

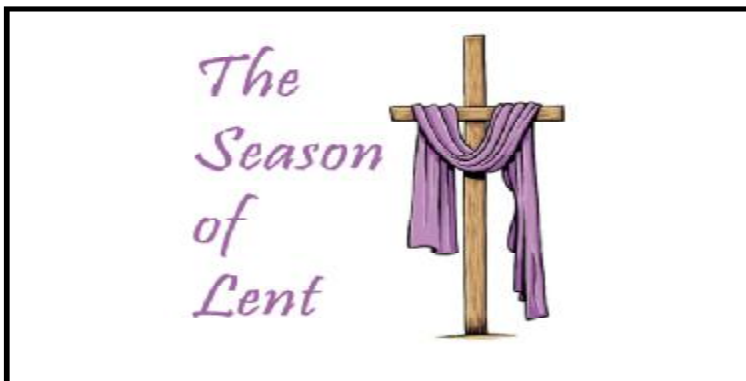
February 25, 2018

Second Sunday of Lent



Mon. February 26th 7:00 pm
 Tues. February 27th 6:00 pm
 Wed. February 28th 7:00 pm
 Thur. February 29th 6:00 pm
 Fri. March 2nd
 Sat. March 3rd 12:10 pm

Christian Meditation Prayer Meeting
 R.C.I.A. Meeting in the Rectory Meeting Room
 10:30 am Mass - Choir Practice
 8:30 am Mass - Choir Practice
 First Friday Masses and Devotions (*No Stations*)
 First Saturday Mass and Anointing of the Sick



Bishop Colli's Schedule

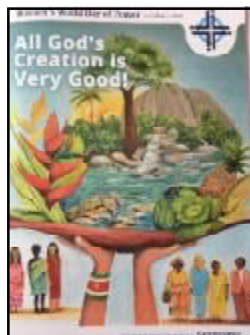
February 24th & 25th
 Weekend Masses in the Cathedral
 February 28th & March 1st - 9:00 am
 2 Weekday Masses in the Cathedral

Wise Words

"There's no sense asking God to guide our steps if we are not willing to move our feet!"
(Quote from Cathedral C.W.L. Meeting.)

First Communion

Classes begin this Sunday, and will continue weekly to April 15th at the 10:30 am Mass. Not registered yet? Call 622-5389.



World Day of Prayer

On Friday, March 2, 2018, Christians in over 1,200 communities in Canada will gather to pray for, to learn about and to celebrate environmental issues in solidarity with the women of Suriname through 'World Day of Prayer'. The 2018 theme is "All God's Creation is Very Good". First Presbyterian Church (corner of Walsh and Grey Streets) is hosting this year's service that will begin at 2 pm.



'Soup & Bun' Lunch

Our Development and Peace Group is once again sponsoring its annual 'Soup and Bun' Luncheon. As in previous years, there is no cost for the ticket but all donations will be gratefully accepted at the luncheon. DATE: Sunday, March 11, 2018; TIME: Following the 10:30 am Mass; PLACE: Cathedral Auditorium. Free tickets are available at the main entrance to the Cathedral on weekends and, from the Parish Office during the week. Come out and enjoy a simple meal, in solidarity with our brothers and sisters of the Global South!

IMPORTANT



GATHERING

Our March C.W.L. Gathering will be held on Tuesday, March 6th. It will begin with a Prayer Service in the auditorium at 7pm. Following the Service, we will celebrate members with the presentation of pins for years of service. Updates will be provided from all levels of the League including the highlighting of the Diocesan Convention (May 4 - 6 in Kenora). Forms to attend this Convention will be available. Registration deadline is March 30th. JoAnn Floen, treasurer, will complete registration forms and send them together to Kenora. See you then! Anyone needing a ride to this gathering is asked to call Joleene Kemp at 622-2531.



Successful Rite of Election Mass: February 17th
 Thanks to Bishop Colli and to our RCIA Team:
 Judy Stankus, Janice Harasyn & Pauline Krupa

YOU WERE ASKING by Msgr. P. Stilla

Q. Why do we call the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, 'Mardi Gras' or 'Shrove Tuesday'? When did the Church begin to observe Lent?

A. We know that 'Mardi Gras' literally means, 'Fat' Tuesday, in French. Its name developed over time and because of specific Lenten penitential practices which were observed by Catholics throughout Europe.

'Forbidden' Foods
In the past there were many foods that observant Christians would simply not eat during the Season of Lent, to show that they were doing penance: foods such as all meats and products that were derived from animals such as fat, lard, eggs, cheese and all other dairy products. Of course these foods were regularly consumed throughout most of the

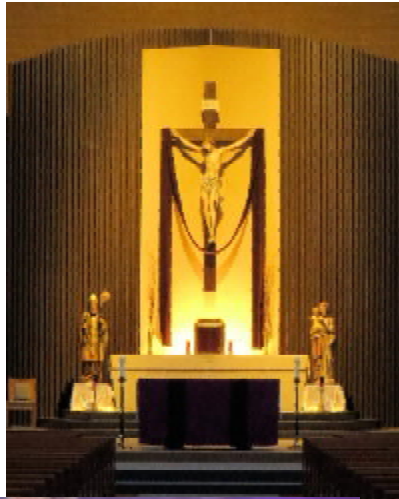


year, so many households normally stored these items in their pantries. So that no food was wasted, families would have a feast on the day before Lent by eating all these 'forbidden' foods in the house that would not last until Easter.

Why Pancakes?

In some parts of Europe pancakes were usually also eaten on this day because they were made with eggs, lard and milk which were products that were usually stored in kitchen pantries. They paired well with pork sausages, all

'forbidden' foods during Lent. The need to consume all these fatty foods before Lent began gave rise to the name 'Mardi Gras', 'Shrove Tuesday', in English



This name for Mardi Gras in English speaking Christian nations uses a form of the English word, 'shriving', or 'confessing and doing penance for one's sins'.

This was also a common practice by Christians on the day before Ash Wednesday to prepare themselves for the lenten fast and for their spiritual renewal.



Preparation
In 386 A.D., the Church first introduced Lent as the final period of catechetical preparation for adults

who were preparing to be baptized at Easter. Then, in 450 A.D., the Church extended the observance of Lent to all Christians as a time of annual spiritual preparation for the great Feast of Easter.



Catholic Women's League

Your Last Chance!

Envelopes marked 'Phantom Bake Sale' have been placed at all entrances of the Cathedral. Please place your donation in the collection basket. This is your last chance to make a donation. This initiative provides us with funds for our many Parish ministry projects. Thanks for your generosity.

Knights of Columbus



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 28th
First Degree at Corpus Christi Church after the 7 pm Mass.



GRIEF SUPPORT
Begins March 18th

There is still time to register for this 6 week session. Call the Parish Office at: 622-5389.

Hamper Sunday donations
this month will assist:
'New Life Ministries'

Away from the Parish

I will be away in Brampton from February 24th until March 1st.

Mass Celebrants This Week:
Feb. 24/25 Wkd: Bishop Colli
Feb. 26 12:10 pm: Fr. Randal
Feb. 27 9:00 am: Fr. Luigi
12:10 pm: Fr. Randal
Feb. 28 9:00 am: Bishop Colli
12:10 pm: Fr. Randal
Mar. 1 9:00 am: Bishop Colli
12:10 pm: Fr. Randal

Thanks to all for their help.
Msgr. Pat.