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LAETARE SUNDAY

"Rejoice Sunday"

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: Margaret 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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 19

St. Joseph's Parish Mass Intentions

TUESDAY Mar 21 8:30 am † **Bill Foster (by Paul & Margaret Yasyszczuk)**
WEDNESDAY Mar 22 8:30 am † **Frank Condon (by Michelle & Delaney)**
THURSDAY Mar 23 11:00 am Stations of the Cross
Mass 11:30 am † **Gus Sheehan (by Don & Linda Clements)**
7:00 pm TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE
FRIDAY Mar 24 9:15 am School Mass † **George McKeiver (by John & Marie Moher)**
SATURDAY Mar 25 5:00 pm People of the Parish
SUNDAY Mar 26 10:00 am Peter Towns (by the Family)

LECTORS	SAT – 5:00 PM	SUN –10:00 AM
Mar 18, 19	Michelle Towns	Jennifer DeMaeyer
Mar 25, 26	Gerard Sullivan	Bernard Leahy
EUCHARIST		
Mar 18, 19	Bob Condon	Theresa Hamersma
Mar 25, 26	Ray Johnston	Jennifer DeMaeyer
USHERS		
Mar 11, 19	Barry Condon	Paul Yasyszczuk
Mar 25, 26	Gerald Heffernan	Mike Moloney
CLEANERS		
Week of Mar 20	Joyce Manser	Jill Scott
Week of Mar 27	Marian Coughlin	Marian Leahy

Parish Stewardship

Mar 12, \$2,454 including \$834 of pre-authorized offering.
We thank you for your continued support of our Parish!



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

BRINGING SCRIPTURE TO LIFE - with Munroe Scott. **Next gathering is on Wednesday March 22,** 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 THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS:

(If you or someone you know needs prayers please call the office and let us know) 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 **Fourth 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 18-24 FOR OUR FAITH JOURNEY.

THE ST. JOSEPH CANDLE IS LIGHTED MARCH 18-24 FOR THE GOOD HEALTH OF OUR LOVED ONES.



NEXT QUILTING IN THE HALL for this year's Douro Doings will be March 27 & 28. Everyone is welcome, especially new quilters.

EASTER DÉCOR CONTRIBUTIONS envelopes are available at the back of the church for anyone who would like to make a donation in memory of a deceased loved one. Please return the envelopes by Palm Sunday.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION class for First Communion takes place in the hall on Tuesday March 21 from 3:30 to 4:30. *Please pray for our young people as they continue on their faith journey.*



Dear Friends, these three middle weeks of Lent have stories that are like good family stories we tell around a family dinner table. The Woman at the well, the Man born blind, and Lazarus are like old relatives whose stories inspire and amuse and help us believe we belong to a great tradition of characters whose experience of Jesus changed their lives for the better and holds out the hope that even in our crazy, at times confusing lives, life can get better. Life can get better! What more be said? We are all the stuff of stories; we are all characters, irreplaceable in our unique incarnation of God's great imagination. So, cherish your story, wherever it is leading you. Lent reminds us that is where Easter starts. Whatever is going on, for good or bad, is leading us to Jesus and the greatest story ever told! For the believer in Jesus, there is always a happy ending!
 God Bless Fr. Randy

Holy Eucharist: Did you know?

This week's theme: Seeing the Reality of the True Presence Today's Gospel is the story of the man born blind and the miracle of Jesus restoring his sight. (John 9:1-41) We know that many Catholics no longer believe in the real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Sadly, the majority (70% by the latest Pew Poll) believe that the Holy Eucharist is only a symbol. Interestingly many Protestant Pentecostal preachers are beginning to believe in the true Presence. Benny Hinn, a Pentecostal healing evangelist publicly stated, "More people are healed in a Catholic church than Pentecostal churches. That's an absolute fact.... because Catholic people revere the Eucharist. Jesus didn't say, "This is a symbol of my body." He said, "This is my body." (See "National Catholic Register" February 22, 2023 "What Does Eucharistic Revival Look Like?" by Mary Healy.)
Reflection: Are you one of the Catholics who is blind to the true Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? Do you think that you are receiving only a symbol, when you receive Holy Communion? Is the story of the blind man in today's Gospel a reflection on your lack of belief? Why not in humility ask Jesus to reveal Himself to you when you next receive Holy Communion? St. Teresa of Avila stated that all of her greatest spiritual experiences occurred after the reception of the Holy Eucharist. God loves you and can give you the gift of Faith in His divine Eucharistic Presence. If you sincerely ask Him in prayer, you too will see.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING
 In the hall on Tuesday March 21 at 7:00pm. Please plan to attend.

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.

LENTEN ADORATION, CONFESSION, HEALING MASS & RECEPTION: at St. Anne's Parish to receive the wellspring of the Lord's healing grace. Communal prayer and the sacrament of the Anointment of the Sick. 24 Hours of Adoration begins with Mass at 9.00 AM on Friday MARCH 31. 5 Priests will hear confessions during Adoration from 10 am to 6 pm. Healing Mass, Saturday, April 1, 9.30am. All who are afflicted in mind, body, or spirit, as well as those who are praying for them, are invited to participate. We will have a Reception in the Parish Hall for everyone after the Healing Mass.

EASTER SCHEDULE

April 1, 2 PALM SUNDAY Sat. 5:00pm Sun. 10:00am
 April 6 HOLY THURSDAY 7:00pm
 April 7 GOOD FRIDAY 3:00pm
 April 8 EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY 7:00pm
 April 9 EASTER SUNDAY 10:00am



FEAST OF ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Celebrated March 20

Joseph placed himself at the service of God's plan of salvation. He cared for the Holy Family that God had entrusted to him. He became an attentive servant from the moment of the Annunciation, a provident servant in caring for Mary and the Child she carried in her womb. He defended the Family in the moment of danger. These are just a few of Saint Joseph's traits that explain why the People of God are especially devoted to him.

DOURO MINOR HOCKEY U11 Rep Euchre Tournament, Friday March 24 @ 7pm Douro Arena, Wellington Room. Cash Prizes, Raffle Table, 50/50, Cash Bar, Tickets \$10/person. Please contact Christine Sullivan 705-957-2634 for tickets.

