

## LENT RECONCILIATION

St. Mark's ,Sunday, March 26, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.  
St. Alphonsus, Monday, March 27, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

### Lent: What is it about?

Easter is the most important celebration of the church year – Jesus is alive! We use Lent to get ready for His coming. Just as you would clean the house, prepare a bed, and cook meals for guests coming to stay, we prepare for Jesus' coming as well. There are a few traditional practices you can do; a common one is giving up a certain food or drink for Lent (bye-bye chocolate!). Many people also have smaller, simpler meals; give up snacking; or refrain from certain forms of entertainment, like Facebook, TV, or video games. We don't do this to be unhappy – it actually is intended to do the opposite! Every time we want to have or do something we have given up, it is an opportunity to bring Jesus to the front of our thoughts – a prayer-prompt! However, you can choose to START doing something instead of giving something up – choose to start praying before meals, saying a daily Rosary, praying before bed, reading Scripture daily or some other form of spiritual practice that will help you grow closer to Jesus. Don't go overboard – choose one you can commit to (and don't beat yourself up if you slip – just start again!) By observing these practices, we get ready to celebrate Easter with clean and happy hearts!

### Diocesan News

**Mar. 2** – Taize prayer to be held in the chapel at Ruth Ross Residence 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

**Mar. 5** - St. Patrick's Day Beef Stew and Roll; our Infamous Kentucky Ginger Cake; Beverage will be served from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m in St. John the Baptist Church Hall, 60 Broad Street. Tickets: Adults \$10; Children: \$5.00; Call 633-0391.

**Mar. 3** - Ecumenical World Day of Prayer service will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 4 Church Street, Rothesay, at 7:00 p.m.

**Mar. 8 - Mass for Life:** A Mass for the respect of life will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. at Divine Mercy Catholic School's chapel, 30 Douglas St., Saint John. Everyone welcome.

**Pre-Authorized Debit System** - If anyone would like to start this system of donation, forms are available in the foyer. Please fill out and drop in collection basket in an envelope along with a VOID cheque

If you are new to the Parish we would like to hear from you, or if you are leaving the area, please let us know.

Register Update:

Please fill out this form and put it in collection basket or give to greeter. Thank you for helping to keep our records up to date.

Name

Address

Phone

New in Parish \_\_\_\_ Moving out of \_\_\_\_

Moving within the Parish \_\_\_\_

### **Parish of St. Mark**

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### MISSION STATEMENT

*From three communities and beyond called into one to be Word of God. In a spirit of friendship, sharing of life and energy, faith and appreciation, we commit ourselves to accepting all who come and to be present to them, and from our gatherings open ourselves to our neighborhoods and to the wider church.*

**Pastor: Father Don Breen**

**Mass Times: Sat. 5 p.m.  
Sun. 9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.**

**Parish Council Chair** – Pat Carey

**Baptism, Marriage, Catechetical Ministry** - contact office.

**Reconciliation** - Sat. after Mass or by appointment

**February 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 8<sup>th</sup> Sun. in Ord. Time**

Isaiah 49 14-15 1 Corinthians 4 1-5 Matthew 6 24-34

**March 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 2 7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7 Romans 5 12-19 Matthew 4 1-11

### February 26, 2017 - 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (material wealth).” Matthew 6:24*

For many people, God and money run “neck and neck” as their first priority. Making money and spending money becomes the center of their life and they actually become a slave to money. The solution – become more generous. Giving money to Church and charity frees us from slavery to money and from making money a “god” before God.

<u>Announced Masses</u>			
Tues.	Feb. 28	7:00 p.m.	Leo Pye
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>			
Wed.	Mar. 1	12:00 p.m.	Bill Prince (Anniv.)
		7:00 p.m.	Andrew Malley
Thurs.	Mar. 2	7:00 p.m.	Eddy Dunphy
Fri.	Mar. 3	9:00 a.m.	Frank Harnish
Sat.	Mar. 4	5:00 p.m.	For Parishioners
Sun.	Mar. 5	9:00 a.m.	Bill Galloway (Anniv.)
		11:15 a.m.	Lorraine Savoy

**Scheduled Events – Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> – Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>**

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun.Feb.26	Pathfinders	3:30p.m.	Rm5-7
Mon.Feb.27	Girl Guides	6:30pm	Hall
	Adult Music Prac.	7:00pm	Church
	Rosary	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
	Little Rock	7:30pm	Room#1
Tues.Feb.28	Pancake Supper	4:30p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	Hall
Wed.Mar.1	Brownies	11:15a.m.	Hall
Sun. Mar.5	Lights/Camera/Faith	2:30p.m.	Room #1
	Pathfinders	3:30pm	Rm5-7

**Condolences:**

\*Lodianne and Normand Pelletier and family on the death of Lodianne’s brother Francois Thebeau

\*Rita Duffley, her six children Alberta, Julie, Alan, Carol, Owen and Noel, sister Rita Duffley and families on the death of husband, father, brother, and grandfather Jim Duffley

**March 1<sup>st</sup> - ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES**

**12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m**

Special Collection for Catholic Missions in Canada will take place on **Ash Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**.



The Peru Committee is sponsoring a “Postcards for Peru” Lenten project again this year. Members of the Peru Committee will be in the foyer with postcards for you to sign following the masses on the next 2 weekends, March 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup>/ 12<sup>th</sup> Please refer to the bulletin insert this weekend for more information.

**Religious Formation - 849-5111**

Coordinator – Wendy Ellis 849-8162  
Email: stmarksreled@bellaliant.com

**Feb. 26-** Sessions K-9

**Mar. 5 -** No Sessions March Break

**Mar. 12 –** No Sessions March Break

**Mar. 19 -** Sessions K-9

**Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise** Remembering is the theme this week for children preparing for their First Eucharist. They will be recalling the words of Jesus, “Do this in memory of me,” as they learn about the words and actions of the consecration at Mass. Everyone is invited to ponder the great mysteries of faith that are contained in the words of consecration and to continue to pray for our First Eucharist children.



**Sharing in the Eucharist** – This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Confirmation are reflecting on how Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist and offers us the strength to transform our lives. Sharing in the Eucharist also empowers us to live in solidarity with others. How are we as a parish participating fully, actively, and consciously in the Eucharist?

**Prayer cards** have been placed on our Wailing Wall for each youth preparing for Confirmation and each child preparing for First Eucharist. Parishioners are invited to visit the Wailing Wall and pray for these young people, initialing their prayer card to show our support and prayers for their continuing faith journey.

**Hospital Visits**

If you are admitted to the hospital and would like a visit from our spiritual care team at St. Mark’s, please request that hospital staff have your name added to the spiritual care list that our ministry team and pastor can see when they visit the hospital. The hospital cannot put your name on a list without your explicit permission.

**SHROVE TUESDAY**  
**PANCAKE, SAUSAGE & BEAN SUPPER**  
Tues., February 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
Adults \$6.00, Children \$4.00  
Maximum \$20.00 per family (immediate)

**LIGHTS CAMERA.....FAITH!**

You are invited on three Sunday afternoons, March 5<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, and March 19<sup>th</sup> to watch a movie and join in a lively discussion afterward. Pot luck supper to follow.

**Movies:**

March 5 – The Pianist (start time 2:30 p.m.)

March 12 – A Time to Kill (start time 2:30 p.m.)

March 19 – The Cider House Rules (start time 3:00 p.m.)



**Theme:** You Shall Not Kill

**Location:** Room #1

**Please register by signing the sheet in the foyer. Please indicate what you plan to bring for the meal.**

**For more information contact Bill Stroud at 849-1956**

**Lenten Program**

*Who would enjoy a loving atmosphere of learning and laughter?*

Would a fuller prayer life help you in any way?

Please join us as we journey through Lent exploring :

What type of prayer speaks to us as individuals?

How do I begin? Who is listening? When do I find time?

Practice Improves. What colour am I?

Tuesday evenings 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. March 7<sup>th</sup> to April 4<sup>th</sup>

Bring: your bible (if you have one), a smile (if you can)

and an open heart and mind (by grace). To be held in the church hall. No cost.

Any questions or for more information contact Mavis Drummond 847-8318.



**Baptism** – The following babies have been welcomed into our Faith Community through the sacrament of Baptism:  
*Kyah Marie Dow and Emma Megan McLaughlin*

**Diocesan Catholic Women’s League Bursary**

The Diocesan Catholic Women’s League is offering one(1) \$500.00 Bursary for 2017 high school graduates and mature students entering University, Community College, Technical School or School of Nursing. Application forms are available from St. Mark’s Church Office. Submissions for this Bursary are to be returned to the Church office no later than Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

Required Weekly	\$ 5,550.00
Sunday Collection, Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 4,389.20