

March 17, 2019 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT / STS. PATRICK & JOSEPH

Mon. Mar. 18 th	7:00 pm	'Consoling the Heart of Jesus' Retreat continues
Tue., Mar. 19 th		St. Joseph, Patron of Canada
	6:00 pm	R.C.I.A. (in Rectory Meeting Room)
Wed., Mar. 20 th	7:00 pm	10:30 am Mass Choir rehearsal
Thur., Mar. 21 st	6:00 pm	8:30 am Mass Choir rehearsal
Sat., Mar. 23 rd	8:00 am	Men's Bible Group Meeting (in Rectory Meeting Room)
Sun., Mar. 24 th	11:30 am	Annual Development & Peace Soup and Bun Lunch



**Bishop Colli's
Schedule
March 24th**

9:30 am & 11:00 am: Confirmations
St. Elizabeth Parish in Thunder Bay

**WORKSHOP
March 23rd**



Did you know that very minute, 31 persons are forced to flee their homes? Come and learn from our partners who are supporting migrants and refugees and help us share the journey at our Development and Peace Workshop at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Refreshments and Lunch provided.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP

All our Eucharistic Ministers are welcome to attend this workshop on Sat., Mar. 30th from 9:00am to noon in the Cathedral Auditorium. A mandating ceremony will take place at the 5:00 pm Mass on the same day. Please plan to attend!



Our R.C.I.A. 'Rite of Election' was celebrated by Bishop Colli last Saturday, March 9 at the 5:00 pm Mass. More photos are found on line at: www.stpatrickscathedral.ca



**LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE with
GENERAL ABSOLUTION**

At the request of our Parish, Bishop Colli has permitted us this Lent to use the 3rd Form of Penance (*Penitential Service with General Absolution*). It will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm in our Cathedral. All are welcome and encouraged to attend to prepare for Easter!

GOD'S MERCY ENDURES FOREVER' (Ps. 136)

**OUR ANNUAL SOUP
and BUN LUNCH**

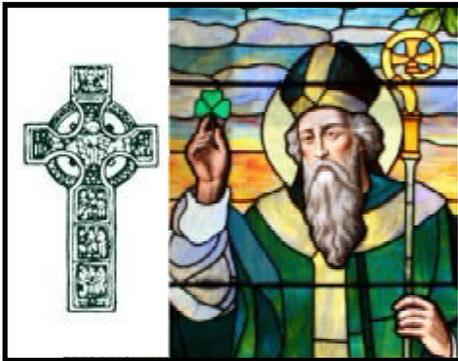
Please join us in the Cathedral Auditorium for our Soup and Bun Luncheon in aid of the Share the Journey Campaign of Development and Peace on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 11:30 am. Tickets are free and are available at the main entrance after each Mass on the weekends. Come out to show our solidarity with our brothers and sisters of the global south.



YOU WERE ASKING by Msgr. P. Stilla

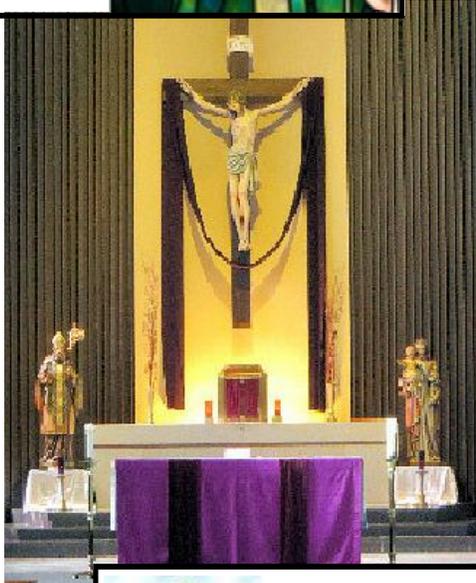
This weekend our Parish celebrates two special Patron Saints: St. Patrick (March 17), our Cathedral Patron and St. Joseph (March 19) the Patron of Canada and of the Universal Church.

Patrick: Our Cathedral's Patron 'Patricius', was born in the Roman settlement in Britain. He was the son of a Deacon who was also a government official in that settlement. It was his missionary work



on the Emerald Isle that earned him the title, Apostle of Ireland. Conversion

At the age of 16, he was captured by pirates and sold as a slave to people living in what is now, Ireland. While in the fields, working for his master, Patrick experienced a conversion and renewal of Faith.



As he reflected on his misspent youth, he began to appreciate his Christian Baptism and upbringing that he had long abandoned. He escaped and returned to Britain. He then felt called to the priesthood and, in Gaul, he was ordained first a



priest and then, a Bishop. His dream was to return to the land where he experienced his conversion, to evangelize its inhabitants. The 'Celtic' Cross This now universally recognizable cross which we use as the crest of

our Cathedral Parish, has been associated with St. Patrick and the Celtic peoples for over 1500 years. Joseph: Patron of Canada

In the Gospels, Joseph is simply described as 'the just and righteous man', who was chosen by God to care for Jesus and Mary. For centuries he has been honoured as the Patron of the Universal Church, guiding and guarding her, just as he guarded her Founder.

Chosen Patron In 1624 Pope Urban VIII, at the request of the Bishops of Canada, declared him the Patron of our nation. Since then, Canadian institutions were named after him, including

our world renowned Oratory of Saint

Brother André in Montreal. Here, at Home In our City, health care facilities, and other institutions that were founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph also honour St. Joseph as their Patron and guide.



Catholic Women's League

"World Water Day"

The Ontario Provincial Council of the Catholic Women's League has agreed to focus on water conservation and preservation as its project for 2019. March 22, 2019 is designated World Water Day and we are being asked to promote water conservation in advance of that date. We are requesting all C.W.L. members and members of our Parish to participate in the conservation kick off. The insert in the bulletin explains the simple task for each person/household to select one way to reduce water consumption for themselves and others who share the same living space. Record your estimated savings on the sheet and put it in the collection basket. We will share the results with you. Please complete and return as soon as possible so that our totals can be included in the Ontario totals...one drop at a time we can make a difference!!!



Knights of Columbus



The newest K.C. Calendar of Events for April can be found online on our Parish website: www.stpatrickscathedral.ca



Men's Bible Group

Next Meeting:
March 23rd
8 am to 9:30 am
(Cathedral Rectory Mtg Room)