

## Fifth Sunday Of Lent

March 22, 2015

*"If a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it bears much fruit."*

– John 12.20-33

**When there is a funeral at "either" Holy Trinity or St. Joachim's, our regular 12 noon Mass will be cancelled and the Mass intention rescheduled for another day.**

### MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 25</b>	<b>12 noon</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 27</b>	<b>12 noon</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 28</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 29</b>	<b>11:00am</b>

### MASS INTENTION

<b>Bob Merzetti</b>
<b>Lisa Rowe</b>
<b>Madeline McInerney</b>
<b>For All Parishioners &amp; Their Intentions</b>

## Last Week's Offertory Collection

50	Regular Envelopes	\$1,043.00	
	Loose Donations	\$95.25	
	Pre-Authorized Debit	\$782.31	
4	Debt Fund	\$55.00	
1	Flowers	\$40.00	
1	Development & Peace	\$10.00	
1	Food Bank	\$10.00	
		\$2,035.56	Last Week's Total

Amount needed to pay only "our regular weekly bills": \$4,500.00 per week  
 Amount needed to "also include" repaying the parish debt: \$5,500.00 per week

### Easter Schedule

April 2 - Holy Thursday	7pm
April 3 - Good Friday	3pm
April 4 - Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)	9pm at Holy Trinity
April 5 - Easter Sunday	11am

Please note: For the past few years the Easter Vigil has alternated from Holy Trinity to Saint Joachim's; this year it will be Holy Trinity's turn again.



### Spring Craft Market & Expo

There will be a Craft Market & Expo held on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, from 10am - 2pm, at Saint Joachim's. Admission is **FREE**, so why not stop by to pick up some unique Easter or Mother's Day gifts! There will also be Door Prizes and a canteen. For more information, contact Connie Loughery (833-4697 or [crloughery@xplornet.ca](mailto:crloughery@xplornet.ca)). Hope to see you there!

### First Reconciliation

Congratulations to the children in the Grade 2 class of our Religious Education program who received the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation for the first time this weekend.

### Easter Flower Memorial

We are asking for your assistance as we decorate the church for Easter. We encourage you to make a donation towards our Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. Simply **print** the name(s) of those you would like to remember **on the outside of an envelope**. Please also indicate that the envelope is for "**Flowers**", and include your envelope number. The names of all those being honored will be included in our Easter bulletin. Deadline for submission of names is Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Lenten Penance Celebration

Today, Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2pm, at Our Lady of The Assumption, Dufferin Row, there will be a Lenten Penance Celebration for the greater Saint John area for those who would like to receive this sacrament in preparation for Easter There will be many priests to help with individual confessions at the end of the service. If it is more convenient, confessions are always available in our own parish every Saturday from 3 - 3:30pm or by appointment.

### Concert

The Papagayo Ensemble presents "Sounds of Spring", at the Cathedral on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3:30pm, with music by Poulenc, Saint Saens, Michael Conway-Baker, Daniel Dorff and more. A Free will offering will be collected in support of St. Vincent de Paul.

### Lenten Stations Of The Cross

A community celebration of the Way of the Cross will take place in the church immediately following Friday 12 noon Mass during the Season of Lent.

### Daily Mass

For those who would like to attend daily Mass each day during Lent, Holy Trinity offers Mass on Tuesday and Thursday at noon.



### Saturday Soup

Please join us for "Saturday Soup" on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, after the 5:30pm Mass in the Holy Trinity Family Centre, 348 Rockland Road. Enjoy a meal of soup, rolls, dessert, tea & coffee as well as a time of fellowship. Cost: Donation.

### Little Saints

It is an 8-week program for children up to age five and their parents. It encourages and equips parents to pass on the faith to their children through songs, stories, prayers and celebration. It begins Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, from 10 - 11:30am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rothesay. For more information, contact Jennifer (216-1159 or jenniferfabrizi6@gmail.com).

### Chrism Mass

Bishop Robert Harris invites everyone to attend this year's Chrism Mass to be held on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm, at the Cathedral. The full text of the Bishop's letter is available on our website and on the bulletin boards in the foyer of the church.

### Sunshine Garden Party

St. Pius X, Somerset Street, will be holding their annual ham & potato scallop dinner and silent auction on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Viewing of silent auction items begins at 4:30pm, with dinner being served at 5pm. Tickets are \$20 per person, and available by calling 653-6830. Proceeds are going towards church elevator repairs.

### ONGOING PARISH EVENTS

Zumba - Every Monday and Wednesday at 7pm. Only \$5/person.

Zumba Gold - Zumba for beginners. Every Tuesday morning at 10am. Only \$5/person.

Prayer Group - Every Tuesday at 7:30pm.

Card Party - 45's every Thursday starting at 1pm.

Bingo - Every Friday, doors open at 5:30pm; Mini-Games at 6:30pm; Regular games at 7pm.

Rosary - Every Saturday at 3:30pm.

Jam Session - Open Mic Dance. Every Sunday at 7pm. \$3 Admission.

## ST. JOACHIM'S

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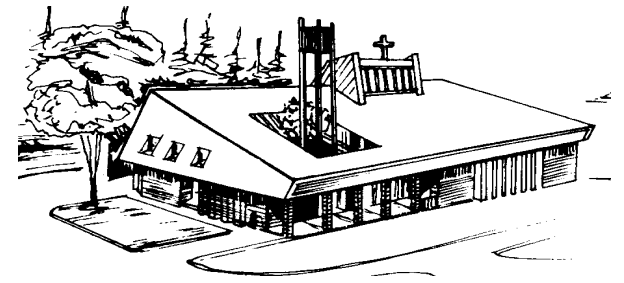
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### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 12:30pm for parish families and those living within the boundaries of our parish. To make arrangements, please contact the office.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE / RECONCILIATION

Confessions are celebrated in the church every Saturday from 3pm - 3:30pm, or at other times if you would like to make an appointment by speaking with Father Peter.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

To reserve our church for a wedding, couples must first make an appointment with our pastor to discuss their plans and complete the pre-nuptial investigation forms. At least a six month notice and taking a marriage preparation course is a requirement. Because of our Pastor's schedule for two parishes, weddings cannot be celebrated any later than 1pm on Saturday.

### SACRAMENT AND MINISTRY TO THE SICK

If there is a family member or relative in the hospital who would like to receive a visit from the Pastor, please inform Father Peter. Also, please let Father Peter know if there is someone sick or confined to their home who would like to receive a visit, receive Holy Communion, or be anointed with the Sacrament of the Sick.