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FIFTH SUNDAY OF

Lent



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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
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WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 25, 26

St. Joseph's Parish Mass Intentions

TUESDAY Mar 28 8:30 am † Frank Condon (by Jim & Marian Coughlin)
WEDNESDAY Mar 29 8:30 am † William Moher (by John & Marie Moher & Family)
THURSDAY Mar 30 11:00 am Stations of the Cross
Mass 11:30 am † Frank Condon (by Don & Linda Clements)
FRIDAY Mar 31 8:30 am † Jerry Ryan (by Shelley Ryan & Family)
SATURDAY April 1 5:00 pm † Pat Doris (by Pauline & Gerald Heffernan & Family)
SUNDAY April 2 10:00 am People of the Parish

LECTORS	SAT – 5:00 PM	SUN –10:00 AM
Mar 25, 26	Gerard Sullivan	Bernard Leahy
April 1, 2	Kelly Towns Larry Carlow	Tom McInnis Mike Moloney
EUCHARIST		
Mar 25, 26	Ray Johnston	Jennifer DeMaeyer
April 1, 2	Michael Korkus	Annette Dunford
USHERS		
Mar 25, 26	Gerald Heffernan	Mike Moloney
April 1, 2	Murray Carlow	John Sullivan
CLEANERS		
Week of Mar 27	Marian Coughlin	Marian Leahy
Week of April 3	Darlene Sullivan	Suzanne Allen

Parish Stewardship

Mar 19, \$2,429 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 29**, 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.



NEXT QUILTING IN THE HALL for this year's Douro Doings will be March 27 & 28 and finishing up April 10 & 11. Everyone is welcome.

"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 25-31 FOR A GOOD LENT FOR OUR PEOPLE.

THE ST. JOSEPH CANDLE IS LIGHTED MARCH 25-31 FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF FRANK CONDON BY ANDY & BARB VOLLERING.



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.

WAY OF THE CROSS---2023 the youth of our diocese will once again 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. It is a beautiful way to spend Good Friday.



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 can 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

TAKE AWAY THE STONE. LAZARUS, COME OUT!

As we begin these final two weeks of Lent, referred to as Passiontide, our focus turns more and more to the great feasts of our salvation and the life-giving passion and death of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The resurrection of Lazarus foreshadows the resurrection of Jesus Himself. It is all about absolute faith and trust in the power of God. The prophet Ezekiel refers to the resurrection in which we will all share as a result of the coming of our Savior: "I will open your graves and have you rise from them...I have promised, and I will do it, says the Lord." It is a great mystery of faith in which we all share knowing that the promises made to us by God will be fulfilled. We are given the promise of eternal life. The Gospel reflects beautifully the humanity of Jesus, as his closest friend lays dying and Jesus Himself ministers to him. "And Jesus wept."

And not just to Lazarus, but to his sisters as well, bringing comfort and hope. When Jesus hears of Lazarus' death, He returns to bring consolation but also to remind all who were present that death is not an end and assures Martha and Mary that he will rise again. The miracle they witness only confirms His words to them. As Christians we live in the greatest of all hopes as we reflect on eternal life. These final days before Easter are important to us and call us to ask ourselves some of the most important questions: Am I ready to encounter the Lord? Am I ready to stand in judgment before the God who created and loves me? Do I take my faith seriously so as to walk in the path that Christ set for me? Hard questions that deserve hard and honest answers. Am I ready to walk the way to Calvary with my Savior or will

I be one in the crowd yelling "Crucify him!", or Peter who denies knowing the Christ, or the soldiers who brutally beat and nailed him to the cross taking the very last of his earthly possessions for themselves? These final days of Lent are a gift to us so that we can reflect on the way in which we are choosing to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is the time to hold the cross of Christ in your hand and ponder all that the cross speaks to us about those things that are most important: our faith and our hope in eternal life because of His suffering and death. Use well these final days!

Next week will be Palm Sunday the beginning of Holy Week. Let us do our best to keep these sacred days and meaningful.

Monday April 3rd Chrism Mass @ St. Peter's Cathedral. Join Bishop Miehm, priests, religious and faithful of the diocese to celebrate the Blessing of the Sacramental Holy Oils and renewal of Priestly vows. **7p.m. mass**

Holy Thursday – Lord Supper: the great gift of the Holy Eucharist was given by Jesus. **7p.m. mass**

Good Friday Great Sacrifice of our Salvation. **3p.m. Service** (the only day that priest don't celebrate mass)

Holy Saturday East Vigil: We are at the tomb waiting for the first rays of the resurrection.

Blessing of the fire, blessing of a new easter candle, renewal of our Baptismal Promises and experiencing the First Rays of the Resurrection. **7p.m. mass**

Easter Sunday: Christ has Risen Alleluia! **10 a.m. mass** 60 days of celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord finishing on Pentecost Sunday.

Taizé Prayer Service "In the Garden." I would like to thank Theresa Foley and all the singers from her group, and from our parish for the beautiful music. Also, to Hugh Foley for reading the Scriptures for this service. It was just an uplifting spiritual evening. Hopefully we can do more of these evening in the near future.

TRINITY ICON STORE---Lecture on GK

Chesterton. We are pleased to welcome Dr David Beresford to the bookstore to talk about GK Chesterton and other converts. For those who know Chesterton's work and for those who don't, Prof Beresford is a Chesterton scholar and will give us an entertaining overview of who this man was and why so many converted to Catholicism through his work. We hope to welcome you here at the bookstore on **Thursday March 30th at 1:30**. Bring a friend. Please RSVP to this email address: Icon Bookstore theiconbookstore@gmail.com, 119 Bridge St. East, Campbellford.