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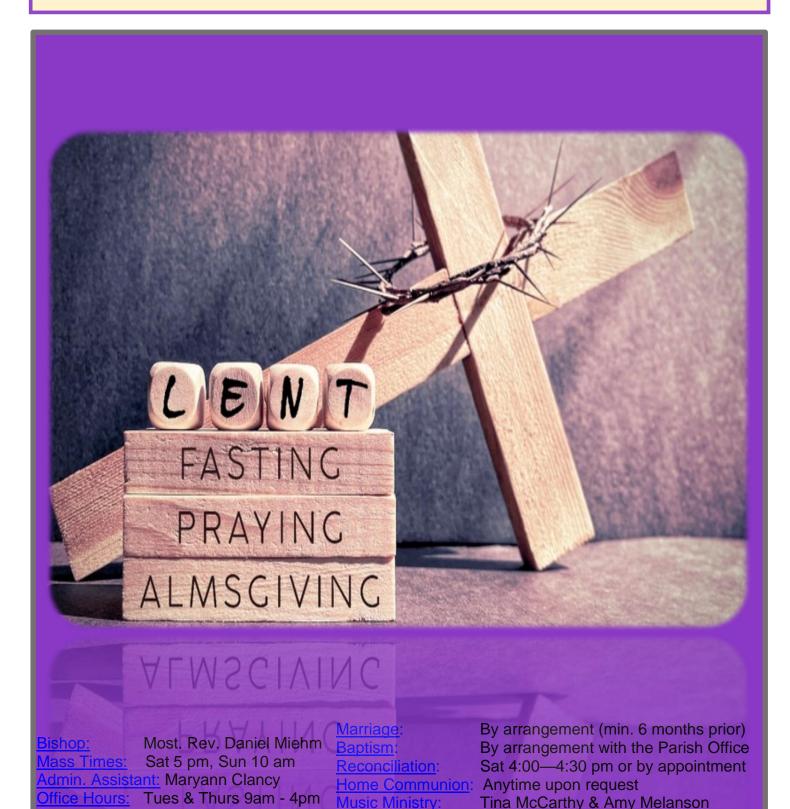
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### **WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH**

First Sunday of Lent February 25, 26

#### St. Joseph's Parish Mass Intentions

TUESDAY Feb 28 8:30 am A special intention (by a parishioner)

WEDNESDAY Mar 1 8:30 am # Dan Ross (by Mike & Rosemary Towns)

THURSDAY Mar 2 11:30 am # William Moher (by John & Marie Moher & family)

Mass is followed by Stations of the Cross

FRIDAY Mar 3 8:30 am # Frank Condon (by Frank Crowley)

**SATURDAY** Mar 4 5:00 pm People of the Parish

**SUNDAY** Mar 5 10:00 am Int. of Laverne LeMoire (by John, Marie & Lorraine Moher)

| LECTORS        | SAT - 5:00 PM    | SUN -10:00 AM   |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Feb 25, 26     | Kelly Towns      | Brian Moloney   |
| Mar 4, 5       | Larry Carlow     | Sharon Moloney  |
| EUCHARIST      |                  |                 |
| Feb 25, 26     | Terry Pecoskie   | Debbie Riel     |
| Mar 4, 5       | Wendy Tedford    | Paul Yasyszczuk |
| USHERS         |                  |                 |
| Feb 25, 26     | Gerald Heffernan | John Sullivan   |
| Mar 4, 5       | Murray Carlow    | Ray Carlow      |
| CLEANERS       |                  |                 |
| Week of Feb 27 | Darlene Sullivan | Suzanne Allen   |
| Week of Mar 6  | Jean Heffernan   | Rosemary Towns  |

#### **Parish Stewardship**

Feb 19, \$1,721 including \$834 of pre-authorized offering. We thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

BRINGING SCRIPTURE TO LIFE - with Munroe Scott. Next gathering is on Wednesday March 1, from 6:30-8:00 pm in the hall. We welcome you to join us for this lively study of God's word. All are welcome!

## PRAY THE ROSARY AT HOME FOR YOUR FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS:



Cathy Millen, Kevin Heffernan, Wyatt Moloney, Patti Simmons. Add a stone to our stone bag so that we can count how many members are praying the rosary to

our Blessed Mother for our parish and parishioners.

#### **NEXT QUILTING IN THE HALL**

for this year's Douro Doings will be February 27 & 28. Everyone is welcome, especially new quilters.

Next CWL meeting March 7, 1:00pm



"I rejoiced when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1



We welcome all visitors and parishioners who have come to worship here today on **First Sunday of Lent.** To our visitors, you may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name, we pray you will

find peace, hospitality, and friendship with us. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, we are glad you're here and hope that you come back again. The doors of our parish and our hearts are open to you. Please be in touch.

THE BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE BURNS Feb 25-Mar 3 FOR THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF TURKEY AND SYRIA IMPACTED BY THE EARTHQUAKE.

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#### **SACRAMENTAL PREP FOR FIRST**

<u>COMMUNION</u> takes place in the hall on Tuesday March 7 from 3:30 to 4:30. *Pray for our young people as they continue their faith journey.* 

WAY OF THE CROSS---2023 the youth of our diocese will once again take to the streets of Peterborough to re-enact the Way of the Cross on Good Friday, April 7. All are invited to join the procession, starting with a prayer service at St. Peter's at 10am and concluding at Immaculate Conception by 1:00pm. We are looking for volunteers for all aspects of production. Please contact Tom W. at (705) 313-9846 if you are interested in helping out! For more information please visit https://wotc.ca."

#### **Holy Eucharist: Did you know?**

Today we begin our journey into Lent. Our readings take us with Jesus for 40 days into the desert. (Matthew 4: 1-11) Here Jesus is tempted by Satan. Christ teaches us how to overcome temptations as He suffered the physical trials of hunger and thirst. In obedience and fidelity to His heavenly Father, Jesus demonstrates how we too can persevere through the trials and temptations of life. We must depend totally on God.

Reflection: There is a little-known saint who demonstrates how the Holy Eucharist can assist us to overcome temptations during great trials. St. Alice of Schaerbeek was a young woman who suffered from leprosy. She was confined for life to a small hut for fear that others would contract her disease.

How did she overcome the many temptations which must have afflicted her during her life? These are her words," The Eucharist removes my pains, my cares.... (It) warms, cheers, soothes, contents and renews my whole being."

Why not make a commitment this Lent to spend some time in prayer before Jesus in His Sacrament of Divine Love? There is no better way to grow closer to Him this Lent than to spend time with Him.

## HERE'S A FAMILY IDEA FOR LENT Observing Lent with Your Family

I will give them a heart to know that I am the Lord, and they shall return to me with their whole heart. -Jeremiah 24:7

Lent is a time for your family to prepare your hearts for the graces of the Easter celebration. Lent can be a catalyst for spiritual renewal and an increase in love for God and others. As Jesus prayed, fasted, and resisted temptation in the desert for forty days, our Lenten season is marked with three Lenten practices: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As a family, make a Lenten Plan and discuss what each family member can do by focusing on each Lenten practice. Here are simple ways to begin this season of Lent with your family.

**Prayer**: Jesus told his followers "to pray always without becoming weary" (Luke 18:1). Ask yourself and your child, how can we make time each day to pray as a family? It can be reading from the Children's Bible every night, reading about the lives of Saints, or praying for a different person each day.

**Fasting**: Fasting can help us exercise self-control and discipline ourselves. It can be food, habits, or anything that can distract us from our relationship with God and others. What can your family eliminate or take out of your daily life so that you can better live for God and others?

Almsgiving: Serving others is an important way to help children live out their faith and to see Christ in others. What can your family give or do to help others in need? Encourage your child to donate part of their allowance to help the St. Vincent de Paul Society or other organizations that help others. The most important thing to remember about Lent is that it is a time for families to slow down, reflect on Jesus' sacrifice for all of us, and give thanks for the hope and eternal glory that it opened for us.

## EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY AND SYRIA EMERGENCY CAMPAIGN- PLEASE DONATE

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- 2. Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) web <a href="https://canadianjesuitsinternational.ca">https://canadianjesuitsinternational.ca</a>
  Toll free #: 1-800-448-2148
- 3. Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) Canada, web: <a href="https://www.cnewa.ca">www.cnewa.ca</a> Toll free #: 1-866-322-4441
- Development and Peace-Caritas Canada(DPCC) web <u>www.devp.org</u>
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### THE SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILY

sponsored by our parish is now living near Ottawa where parents Salim and Bushra work. Their children, Bassel, and



Celina, attend School. Their families back in Syria have been gravely impacted by the devastating earthquake. Our help is gratefully accepted. If you wish to donate to their families you can send money by etransfer to Bushra at <a href="mailto:bmdewaye@gmail.com">bmdewaye@gmail.com</a> or 873-353-2104. Thank you for your kindness. Please keep Salim, Bushra and their families in your prayers.'



### ST. PATRICK'S DAY

CELEBRATION hosted by the Peterborough Canadian Irish Club on Saturday, March 11th at the Parish Hall, Douro. Featuring local entertainment from 1:00 - 6:00 pm. Food available for purchase 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Dance to the music of The

Patio Stones from 7:00 - 11:00 pm. All day tickets \$15 for members; \$17 for non members and dance tickets \$10 for members and \$12 non members. Family pass \$25 for 2 adults and children. For tickets please call Shelley at 795 875-5437. Promises to be a grand day.