



5th Sunday of Lent March 18, 2018

PASTORAL TEAM

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SUNDAY OFFERING

March, 2018 – \$6,249.00
Capital Projects - \$2,137.00

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Weekday Masses & Intentions

Monday	9:00am	Special Intention
Tuesday	9:00am	Marie Hickey
Wednesday	9:00am	NO MASS
Thursday	9:00am	Kenny Kelly
Friday	9:00am	Sr. Minerva MacDonald
Saturday	4:00pm	(A)Joseph J. McCarville, (A)Pope McMahon, (A)Alfred Peters & DFM, (A)Harold Leslie, Jim & Carolyn Molyneaux, Maude, Brent, Richard & Daniel Gillis, John DeLory, Francis & Marion Flynn & DFM



Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Mass Readings for March 25, 2018

1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7
Psalm: 22
2nd Reading: Philippians 2.6-11
Gospel: Mark 14.1-15.47

CWL Prayer Line: Please call 368-7247 or 629-1649 and leave your intention. Open to all parishioners
Bulletin Announcements: will be accepted until noon on Wednesday.

St. Pius X Church is a scent free space. Please be courteous to other parishioners and visitors.

REFLECTION

We hear the words from today's Gospel: "The person who loves their life loses it, and the person who sacrifices their life in this world will keep it for eternal life." What a poor world it would be if everyone put their own personal safety, security and selfish advancement first rather than last. It is always because people have been prepared to die to self-interest that the most precious things humanity possesses have been born. Each act of kindness, toward a loved one or a stranger is a step in the right direction. A wife meets her greatest challenge to die to self as she devotedly cares for her terminally ill husband unto the end, never counting the cost in dollars or days. So, it is a husband attending to his paraplegic wife in a heroic sacrifice of his life. So, it is a parent unconditionally loving their child with Down Syndrome, open to the Godly beauty and goodness that child has brought into the world.

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Reception of Oils at the Chrism Mass: we are looking for two parishioners who would like to receive the oils from Bishop Grecco at the Chrism Mass. Please call the Parish Office at 902-894-8380 before March 23rd.

St. Pius X Parish Financial Statement: will be available in early April.

Way of the Cross & Rosary: on Wednesday at 6:45 pm. The CWL and the K. of C. will be hosting the Stations of the Cross followed by the Rosary. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed For the Easter Schedule: The sign-up sheet is available in the foyer.

Ushers Needed for Holy Week: please sign-up at the Ushers' table.

Income Tax Receipts for 2017 & the Priests' Benevolent Fund Income Tax Receipts: are available in the foyer.

K. of C. Crib: on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the MacKenzie Room. 50/50 draw and prizes. Come and bring a partner.

Upper Room Soup Kitchen Meal: for this month only the meal will be on Friday, March 23rd because Good Friday falls on the last Friday of the month. The sign-up sheet is available in the foyer. Please have your food donations returned before March 22nd as the meal is prepared after the 9:00 am Mass on Thursday, March 22nd.

Catechetics

Holy Childhood Association: is a Catholic Mission for "children helping children". 100 % of funds shared by our

Catechism children will go to fund children's projects in Haiti this year. HCA materials are available on the Catechism table in the foyer For more info visit: www.missionsocieties.ca

Around the Diocese

The Mass of Chrism: is at St. Dunstan's Basilica on Monday, March 26, at 7 pm. All parishioners are invited to this integral part of our Holy Week tradition, the blessing and consecration of Holy Oils. Parish representatives then receive the Holy Oils used throughout the year for the celebration of Baptism, Confirmation and the Sacrament of the Sick. Presider is Bishop Richard Grecco and concelebrated with the priests of our diocese, this can be an excellent preparation for all of us to enter into the spirit of the Easter Triduum.

Diocesan Choir: The **Mass of Chrism** will take place in the Basilica on Monday March 26 at 7 pm. Anyone wishing to lend their voices in song for this Diocesan celebration is invited to attend a single rehearsal on Sunday March 25 (Palm Sunday) at 12 noon in the church.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross: Please join the Diocesan Youth Group as they prayerfully present the Stations of the Cross at St. Dunstan's Basilica on Good Friday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. A good-will offering will be collected for the youth group's fundraising.

Please join us for Theology on Tap! The Sisters of Life will be visiting from Toronto and New York City and speaking on "The Charism of Life." Theology on Tap is presented by the SDU Institute of Christianity and Culture. Details: Thursday 22 March 2018, 7 pm, the Pourhouse, 189 Great George Street. We look forward to seeing you!

Young Adult Lenten Retreat: The Sisters of Life are an active, contemplative religious community founded for the protection and enhancement of the sacredness of every human life. Sponsored by the SDU Institute of Christianity and Culture, the Sisters are offering a free Lenten Retreat for young adults on Saturday, March 24th, at the UPEI Chaplaincy Center from 10:30 - 4:00. For information contact apatey@upeu.ca

Liturgical Conference: *From the Table of Christ Jesus to the Table of the World: Praying and Living the Eucharist.* Reserve Saturday, May 12, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at St. Francis of Assisi in Cornwall. The presenter: Simon Brosig, Director of Liturgy, Diocese of Calgary. Sponsored by the Liturgy Commission of the Diocese of Charlottetown.

Annual Spring Fish Bake: on Friday, April 27th at Our Lady of Assumption. *Serving from: 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm*

Take-Outs available. Cost: \$12 per plate. Tickets available - *in advance only* - at Assumption Church office 569-4769 and after weekend Masses or by calling Joseph Hébert 569-2762, Mary MacLean 569-4308.

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada: invites you to the Solidarity Sunday Workshop, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Sunday, March 18, St. Pius X Church, Charlottetown. Guest speaker is Ms. Nagham Tarhini, community worker with ADYAN, a Development and Peace partner in Lebanon. There will be a sharing table.

Clothing & Household Give Away: on Saturday, March 24th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Jack Blanchard Hall, 2nd floor. Sponsored by Holy Redeemer St. Vincent de Paul.

22nd Annual Easter Sunrise Ecumenical All-Faith Service: Easter Sunday Morning, April 1, 2018: Under the canopy of OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH. Assembling at 6:40 am for service at 6:52. Welcome, Scripture Readings, Reflection, and music. Coffee and treats to follow in the Parish Centre. A sincere welcome to everyone from all faiths and congregations.

Martha Spirituality Centre (902-367-3103 or srgemma@eastlink.ca) **March Break Colour Your World - Workshops for Youth** at Martha Spirituality Centre (902-367-3103 or srgemma@eastlink.ca) Mon., March 26 for ages 10-12 and Wed. March 28 for ages 13-15. Spend a day in creative activities from 10 am-3 pm with facilitator Sr. Debbie Peters, a recently retired Ontario elementary teacher and high school guidance/chaplain. Cost \$25. with all supplies provided. Come and add color to your life! Need to register on/before March 22 or until spaces last.

Earth Hour Candlelight Service: from 8:30-9:30 pm on Saturday, March 24. All welcome. Donations accepted.

PEI Pilgrimage Ltd. will lead a tour to **Our Lady of the Cape Shrine** at Cap de Madeleine, QC and **St. Joseph's Oratory**, Montreal, the weekend of May 18-21, 2018. To register please call Gary Clow at 902-569-3945, Ken Campbell at 902-566-2914 or Joe Drane at 902-940-5871.

Pipes & Pizza at St. Dunstan's Basilica: Organist Leo Marchildon invites any youth or young adults who wish to learn more about the pipe organ to come and visit the loft of St. Dunstan's Basilica at noon on Saturday April 28 for a special program designed to showcase the astounding capabilities of this magnificent machine. Following a mini organ concert pizza will be served in the basement. Sponsored by the PEI chapter of the Royal Canadian College of Organists.