OF SIX MONTHS NOTICE IS REQUIRED.

Anointing of the Sick

If you are sick and go to the hospital, please call the parish office 705-942-8546. This will allow us to arrange that you have the Sacrament of the Sick and a Pastoral Visit. Also, Eucharist is brought once a week to those in the hospital by a Pastoral Team member.

"On Call" Priest

A priest is available in the city for emergencies 24/7.
You can notify the chaplain, nurse or nursing home coordinators to contact the priest ON CALL.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Grades 2 and older Registration forms are NOW available in the entrance of the church with more details. Deadline for registration is September 30th.

The First Meeting for PARENTS ONLY is October 15th 7:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION 2019 - Grades 6, 7 & up

MARK THIS DATE: First meeting will be **October 22nd at 7:00 p.m.**
with Candidate, Parent/Guardian & Sponsor
Confirmation Date: November 18th at 7:00 p.m.
Registration forms are NOW available in the entrance of the church.

Either drop off at the parish office or in the parish Sunday collection basket by Sept 30th.

FRIENDSHIP MEAL …..

will be on Sunday, September 15th at 4:30 p.m.
(Coffee served at 4:00 p.m.) and is being sponsored by
Friends of the Community

All Parishioners are cordially invited to come, sit with Jesus as He reveals Himself in the face of the poor, and dine with Him here as a foretaste of the Heavenly Banquet.

CWL Announcements

Welcome to all the ladies of the parish to our first CWL meeting **September 17th** after the summer. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. Come out and enjoy an evening of fellowship.
God Bless,
Denise Armstrong, President

Christian Men's Group

The Christian Men's group meets on the **third Wednesday of the month in the Blessed Margaret room at 7:00pm** to share on their faith stemming from their life experiences guided by a prepared program. No special knowledge is required, just a willingness to interact in fellowship while spending an evening with an all men group. We first meet on **September 18**, all men are welcomed.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

The Chapel is open from 6:00 a.m. to 12 midnight, 7 days a week.
You are welcomed to take any hour that is convenient for you, even if that hour is filled. Doubling up with someone is preferable.

Hours that are available:

Sunday:	6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.
	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
	9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.
	11:00 a.m.—12 Noon
	2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
	8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Monday:	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
	10:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
	11:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Tuesday:	1:00 p.m.— 2:00 p.m.
	7:00 p.m.— 8:00 p.m.
	8:00 p.m.— 9:00 p.m.
	9:00 p.m.— 10:00 p.m.
Friday:	8:00 a.m. — 9:00 a.m.
	1:00 p.m.— 2:00 p.m.
	2:00 p.m.— 3:00 p.m.
	4:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m.
	9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
	10:00 p.m.— 11:00 p.m.
Saturday:	6:00 a.m.— 7:00 a.m.
	7:00 a.m.— 8:00 a.m.
	8:00 a.m.— 9:00 a.m.
	8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
	9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
	10:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
	11:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.

If you wish to spend one hour weekly before the Blessed Sacrament, please contact:
Raffaela – (705) 206-3968 (or)
Susanne – (705) 450-7732 (or)
Roberta – (705) 946-0169

Regional News will be listed below:

- **St. Vincent Place's Big Blue Box Food Drive—** Drivers volunteers needed as collectors and sorters can help gather food donations for the Albert Street East site on Sept. 21. Call 705-253-2770, ext. 4 or email vincentplacepr@shaw.ca

- **St. Mary's Church Men's Club**
"ALL-U-CAN-EAT-BREAKFAST-BRUNCH"
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22nd.
10:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M. Admission:$9.00/Adults, $4.00/Children under 12, and
No Charge for Children under 6 years old.

- **The Gathering Place**
Precious Blood Cathedral October 4th 7 p.m.
Mass & Blessing of the Gathering Place.
Bishop Damphousse presiding

- **Taize Prayer Evenings**
at St. Jerome's Church begin Wed., Oct. 9th at 7pm
See our bulletin boards for more information.

Today, invite Jesus to heal you and to touch any hurt or sadness. Invite Him to help you walk in forgiveness. Ask Him for the graces you need to respond in faith to what He revealed to you. Ask Him to help you live out His love toward others.
—Karen L. Dwyer, PhD &
Lawrence A. Dwyer, JD
from WRAP Yourself in Scripture

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This Week's recap of parish activities:

Mon., Sept 16th	10:00 a.m.	**Small Faith Sharing Group** (Irene)- Chapple Street
	11:00 a.m.	**Liturgy of the Word with Eucharist**-Collegiate Heights
Tues., Sept 17th	**No Mass**—Fr. Paul attending a Diocesan Workshop.	
	7:00 p.m.	**CWL General Membership meet**—Parish Hall
Wed., Sept., 18th	**Parish Office Closed**—Secretary attending Diocesan Workshop	
	9:15 a.m.	**Celebration of Eucharist –**Church followed by the Rosary
	10:30 a.m.	**Celebration of Eucharist**—Van Daele Nursing Home
	11:30 a.m.	**Weekly Meditation Group** —Church– Blessed Margaret Room
	7:00 p.m.	**Christian Men's Group**—Blessed Margaret Room
	7:00 p.m.	**Liturgy Committee meets**– Parish Hall
Thurs., Sept., 19th	9:15 a.m.	**Celebration of Eucharist –**Church followed by the Rosary
	7:00 p.m.	**Choir Practice** —Church
Fri., Sept., 20th	**Parish Office Closed!**	
	9:15 a.m.	**Celebration of Eucharist –**Church followed by the Rosary
	3:00 p.m.	**Confessions** heard until 4:00 p.m.– Church
Sat., Sept., 21st	9:00 a.m.	**Prayer for Vocations**—Church
	3:00 p.m.	**No Confessions**– Fr. Paul is assisting at St. Joseph Island for Mass today

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES — YEAR C

(TIME TO RETURN THE BABY BOTTLES FOR THE PREGNANCY CENTRE)

Sat., Sept., 21st	7:00 p.m.	**Celebration of Eucharist –**Church
Sun., Sept 22nd	9:00 a.m.	**Celebration of Eucharist** —Church
	11:00 a.m.	**Celebration of Eucharist** —Church

Life is Precious Ministry

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen a champion for life, encouraged people to spiritually adopt a child in the womb and pray for that child for 9 months. "It is said that although the identity of the child you pray for will be unknown to you during your earthly life, there is hope that you will be united to that child forever in Heaven".
To answer this call, there are slips at the entrance of the church on which to write the chosen name of your baby for whom you will be praying. A Mass for these babies will take place in December.

*"A great prayer **for life** is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world". Pope John Paul II (The Gospel of Life)*

LECTORS, USHERS, WELCOMERS &
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Liturgy Schedules for October will be prepared by **September 20** please advise Geri at 705-297-7044 (either call or text) if you have any dates that you are unavailable during the month of October.

BIBLE STUDY: REVELATION

REVELATION Bible Study

Want to have a better understanding of the Book of Revelation?
Here is an opportunity like no other.
A 12-week course, from Ascension Press, will enlighten and engage us in this this new journey. *"Revelation The Kingdom Yet to Come* Bible study takes a look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture.
Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the Kingdom established by Christ in His Church is intimately connected with the Kingdom of Heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass.
You will also learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation represent, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history."
We are planning to start Monday, September 30th. (Registration required by Sept 24th in order to acquire material. Actual cost of material will depend on bulk order.)
For more information and to register, please call Cathy at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 705-942-8546.

On **Saturday, September 28th**
at 11:00 a.m.
in the parish hall,
the movie **"Unplanned"**

Life is Precious Ministry

will be screened. **"Unplanned"** is a film based on the real-life story of Abby Johnson, a former director of Planned Parenthood. She wrote her memoir, which was made into a movie and released earlier this year. Come and listen to her amazing, grace filled story. Admission will be a free will offering with all proceeds going to the Pregnancy Centre.

Pumpkinfest

After the Masses on the weekend of
September 28 & 29,
please join us in the hall for pumpkin pie!
Enjoy the harvest and the fellowship!
Free will offering with all proceeds going to the Pregnancy Centre

Winter Woollies

To our winter woollies knitters, please drop off any knitted items to the church office. We will be sending out a shipment in late October. Thank you to all who have knitted so faithfully over the past years! God Bless!

Development & Peace Caritas

We are invited to take a pledge to promote Development and Peace – Caritas,
Canada's new education and action campaign ***For Our Common Home***. The pledge is
Answering Pope Francis' urgent call in Laudato Si,
I pledge to:
• Pray for and with creation • Live more simply • Advocate to protect our common home.
you can make this pledge on line at
https://catholicclimatemovement.global/
Click on the link. Then click on: Take Action. Then click on: Take the Laudato Si' pledge

Sunday, October 6, 2019
after the 11am Mass
Location:
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

Please join us for a
RETIREMENT RECEPTION
honouring ***CATHERINE LABLANCE***
for her many years of faithful service to our parish and to the Churches of the Algoma Region

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta saw in each person – no matter how sick or depraved – the image of God. She spoke boldly to those in power about the evil of abortion. In her Nobel Peace Prize lecture, she said that the greatest destroyer of peace is abortion. She led women away from abortion clinics and toward alternatives. Let us honor her by imitating her. May we defend life as she did.

Life Chain is October 6, 2019 from 2-3pm. Please join us and show your support for the unborn. We will gather at the corner of Bruce and Pim Street to McNabb Street. Signs will be available at this location.

My Apologies !

Some months ago, Fr. Paul contacted me to see if I could provide coverage for the Masses on September 7-8; I was unavailable for September 8 (being previously booked for Masses at St. Veronica and Mother of God in Goulais), but could cover the Saturday evening 7:00pm Mass that weekend. Shortly before leaving on his vacation, Fr. Paul contacted me to confirm coverage for the Saturday September 7 Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel; I checked my calendar, and there it was, so all was good to go and Fr. Paul could relax and leave on vacation.

On the day in question, after 4:00pm Mass at St. Veronica, the Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel totally slipped my mind as I geared up for the two Masses on Sunday morning. I went out for dinner with friends. Monday I received a call from Cathy, your parish secretary, asking if I was feeling well. I was somewhat puzzled, but when she mentioned my absence from Saturday night Mass I just about had heart failure; I had been feeling fine until she called!

A mind is a terrible thing to lose!

I was told that, when nobody at the Church could come up with my cell phone number, folks pitched in and put together a Service of the Word with Communion. While I feel terrible about being so bubble-headed and missing my booking, I think it is a real compliment to your ministry team that they just got about doing what was needed out of commitment and love for their fellow parishioners. Make sure they are thanked and congratulated by the parish.

Please accept my sincere apologies for my absence on Saturday. Hopefully I can develop more organized ways of checking my schedules to prevent a repeat of this fiasco with you folks or any other parish in the future!

Fr. Eric Pannike

Prayer for Prisoners Ministry has begun.

Names have been assigned to those registered to Prayer for a Prisoner. If you do not have an email address, please pick up your letter in the Sacristy, otherwise letters were emailed on Monday, Sept 9th. If you did not receive a letter (either by pick up or email), please contact the parish office.

A *Prayer for Prisoners—*

Father of Mercy, the secrets of all hearts are known to you alone. You know who is just and you forgive the unjust. You alone are the Almighty Judge. We are not worthy of judging anyone. Your mercy is enough for sinners. Hear our prayers for those in prison. Give them repentance and let them believe in you. Give them patience and hope in their sufferings, and bring them home again soon. Comfort their near and dear ones. Let them trust in Jesus Christ and live with hope. Amen.

Calling all young people!

You have said YES at your confirmation!
You have opened your heart at reconciliation!
Or you just love to sing or play an instrument! What to do now?
One way is to let your voice be heard! Let your instrument be played!
Take a leap of faith and share your musical talent.
The Youth Music Group leads the congregation into songs of praise and worship.
Join us every 3rd Sunday of the month at the 11am mass.
Please contact Cathy at 705-942-8546 at the office or Franceline 705-946-1377.

I think too,
that God is not concerned with 'what' we do,
as much as with 'why' we did it.
—Jim Flickinger, OFS

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF..... Monday, September 16th to September 22nd, 2019

Date & Time	Mass Intention	Readings	Readers	Extra-Ord. Min. of Holy Comm.	Servers	Welcoming/&Ushers
Mon., Sept., 16th	**No Service in parish on Mondays**	**St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian:** 1 Timothy 2: 1-7; Ps 28: 2-9; Luke 7: 1-10				**LITURGY SCHEDULES** for **September** are available on our parish website or a printed copy is available in the Sacristy. **Note the changes:** Contact Geri Plecash for the ministry scheduling 705-297-7044 (either call or text) or gplecash@hotmail.com Please find your own replacements or notify Fr. Paul if you are unable to find someone. If you are replacing someone, please approach Fr. Paul at Mass and let him know you are the replacement for that ministry.
Tues., Sept., 17th	**No Mass today in parish — Fr. Paul is attending a Diocesan Workshop.**	1 Timothy 3: 1-13; Ps 101: 1-6; Luke 7: 11-17				
Wed., Sept., 18th 9:15 a.m.	**Angela Tombari** by The Family **Nick Malone** by The LaRue Family **Michelina Purchio** by sister-in-law, Lucy DeVincenzo **Intentions of Norma Poirier** by sister, Patsy	1 Timothy 3: 14-16; Ps 111: 1-6; Luke 7: 31-35	Dianne Burns	**TBA**	Aldo Zappacosta	
Thurs. Sept., 19th 9:15 a.m.	**Intentions of Rosann Brown** by daughter, Cathy (Joe) LaBlance **Eleanor Byczkowski** by Dianne Burns	1 Timothy 4: 12-16; Ps 111: 7-10; Luke 7: 36-50	Doris Belanger	**TBA**	Margaret Twentyman	
Fri., Sept., 20th 9:15 a.m.	**Nancy Foster** by Mary Gour **Jeff Rochon** by Giselle & Marcel Rochon	**St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang** 1Timothy 6:2-12; Ps 49: 5-19; Luke 8: 1-3	Margie Skulech	**TBA**	Aldo Zappacosta	
Saturday September 21st **7:00 p.m.**	**7:00 p.m.** **Intentions of Gaetano & Claudia Lombardo** by Mom & Dad **Peter Chant** by wife, Alicia & daughters **Wayne Sopha** by Denise Davis	**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**	**7:00 p.m.** (A) & (B) Matthew Lance	**7:00 p.m.** Claudette Breton Laverne Guzzo	**7:00 p.m.** Randy Johnson	**7:00 p.m.** **Welcomers:** John Komhyr **Ushers:** Brian Kelly & Carmelina DeNisi
Sunday September 22nd **9:00 a.m.**	**9:00 a.m.** **Intentions of all parishioners** by Pro Populo Mass **Helen Durica** by Delma Brown **Susanne D'Orazio** by Tracy & Gino Cavallo	**Amos 8: 4-7; Ps 113: 1-8; 1 Timothy 2: 1-7; Luke 16: 1-13**	**9:00 a.m.** (A) Jeanne Jonusaitis (B) Ray Jonusaitis	**9:00 a.m.** Mary Lou Keene Margaret Twentyman	**9:00 a.m.** Dan Lance	**9:00 a.m.** **Welcomer:** Serenella Catallo **Ushers:** Tony Bortone & John Nogalo
11:00 a.m.	**11:00 a.m.** **Ilidio Braganca** by Irene Carpinteiro **Nicolino Scocchia** by Ed & Arlette Beaulieu **Nora Breen** by Fellow Workers		**11:00 a.m.** (A) & (B) Helen Lamon	**11:00 a.m.** Don & Val Barill	**11:00 a.m.** Giullian Diamantini	**11:00 a.m.** **Welcomer:** TBA **Ushers:** Quinto Medaglia & Pat Ruscio

Note: If you see a **TBA** in your ministry posted in this bulletin and you are available to volunteer for that date, please contact the PARISH OFFICE. Thank you.

Times of Confessions for September, 2019 Fr. Paul is assisting at Mass for St. Joseph's Island on Sat., 21 & 28 during our regular confession times from 3-4pm. **Therefore, he will offer confessions on Friday September 20 & 27 from 3-4pm**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY of the WORD is held during the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass for children ages 5-12.

"The daily adoration or visit to the Blessed Sacrament is the practice which is the fountainhead of all devotional works." St. Pope Pius X

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED
especially for
ALL OUR DECEASED FAMILY & FRIENDS.

Celebration of Eucharist at Extendicare Van Daele Nursing Home will be held on Wednesday, September 18th at 10:30 a.m..
Please remember to pray for: all the **sick & Shut-ins** in our parish Community.

******NOTE:** The Fall schedule for the Pastoral Care Team for ministry at Van Daele Nursing Home are available in the Sacristy for pick up.