

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He came...Then the fever left her."

February 5, 2012

† Masses this week at St. Michael's

Year B Psalter Week I

Mon. February 6 St. Paul Miki & Companions

12:05 pm † Joe DiDomizio
-Barr Family

Tues. February 7

12:05 pm † Dorothy Holland-Fleming
-Mary & Tom Johns

Wed. February 8

12:05 pm Special Intentions of the Meers Family
-by Mom

Thurs. February 9

12:05 pm † Salvatore Conforti
-Vittoria & Osvaldo Bucciarelli

Fri. February 10 St. Scholastica

10:00 am Mass at Victoria College

12:05 pm † Amy Pepper
-Jay

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Sat. February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 am Special Intentions of Pat Fleming -Donor

Saturday, February 11

5:00 pm † Bessie Leonard & Bernard Penney
-Jane & Family

Sunday, February 12

9:00 am † Doreen Meek
-Legion of Mary

11:00 am Missa Pro Populo

Next Weekend's Readings: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st: Leviticus 13.1-2, 45-46

2nd: 1 Corinthians 10.31-11.1 Gospel Mark 1.40-45

Prayers for the Sick

John Brennan, Bill King, Bernard Boulerville, Lyn Smith, Lenore Convey, Dianne Schertzing, Lois Walton, John Vanderwell, Shirley Franks, Ocean Anderson, Jemima King, Anne Auger-Wilcox, Marlene Kempthorne, Elaine, Diane & Barney Pritchard, Joseph McCaul, Brigid Williams, Emily Notaro, Monique Desjardins, Otto Buitenweg, Theresa Ferguson, Lillian Guiry, Lorna Watts, Jimmy McCoy, Richard Philips, Jen McEwen, Laura Dickson, Rene Gallagher, Greg Heenan, Jim Connolly, Marie Solomon, Lisa Sampson, Richard Philips, Mary Beyette, Noreen Mark, Antoinette Brisson, Stan Johnston, Fred Williams, Diane Bartlett *May the healing hands of the Lord touch them.*

Altar Server Notice: Every Saturday, Altar Servers will meet at 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Church. Pizza and drinks will be provided!

Mass Intentions this weekend -Feb. 5

5:00 pm † Bee Potier -Vic & Rita Worsley
9:00 am Special Int. of Henriette & Laszlo De Roth
-Holmquist Family
11:00 am Missa Pro Populo

Relic of Blessed John Paul II

It has arrived-the first degree relic of Blessed John Pall II that we requested two month ago.

*Letter from the Nunciature to Bishop De Angelis:
Ottawa, January 12, 2012
Apostolic Nunciature*

Your Excellency,

In the absence of the Apostolic Nuncio, it is my pleasure to send to you the enclosed letter, from the Postulator for the Cause of Canonization of Blessed John Paul II.

As your Excellency can see, there is also an envelope, with a relic of Blessed John Paul II, to forward to the Pastor of St. Michael Parish in Cobourg.

*With my regards and every best wish, I am
Yours sincerely in the Lord,*

*Mons. Maurizio Bravi
Cargé D'Affaires, a.i.*

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Events/Meetings This Week

Tues. 7—12:30 pm Legion of Mary in Parish Centre
Tues. 7—6:00 KofC Social, 7 pm Dinner, 8 pm Meeting
Wed. 8—10:00 am Cemetery Board in Parish Centre
Wed. 8—7:00 pm KofC Ladies Auxiliary at Columbus C. C.
Thurs. 9—1:00 pm Senior Euchre at Columbus Comm. C.

☞ Summary of Your Generosity for Jan.29 \$4726.03

Blessed John Paul II Youth Group

You and your friends are invited to an evening of prayer, discussion, followed by gym activities and food/refreshments. Meetings this month: **Saturday, February 11 and 25 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel.**

* Please note the **Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes** is on Sat. Feb. 11. There will be Mass celebrated at 8:00 am. All are welcome.

Visit by Cardinal McCarrick

His Eminence Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, former Cardinal of Washington, DC, champion of the Ecumenism and Dialogue between religions, and close friend to Pope John Paul II, will be visiting Cobourg on **Thursday March 8, 2012**. This is the first time that a Cardinal will visit Cobourg. All are welcome to come to **Mass at 11:00 am** to celebrate Eucharist with Cardinal McCarrick. An evening lecture is also planned. More details in upcoming Church bulletins.

Third Order Meeting

St. Michael's Parish is hosting a Marriage Preparation Program on February 17, 18 & 19, and therefore the Centre is not available for our monthly meeting on the 17. We will meet the following Friday, February 24, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Camp Northern Lights

Last weekends collection for Camp Northern Lights was \$1476.00. The campers, counsellors, staff, and Board of Directors thank you for your generosity. Donations can still be made directly to: Camp Northern Lights and mailed to 859 Barnardo Ave., Peterborough, ON K9H 5W2. If you have any questions please call Fr. Bill Moloney at 705 745-3229. Once again thank you for your support, and prayers for the camp.

The 20th Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Saturday, March 3, 2012 from 9.00 am to 5.30 pm

Metro Toronto Convention Centre A Grace-filled Day:

- * His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto
- * Divine Mercy Celebration, Uplifting Music
- * Eucharistic Healing Procession
- * Confession and Holy Mass * Separate Youth Event

For Tickets/Info. www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org,
Call (416) 251-4255 or (905) 270-2510

St. Peregrine

St. Peregrine prayer packages for the seriously ill, are available from the Parish Office. To have a package delivered, or for further information, contact Ron Berriault at 289-252-1900.

St. Peregrine was born in 1260 at Forlì, Italy to an affluent family. He lived a comfortable life as a youth, and politically opposed the papacy. After he experienced the forgiveness of St. Philip Benizi, he changed his life and joined the Servite order. He was ordained a priest, and later returned to his home to establish a Servite community. There he was widely known for his preaching, penances, and counsel in the confessional. He was cured of cancer, after he received a vision of Christ on the cross reaching out His hand to touch his impaired limb. He died in 1345 and was canonized in 1726. He is the patron of cancer patients.

Valentine's Dance

♥ This **Saturday, Feb, 11, 2012 at 7:00 pm** ♥

at the Columbus Community Centre. Cost is \$15. DJ-Wee B. Chillun and light lunch provided. So bring your partner and friends, and join in the fun! Tickets available at Columbus Community Centre and at the door. Call 905 372-2991. Note that all proceeds are for our Church boiler fundraising efforts.

♪ St. Michael's Parish Recital

We have 20 talented young people who will be performing at our first Youth Recital of St. Michael's Parish on **February 18, 2012 at 7:00 pm** at St. Michael's School in the gym. Plan to attend this one hour production!

VEYO Events

Morning Watch - February 17/18 -Come and venerate the relics of **Saint Brother Andre Bessette** in an All-Night Adoration, on Friday, February 17th to Saturday, February 18th, at Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Peterborough. The evening will begin with a supper at 5 pm and Mass at 7 pm. Adoration will follow with reflections and praise and worship. Benediction will take place at 7:30 am and conclude with Mass at 8 am. All meals, snack and refreshments will be kindly provided by the hosting parish. All are welcome to attend. For more information please contact the Youth Office at (705) 749-0330.

Adult Men's Discernment Group - February 19th - The Adult Men's Discernment Group is designed to help men between 18 to 28 years of age to discern God's call. The group meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the VEYO Centre, 820 Frank Street, Peterborough. For more information contact Father Craig at (705) 749-0330 or at vocations@veyopeterboro.org.

National Youth Ministry Training Conference, Ottawa - March 9th - 11th - Have you heard the good news yet? There is a National Youth Ministry Training Conference coming up on March 9th – 11th in Ottawa, for those in Youth Ministry. This year's theme is "Be Still and Know That I am God". This conference is to equip those involved in Youth Ministry, such as Volunteers with Parishes and Movements, Coordinators of Youth Ministry, Directors of Youth Ministry, Missionaries from Youth Movements, Chaplaincy Leaders and Chaplains. Various workshop topics include: Balancing Family, Life and Ministry, Virtuous Leadership, Social Networking: Boundaries and Effective Use, Prioritize your Priorities, Liability and Risk in Youth Ministry and much more. To register or for more information, please go to www.bestill.ca, or contact Mary Helen at (705) 749-0330.

Just a reminder...

...that we are now in the year 2012. Please fill out your cheques for offertory carefully reflecting this new year! Thank you!

Homily- “Console my people, says the Lord.” *Is. 40.1*

The Gospel of today, actually all the readings show us that the message of Jesus is one of liberation. Jesus came to free us from sin, suffering and death. But we still sin and suffer sometimes, and die. Because the message of Jesus frees us especially from sin, if we accept his forgiveness, but suffering and death will be totally beaten only at the end of times, when Jesus comes back.

However, during our life, the Gospel of Jesus is a message of consolation for those who suffer. Because we remember the love of Jesus for us, how much he suffered for us, and how much he wants to give us as a reward in Heaven, and we feel consoled.

Today, I want to welcome with you a first degree relic of Blessed John Paul II's blood that I asked for two months ago during my trip to Italy. I want to welcome it as a sign of consolation for our parish and surrounding areas.

1- The relics of the saints are a consolation for us. Because through these relics we remember them, and we feel them close to us. It is similar to the consolation we feel when we visit the tomb of someone who is no more with us. We want at least feel the closeness of his or her body. Because this tomb or this object of that person, reminds us that this person still loves us in his spirit. And love is a consolation.

The relics are a consolation too, because we realize that it is possible to be a saint. Relics show us that the saints were people like us, not angels. A relic shows you that a saint is your brother, and if he could make it, you can also make it. And if he is your brother, he will help you.

2- It is important to venerate relics, not because they are magic objects, but because they are a keepsake, a memory of a friend. We don't honour a tomb, but the memory of our beloved brothers and sisters. And it is important, because God himself honours the relics of the saints, working miracles through them.

The bones of Elisha the prophet rose up a dead: «Elisha died and was buried. Now Moabite raiders used to enter the country every spring. Once while some Israelites were burying a man, suddenly they saw a band of raiders; so they threw the man's body into Elisha's tomb. When the body touched Elisha's bones, the man came to life and stood up on his feet» (2 Kings 13,20-21).

The woman of the gospel was healed when she touched the cloak of Jesus: «And behold, a woman who had suffered from a hemorrhage for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment; for she said to herself, "If I only touch his garment, I shall be made well"» (Mt 9,20-21)

The shadow of St. Peter cured a sick person: «They even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds

and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them» (Acts 5,15).

Handkerchiefs and aprons that had been used by St. Paul: «And God did extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that handkerchiefs or aprons were carried away from his body to the sick, and diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them» (Acts 19,11-12).

If God can work such wonderful things through relics, will he not give us through them consolation in our sadness, support in our troubles, and help to carry on our daily duties? Can we not ask God, through them, new courage to live as Christians in so a difficult time? Remember that it is not the object, but our faith in God what produces miracles. Many people touched Jesus, but only one woman was healed, because he touched him with faith.

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*Letter of the postulation to Bishop De Angelis
(Original in Italian):*

Postulation of the Cause of beatification and
canonization of John Paul II

Rome, December 28, 2011

Your Excellency,

It is arrived to the office of the Postulation for the
cause of canonization the request of Blessed John
Paul II's relic, accompanied by the *nulla osta*
(approval) of Your Excellency.

I willingly answer your request, remitting to your
hands the relic of the Blessed, so that you would have
them arrive to its final destination.

I'm sure that the presence of this tangible sign of
Blessed John Paul II's closeness in the middle of
God's people will contribute to grow its faith and will
produce abundant spiritual fruits.

Yours sincerely in the Lord,

Mons. Slawomir Oder

Postulator of the Cause of Canonization of Blessed
John Paul II

To all those and each one who will inspect this letter,
I give faith and testify that I, to the greater glory of
God and veneration of his saints, took out this particle
of Blessed John Paul II Pope's blood, and that the
same was collocated by me in a golden silver
reliquary, round, well close, bounded by a red silk
lace and sealed with the Postulation's stamp, and was
also given, with the faculty of keep it and expose it to
the faithful's public veneration, according to the
Canon Law. In faith of which I have issued this letter
signed by me and sealed with the Postulation's stamp.
(Mons. Oder's signature – stamp of the Postulation)
Rome, May 1st, 2011.

Letter of Authentication

(Original in Latin):

Postulation of the Cause of Beatification and
Canonization of John Paul II, P.M.