

Third Sunday in Lent

"Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Psalter III -- Year B

MON. March 16

12:05 PM **LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS
OF HEFFERNAN & KIERAN FAMILIES**
--Marie Heffernan & Family

TUES. March 17

12:05 PM † **GORDON KELLY & JANE RAUEN**
--The Kelly Family

WED. March 18

12:05 PM † **ALAN NICKERSON**
--his Wife

THURS. March 19 St. Joseph

10:00 AM Mass at Golden Plough
12:05AM † **JOAN & BERT DUNN** *--The Family*

FRI. March 21

12:05 PM † **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
KofC LADIES AUXILIARY**

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Saturday, March 21

5:00 PM † ED BIBEAU
--Art & Jean Champagne

Sunday, March 28

9:00 AM † JOSEFINE HAMMER
--Stan & Hermy Zverina

11:00 AM MISSA PRO POPULO

Next Weekend's Readings **4th Sunday in Lent**

1st: 2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23++ 2nd Ephesians 2.4-10
Gospel John 3.14-21

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Willard Cochrane, Marion Maguire, Jack Baggaley, Bob Whelpley, Peg Lees, Tanya Green, Tracey, Shawn Pentland, Lisa Dunn, Ed Godawa, Jean Ellis, Rosemary Roth, Lisa Sampson, James Thatcher, Charles Potier, Shirley Ferguson, Marisca, Arlene Brown, Debbie Hale, Stanley Johnston, Jessica Gerber, Richard Philips, James Fullerton, Lynn Fabris, Mary Beyette, Jean Winters, Theresa Ferguson, Charles Bateman, Bob Pickett, Matilda Eikens, Noreen Mark, Antoinette Brisson, Stan Johnston, Fred Williams, Denise Palermo, Mark Martel, Diane Bartlett, Greg Heenan, *May the Lord's healing hand touch them.*

REFLECTION

It is not clear to scholars exactly what precipitated Jesus' reaction at the Temple. In what would appear to be a fit of anger, Jesus used a whip to drive out the animals, and overturned tables sending people, animals, and coins scurrying in all directions. The people took Jesus' words literally and because of their immature faith, they were looking for signs. That is why in this gospel where Jesus says he will destroy the Temple but raise it back up in three days, people were dumbfounded. The Temple had been under construction for over forty years and was still not complete. It is no wonder when they heard that Jesus would raise it up in three days, that they could not comprehend his meaning. They lacked the faith to understand that Jesus referred to the raising of his own body in three days.

Reflection for Families How many times have we seen our children use objects for purposes other than what they were intended? On garbage day a skateboard might become wheels for a trash can, or a baseball bat might be used as a wood splitter, and a fishing pole used to retrieve a ball from the gutters. It stifles creativity to insist that items be used for the purpose they were intended, but it does ensure that they will last to do the job they were made for. In a sense, this is what Jesus meant for the people to do in today's gospel. The Temple was God's house and that's the purpose for which it was to be used. It was not a marketplace or a bank. To see it used as such, brought out the passionate devotion Jesus had for his Father's house. And with all he had, Jesus wanted to protect it.

COLLECTION REPORT

☞ **A Summary of Your Generosity** ☜

March 8 Offertory \$5044.

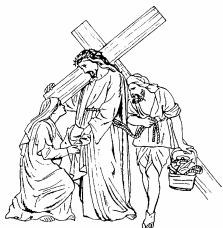
Donations to Restoration Fund \$770.

Thank you for your support!

EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tues. 17—7:30 PM Lenten Journey in Parish Cen.
Wed. 18—12:30 PM Legion of Mary in Parish Cen.
Wed. 18—12:30-7:30 PM **BLOOD DONOR CLINIC**
at Columbus Community Centre
Wed. 18—7:00 PM Lenten series at the Villa
Thurs. 19—1:00 PM Seniors Progressive & Bid
Euchre at Columbus Community Centre
Thurs. 19—7:00 PM Prayer/Meditation Group in PC
Fri. 24—7:00 PM Stations of the Cross &
Benediction in the Church

Stations of the Cross Benediction –Friday, March 20



There will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction every Friday during Lent (7:00 PM to 8:00 PM) in the Church. This is just one other opportunity in making your Lenten journey more meaningful. Try to mark at least one of these Friday's for you to spend some *extra time* in the presences of the Lord.

Spring Fashion Show

The KofC Ladies Auxiliary are hosting a 'Spring Fashion Show' on Sunday, **April 5**, at 1:00 PM, at the Columbus Community Centre. *Limited tickets now on sale.* Contact Gladys at 905 372-2038 or Columbus Community Centre at 905 372-2991. Also available at the Parish Office during office hours. Cost \$10 –light luncheon included.

LEGION OF MARY "Acies Ceremony"

Legion of Mary members and all Auxiliary's are invited to attend St. Peter-in-Chains, Peterborough for their Acies Ceremony. It will begin with Mass at 2:00 PM next Sunday, March 22, 2009. Refreshments will be served following in the Knights of Columbus Hall, Peterborough.

CWL FUNDRAISER

Today CWL members took pledges to have pies baked. *These pies will be available for sale on Palm Sunday, April 4/5.* The funds the League raises as a Council support projects such as the Camp Northern Lights, Birthright, Alpha House, school awards and scholarships, to name a few. Since last year they are trying smaller fundraisers throughout the year involving our parish community and the community at large. If you were missed today, you can still pledge a pie by contacting Carol Lawless this week at 905 372-2742.

National March for Life 2009

Looking ahead, the 12th Annual National March for Life events will be held in Ottawa from Wednesday, May 13 to May 15, 2009. A bus is being arranged from Peterborough on May 14. Cost is \$33.00 per person-return trip. For more info call Ali at 705 745-3820 or Paul Morgan at 705 741-4000.

You're Invited A Study Day on St. Paul will be held on Wed., March 25 at 7:00 PM. This event will be held at St. Paul's Church in Norwood. Guest speaker will be Mr. Doug Finbow. All are welcome.

Did you know that St. Paul wrote his 'letters' before the Gospel's were written?

Lenten Journey with St. Paul

WHEN: Tuesdays (March 17 & 24, 2009)

TIME: 7:30 PM to 8:45 PM

WHERE: St. Michael's Parish Centre

Facilitators: Henriette & Laszlo DeRoth

Don't miss this opportunity to learn and deepen your knowledge about the first Christian communities. We will have prayers and reflections on the Lenten Sunday readings from the Letters of St. Paul. Take this opportunity in preparing yourself for Easter!

SCHEDULES

The schedules for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors are now available for pick up in the Narthex (Church entrance). Please pick up your copy and mark your calendar when you are to serve.

Villa St. Joseph Upcoming Events

Lenten Reflections on Wednesdays during Lent (until April 1) from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Next date: March 18. A **Retreat week** is being offered from March 15-22. Also there is a **Sabbath Weekend Retreat** on March 20-22. Call 905 372-2741 to register.

They're Back!!!



THE SOLID BELGIAN CHOCOLATE EASTER EGGS are once again available. These 80g all natural ingredients are still only \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. All the proceeds will go towards the **Respect Life Office**, Diocese of Peterborough. Available at the Parish Office during office hours.

KofC BREAKFAST BUFFET TODAY

Today, Sunday, March 15, the KofC will be serving breakfast buffet from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the Columbus Community Centre. Everyone is welcome to join in this Community breakfast. Cost is Adult - \$8.00, Children 5 to 12 years \$2.50.



**Development
and Peace**

Please take a moment to read today's insert on Development & Peace.

FYI Back in November, inserted in our bulletin was a letter in regards to Chemical Abortion pills being available in our local pharmacies. Parishioners were asked if they would change their prescription to a drug store that did not sell chemical abortion pills. The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy is pledging not to carry such a drug. They are located at the Gateway Plaza at 1060 Burnham St. (across from the hospital). Phone 905 377-0728. Thank you to Jim Bissonnette for this information.