



# St. Alphonsus Parish

February 2018

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**Weekday Liturgies:** announced weekly  
**Saturday Liturgy:** 4 pm  
**Sunday Liturgies:** 9 am Upham / 10:30 am Hampton



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The word "**LENT**" comes from "lengthen" because daytime grows longer during Lent ... thawing of the land, the almost blinding light after darkness of winter.

## Lent prepares us for Easter!

We begin **Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**. Ashes will be blessed and offered at Mass, **Wednesday @ 6:30 pm**. **Ash Wednesday** is a Day of Fast & Abstinence for those who are not exempt because of age or illness. Fasting means lighter meals that day; abstinence means no meat products eaten that day. Ash Wednesday is one of the two Fast Days of the Year ... the other being Good Friday. And as always, we recommend that all consider presence of at least one family member at one of the weekday liturgies throughout the Season of Lent.

## Community Reconciliation

**Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 4:00 pm Mass**

**Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:00 am Mass (Upham) ~ 10:30 am (Hampton)**

### Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancakes all Day! Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at the Villa Madonna Retreat House

#### Menu

Homemade Fluffy Buttermilk Pancakes, Blueberry Sauce & Pure Maple Syrup, Breakfast sausages, Beans and Molasses, Raisin Brown Bread, Tea & Coffee.

**New this year ~ Six sittings:**

8:00 am & 9:15 am / 11:00 am & 12:15 pm /  
4:00 pm & 5:15 pm

**Cost:** \$10 per person

Family rate of \$30 (2 adults; 2 children under 12)

Call 849-5125 to reserve

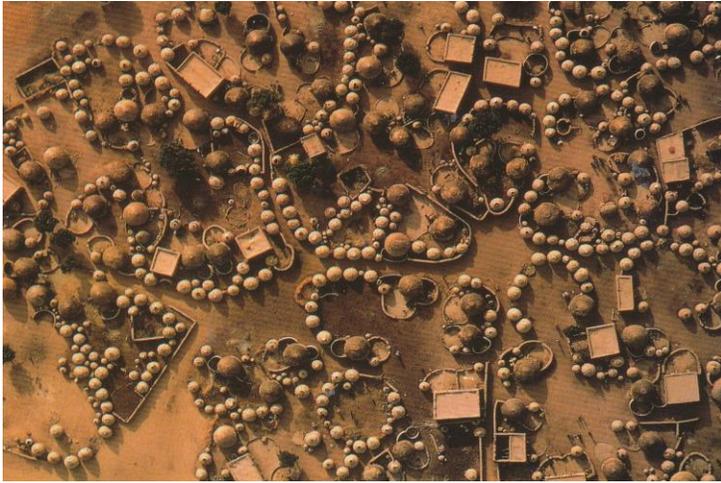
### We may be surprised to learn ....

His first act was to call four fishermen. In Jesus' day fishermen were **free individuals** and **entrepreneurs**. The work was **arduous** and **dangerous**. The Sea of Galilee is **subject to storms**; and **even** in good weather, work on the sea **poses risks**. Fishermen had to be **intelligent** enough to master **two crafts** ~ **sailing** and **fishing** – just to perform their **daily tasks**. The work was **rewarding**, though. The historian Josephus mentions that the villages along the Sea of Galilee were some of the **wealthiest** in the province (Wars, III.10.8). In fishermen Jesus found **motivated, hard-working, smart, self-confident** and **courageous** partners.

## FINANCIAL FACTS...

- Avg. Offertory January 2018 - \$1,830; same month last year - \$1,850
- 2017 Income Tax Receipts are now available in the foyer.
- A Special Collection takes place on February 14<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday - (Catholic Missions in Canada)
- For Hall Rental information, contact Gloria Wilson 832-3792/Louise McKee 832-5303.

Looking for a Maintenance Coordinator. Position is temporary.  
Call for details: Donna Martell 977 - 5246



This is a village on the river Niger in Mali. The round huts are granaries...can you see the huts of the families? The dwellings of the people are clusters like a **MOSAIC**. Doesn't it remind us of the word we've heard in tv ads etc. "It take a whole village to raise a child." Perhaps our diocese will grow like a **MOSAIC**!

## Cathedral Lent Series

### Rediscovering the Art of Dying

facilitated by  
Nuala Kenny

Medical Doctor, renowned Ethicist, Professor, and  
Sister of Charity of Halifax

The Christian notion of a good death is death not as a good end but as a good transition; one that requires faith, proper acceptance and readiness.

March 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the Cathedral  
Special Session for all People of the Diocese

*February 8<sup>th</sup> marked the fourth  
International Day of Prayer and  
Awareness Against Trafficking in  
Persons.*

*This year's theme  
"Migration Without Trafficking".*

*The observance is on the feast of  
St. Josephine Bakhita, a Canossian  
Sister who was kidnapped and sold  
into slavery in Sudan.*

