

## Third Sunday of Lent March 15, 2020



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**Mon** 9:00 am – Cita Mohan (Int)  
**Tue** 9:00 am – Josefina Acena +  
 7:00 pm – Hilde Effinger +  
**Wed** 9:00 am – Mark Rothen (Int)  
 10:00 am Lee Manor – Rose Francis +  
**Thu** 9:00 am – Pemnath Klssoon (Int)  
 10:00 am John Joseph – Abigail Walsh (Int)  
 7:00 pm – the Effinger Family (Int)  
**Fri** 9:00 am – Ramnarine Mohan +  
 10:00 am Seasons – Patrick Martil +

### Saturday – March 21

9:30 am Lion's Head – Mass  
 11:30 am Tobermory – Jacob McBride (Int)  
 5:00 pm Owen Sound – Margaret Laurin +

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – March 22

9:00 am Chatsworth – Pro Populo  
 9:00 am Hepworth – Karl Fortney (Int)  
 9:00 am OS – Amelia Willis (Int)  
 11:00 am OS – Fred Zottl, Sr. +  
 11:00 am Wiarton – Doris Bechtel +  
 and Don & Doris Meacham +  
 11:00 am Meaford – Reik Hystek +  
 1:00 pm Cape Croker – Ted Johnston +

### From the Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

#### This week we pray for:

**Mon** Fr. Ken Miskiewicz  
**Tue** Fr. Terence Sehl  
**Wed** Franciscan Fathers  
**Thu** Fr. Jason Kuntz  
**Fri** Fr. Edward Mahony  
**Sat** Fr. Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou

**\* Sacrament of Anointing & Communion to the Sick:**  
 Available upon request



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Tuesday – Seniors' Cards ..... 1:00 pm  
 Thursday – Teaching Thursdays ..... 7:30 pm  
 Friday – Divine Mercy Devotion ..... 3:00 pm  
 Friday – Stations of the Cross ..... 7:00 pm

### Lenten Journey

*a woman's perspective*

Prayer, fasting and alms giving can seem daunting to us as we begin our 40 days of Lent. And how does it feel right about now? Have you lost sight of your original intentions? Fr. Dave once told us to 'give things up mindfully, not mindlessly.' Those words have stuck with me all these years later and, from time to time, I attempt to change things up from the usual routine.

Prayer, for me, is the easy part. "Pray without ceasing," St. Paul instructs us in 1 Thes 5.16. Perhaps it is because I love solitude that I find this an easy practice. While driving my lengthy commute, walking, running even, I pray,

rejoicing always and giving thanks. It is an enjoyable practice that can easily become a habit.

I once read that we must be careful of doing the *right* thing for the *wrong* reason. Fasting immediately came to mind. If I fast, is it to save money on food that can then be given to the Knights' 40 Cans for 40 Days project, or am I depriving myself of food and secretly hoping to lose those pounds that have hung on since Christmas? There are numerous ways I can think of to fast, with no ulterior motive. We can fast from judging others; fast from anger, from complaining, and fast from gossip.

Alms giving is not necessarily a monetary thing. We all have too much *stuff* in our possession. We can purge those things we hoard, and give them to those who can make good use of them. Safe 'N Sound, downtown, is always in need of clothing – which they give away to those who come to them for help. They have a constant need for towels too, as they provide showers for the homeless. If you save those little bottles of body wash and shampoos provided by hotels and motels, they could certainly use those for their participants. And because they help people set up apartment living, they can use pots and pans and other household items. Give from your own abundance. Prayer, fasting and alms giving can be accomplished in numerous ways. When we are mindful and grateful for the gifts we have been given, and when we are mindful of others' needs and concerns, our Lenten journey will not be mindless drudgery, but fruitful and joy-filled.

*Margery Frisch*

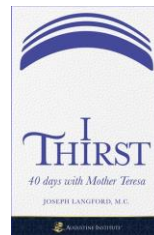
**Marriage Tip of the Month -** Lent is great time to build your marriage bond! Instead of "giving up" something, take a fast from criticizing, complaining or even ignoring your spouse; pray together daily and reflect on how you are called to live your marriage vocation; engage in a Lenten retreat and/or attend the Stations as a couple; read and reflect on a passage of the Bible; consider giving of your time and talent as a couple during the six weeks of Lent. Every activity you undertake will benefit your spiritual life and will also build your bond as a couple as you engage in your Lenten practices together. (*Family Ministry Office – Hamilton Diocese*)

### *\* In the Parish \**

**Deacon Rick and Pauline** are happy to report that the monies raised for the recent **Coldest Night of the Year** walk totalled \$1000.00. This was a most generous response to their drive and they want to express their sincere thanks to all those from St Marys who contributed!



***I Thirst – 40 Days with Mother Teresa*** this book is available in the church office, at \$10 each. *This guided meditation on Scripture and the teaching of Mother Teresa will lead those who read it into the heart of the mystery of God's thirst for souls, and how man can meet the Lord's thirst. Fr. Joseph Langford, an intimate friend of Mother Teresa's and a co-founder with her of the Missionary of Charity Fathers, leads the reader into Mother Teresa's love of God, and helps foster the love of God in the heart of the reader.*



**Teaching Thursdays** – an opportunity to come together as a parish family and explore the depth of our Catholic teachings with our priests. These gatherings will continue through Lent, following Thursday evening Mass from 7:30 to 8:30. Please come for Mass and stay for the presentation.

**Stations of the Cross** – please join us for Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent, at 7:00 pm in St. Mary's church.



**St Thomas Aquinas CWL** is having our second annual 'St Patrick's Day Luncheon' on **Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>** after the 11:00 am mass. Tickets are \$10.00 each and includes, Irish Stew, Roll, Dessert and Refreshments! We have a limited amount of seating, so get your tickets in advance! **Tickets are on sale this Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>** or call Ruth @ 519-534-2925 to reserve your seat. Thank you for supporting this fundraising event. Proceeds will help those in need in our Community.

#### **Knights of Columbus Awards & Bursaries -**

Applications for Awards and Bursaries are being accepted by the Knights of Columbus, Granottier Council 2092. Students who are members of St. Mary's & the Missions and are currently enrolled in post-secondary school should send their letter of application along with proof of enrolment and current term marks. The ideal candidate will demonstrate an awareness of the aims and activities of the K of C, as well as show previous involvement in community endeavors sponsored by the K of C prior to graduating from secondary school. Applications close March 31. Apply to: Awards/Bursary Committee, c/o Knights of Columbus, 770 6<sup>th</sup> St. E. Owen Sound N4K 3G1.



During the **40 days** of Lent, the **Granottier Council, Knights of Columbus** challenge all to sacrifice and help others by donating **One Can** or non-perishable food or \$1 per day to our local food kitchens and food banks. This program is inspired by Christ's 40 days of fasting in the desert. One doesn't need to donate all "40 cans", 1 can help someone. Canned goods will be distributed to local Food Banks and Pantries through: **St. Mary's Catholic Charities**. Cash Donations will go to **OSHaRE** and **Safe 'n Sound**, with a portion going to the **Warton, Chatsworth and Meaford** area Food Banks (please indicate your choice) cash donations and cheques made payable to K of C Granottier Council can be put in the collection basket at Mass. **Thank you.**

#### **St. Patrick's Day Shenanigans – Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**



**at 5:00 pm, at the K of C Centre.** Irish Beef Stew, Bread and butter, veggies, bread pudding, coffee, tea and cash bar. Tickets on sale after Masses at St. Mary's – adults \$15, children under 12 - \$5.

**Alpha 2 is coming!!** Beginning **April 14<sup>th</sup>** and every Tuesday through to June 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm, with a

delicious hot meal provided. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question designed to create conversation. There is no pressure, no follow-up and no charge. It's just an open, informal and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. Please reserve ahead: Application forms can be found in the church foyer, fill them out and drop them off at the church office, or drop them through the letter slot at the office door. You can also call the office or email [smm@bmts.com](mailto:smm@bmts.com) to register.



#### **\* In the Diocese \***

**Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass June 14, 2020** - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2020? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). See posters at the back of the churches for information on how to register for the celebration, or you can go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) for more information.

#### **For the Sick,** our fellow parishioners and family members



who are in need of our prayers: for John Hogan, Patricia, Fr. Tom McReavy, John Lewis, Roberta Faria, Don Heenan, Horst Schuetz, Eileen Fortney, Doreen Raco, Helen Meyer, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Scott Fitzpatrick, Steven Scott, Shelley Curley, Patricia McMillan, Karl Fortney, Shannon Daultrey, Marjorie Forcier, Arthur Diaz, Sherri Maine, Paul Bagget, Doug Woolway, Coleen Warmington, baby Sutton and baby Kellen, Rosaleen Engel, Marilyn Schinbein, Becki Knisley, Joanne LaFlamme Talbot, June Peet, Mike Adams, Sharon Cantlon, Tom McDonnell, Maureen McTeague, Vern Finlayson, Fred Fries, Josh Cahoon, and Sean McTeague, - **We pray to the Lord.** If you or a loved one are in need of prayer, please call the office. **Each year – beginning in September - we will begin our prayer list anew.**

#### **Donations from March 7 / 8, 2020**

Owen Sound	5,218
Meaford	1,146
Warton	1,019
Hepworth	831
Chatsworth	429
Lion's Head	301
Tobermory	235
Sauble Beach	228
	<b>\$ 9,407</b>

#### **Weekly cost to run the parish \$11,734**

*God bless you for your generosity.*

We have been getting numerous calls from parishioners - they have received the wrong tax receipt - the envelope number is incorrect. The letter that accompanied your tax receipt explained this mystery - the number you see is a computer generated number. No, it is not your envelope number, but your tax receipt is your correct tax receipt.