

*Dear Fellow Parishioners:*

Our Lenten observance has one principle goal. It prepares us to celebrate, more fittingly, the Easter Feast.

The annual celebration of the resurrection of the Lord has rightly been called the 'Queen of Festivals' because it is from the Easter event that our faith takes its meaning.

As members of the Church, Lent invites each of us to deepen our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and to renew our commitment to bear faithful witness to him.

During the approaching period of forty days, we will open our hearts once again to hear his Word, calling us to conversion of life and to a renewed faith in him.

Together with time tested Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, and participation in the sacrament of Reconciliation, we encourage all parishioners to consider making use of the programmes and liturgies listed below in order to deepen their faith and to renew their commitment to the Lord.

May God, who through the death and resurrection of his Son gave new life to the world, grant each of us the desire and the determination to make this Lenten pilgrimage a time of renewed dedication to the Faith we cherish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Fr. Bill*

Fr. William W. Foote, Pastor

### ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2018



Mass, with the imposition of ashes, will be celebrated at **8 am and again at 7 pm** in the church. Celebrations of God's Word will also be offered in each of our parish elementary schools. Contact the individual schools for times. The imposition of ashes will take place at all of these liturgies.

### SUNDAY MASSES DURING LENT

Attending mass on The Lord's Day is the centrepiece of our Lenten observance. We deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ by listening to his Word and by sharing his Body and Blood. We do these things in the midst of the Christian community, which is the Body of Christ.

### OUR WEEKEND SCHEDULE

#### Confessions

Saturday from 3:45 - 4:30 pm

#### Mass Times

Saturday at 5 pm

Sunday at 8, 9 and 11 am

(Children's Liturgy at 11 am)

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Through prayer, music and scripture, the Way of the Cross allows us to join Our Lord on his journey to Calvary - **each Friday evening during Lent at 7 pm in the Church.**

### OUR PATRONAL FESTIVAL

On **Saturday, March 17th**, we'll observe the Feast of St. Patrick and celebrate a Solemn Mass at 10 am. Incense will be used. Mass will be followed by a reception in the parish hall, featuring some traditional Irish treats. Please plan now to join us for this special celebration in the life of our parish.



### OUR LENTEN STUDY SERIES

This year the Lenten study will focus on Fr. Henri Nouwen's book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son - A Story of Homecoming*. Fr. Nouwen's insightful reflections centre on the different characters of Rembrandt's famous painting, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, while also paying close attention to the biblical parable from which Rembrandt drew his inspiration. Please join us on 4 consecutive Thursday evenings in Lent - **February 22 and March 1, 8 & 15** from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Kindly notify the office if you are planning to attend so that a book may be ordered and set aside for you. Should you choose to do so, you may order your own hard copy through Amazon.ca where you will find the book is also available on Kindle. All are welcome.

### LENTEN PENANCE CELEBRATION

On Tuesday, **March 6th at 7 pm** we will gather in the church to celebrate this sacrament of God's mercy and forgiveness. Several priests will be on hand to hear confessions in a timely manner - in English, French, Italian, Polish and Portuguese.

Confessions are heard every Saturday from 3:45 - 4:30 pm., Wednesday after the 8 a.m. mass or by appointment. Additional confessions will be heard during Lent in the church on Tuesday, March 27th from 4:00 - 4:30 pm, Wednesday, March 28th from 10 to 12 noon, and on Saturday, March 31st from 11 - 12 noon.

### SATURDAY SUPPER & MOVIE NIGHT

We will gather in the parish hall following the 5 pm mass on **March 10th** for a simple supper. The movie will begin at 6:45 pm. Our March movie will be, "*Captains Courageous*." Please plan to join us.



### SHARE LENT

Our annual Share Lent Collection will be received on the weekend of **Sunday, March 18th**. Every Christian has the responsibility to provide for the poorest of God's people at home and in the developing nations of the world. Please consider \$1 or \$2 a day during Lent as the basis for your offering. This annual collection is forwarded to Development and Peace.

### HOLY WEEK

#### PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY March 25th, 2018

The blessing and distribution of palms will take place at all regular Sunday masses. Except the 8 am mass.

#### THE MASS OF CHRISM

The annual Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton on Monday, March 26 at 7 pm. During this Mass, the holy oils are blessed by the Bishop for use in our parishes throughout the coming year. All are welcome.

**TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**  
Confessions from 4:00 - 4:30 pm  
Mass at 5 pm

**WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**  
Mass at 8 am  
Confessions from 10 am - 12 noon



### THE EASTER TRIDUUM

**HOLY THURSDAY - MARCH 29**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper  
and Procession to the Altar of Repose  
at 8 pm

*(Please note that incense will be used)*

Followed by a watch before  
The Blessed Sacrament -  
Concluding with Night Prayer at 10 pm

**GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 30**  
Celebration of  
The Passion of the Lord  
at 11 am & 3 pm  
Children's Liturgy at 3 pm

**HOLY SATURDAY - MARCH 31**  
Confessions from 11 am — 12 noon  
The Blessing of Easter Food at 1 pm

**THE EASTER VIGIL at 8 pm**  
*(Please note that incense will be used)*

**\*\*There will be no 5 pm Mass this day\*\***

**EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 1**  
Mass of Easter Day  
8, 9 & 11 am  
Renewal of Baptismal Promises  
at 9 & 11 am Mass only

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## A Lenten Journey TO EASTER

