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PASTOR: REV. FR. RANDY FOSTER DEACON: REVEREND MR. PAUL DUNFORD

Third Sunday of Lent



Bishop: Most. Rev. Daniel Miehm	Marriage: By arrangement (min. 6 months prior)
Mass Times: Sat 5 pm, Sun 10 am	Baptism: By arrangement with the Parish Office
Admin. Assistant: Maryann Clancy	Reconciliation: Sat 4:00—4:30 pm or by appointment
Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 9am - 4pm	Home Communion: Anytime upon request
Knights of Col.: Ray Johnston	Music Ministry: Tina McCarthy & Amy Melanson
CWL: Margret Morrissey	Cemetery Board: Bob Condon 705-772-6071
Hall Rental: Contact Parish Office	Diocese Website: www.peterboroughdiocese.org
	St. Joseph's School: Principal: Mark Collins 705-652-3961



WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

Second Sunday of Lent

March 11, 12

St. Joseph's Parish Mass Intentions

TUESDAY Mar 14 8:30 am † Frank Condon (by Paul & Margaret Yasyszczuk)
WEDNESDAY Mar 15 8:30 am † Margaret Shilton (by Bernard Sullivan & Family)
THURSDAY Mar 16 11:00 am Stations of the Cross
 Mass 11:30 am † Sam Foster (by Fr. Randy)
FRIDAY Mar 17 8:30 am † Steve Moloney (by Don & Linda Clements)
SATURDAY Mar 18 5:00 pm People of the Parish
SUNDAY Mar 19 10:00 am Int. 23rd Ordination Anniversary of Dcn. Paul Dunford
 (by Annette Dunford)

LECTORS	SAT – 5:00 PM	SUN –10:00 AM
Mar 11, 12	Bob Condon	Joanne Armstrong
Mar 18, 19	Michelle Towns	Jennifer DeMaeyer
EUCHARIST		
Mar 11, 12	Rosemary Towns	Brian Condon
Mar 11, 19	Bob Condon	Theresa Hamersma
USHERS		
Mar 11, 12	Albert Heffernan	Jim Holland
Mar 11, 19	Barry Condon	Paul Yasyszczuk
CLEANERS		
Week of Mar 13	Dorothy Perdue	Bernice Heffernan
Week of Mar 20	Joyce Manser	Jill Scott

Parish Stewardship
 Mar 3, \$2,879 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 15, 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.



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



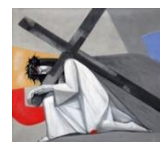
We welcome all visitors and parishioners who have come to worship here today on **Third Sunday of Lent**. To our visitors, you may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name, we pray you will

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
 MARCH 11-17 FOR SAFE TRAVELS FOR EVERYONE.



THE ST. JOSEPH CANDLE IS
 LIGHTED March 11-17 FOR OUR LENTEN JOURNEY.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed on the Thursdays of Lent at 11:00 am before the 11:30 a.m. mass.



NEXT QUILTING IN THE HALL for this year's Douro Doings will be March 13, 14. Everyone is welcome, especially new quilters.

PRO-LIFE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sat. March 18th, 12 noon at St. Anne's Hall. Guest speaker is Maeve Roche, Youth Coordinator at Campaign Life.

GREETINGS FRIENDS, Easter is fast approaching. In a little less than a month, we will be celebrating that Jesus Christ conquered death by his Passion, Death and Resurrection. Ever since that first Easter day, those who believe in Christ (us!) have access to life in abundance, on this earth and into eternity!

I have been moved by the effort that many of you show in living out these forty days of Lent with fervor and commitment. My hope is that, come Easter, we can put as much effort into celebrating the fifty days that make up the Easter season. The life of the Risen Christ, a life that He does not keep to himself but that He shares with each one of us through the Sacraments and prayer, is truly worth celebrating!

During this penitential season of Lent, we have two major celebrations, or solemnities, that give us a taste of the joy that is to come at Easter, namely, the solemnity of **St Joseph on March 20** and the solemnity of the **Annunciation of the Lord on March 25**.

As we continue living out this season of Lent, I also invite us to think ahead and to begin planning ways in which we will commit to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord for fifty days (the Easter season) to show that, in the end, with Christ as our Friend and Savior, “All shall be well!” God Bless, Fr. Randy

This week's theme: Thirst

The focus in today's gospel is on the Samaritan woman at the well. (John 4: 5-42) We find Jesus asking the Samaritan woman to give Him a drink of water. As the story progresses Jesus has the occasion to say to her, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying this to you, ...you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water. Whoever drinks the water that I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

Reflection: This “living water” is a share in the Divine Life of the Blessed Trinity i.e., Grace. We are never more fully alive than when we are in the state of grace and sharing in the eternal life of the Trinity. When we receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, He quenches our thirst by filling us with sanctifying grace.

If we are not in the state of grace because of mortal (serious) sin, we should not receive Holy Communion until we have received the sacrament of Penance (confession). Lent is the perfect time to return to this sacrament of peace and reconciliation. If you've been away from the Church, consider a return. Peace and grace will flood your soul with joy.

Lenten Fasting and Mercy “Fasting bears no fruit unless it is watered by mercy... When you fast, if your mercy is thin, your harvest will be thin; when you fast, what you pour out in mercy overflows into your barn. Therefore, do not lose by saving, but gather in by scattering. Give to the poor, and you give to yourself. You will not be allowed to keep what you have refused to give to others.” St. Peter Chrysologus.

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE “In the Garden” Join us on Thursday, March 23 at 7 pm at St. Joseph Parish for a Taizé Prayer Service. “**In the Garden**” Taizé Prayer is an intimate time of prayer using simple songs, silence and scripture in a beautiful prayerful environment. Music is provided by Theresa Foley and musical friends – Scripture readings and reflections by Fr. Randy Foster. Come and join us. More information, as we approach Holy Week.

Development and Peace Caritas Canada - "Stand for the Land" Campaign 2023

Around the world, many communities are mobilizing to defend their territories against threats posed by extractive industries and industrial agriculture. Here is an excerpt from His Excellency Bishop Raymond Poisson letter: *Therefore, I invite you to Create Hope by supporting Development and Peace's Stand for the Land campaign. Give generously, get involved in your community, be the hands and feet of Christ in the world: "[...] let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth (1 John 3:18)."*

For more **information**, please click this link:
<https://www.devp.org/en/campaign/stand-for-the-land/>

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