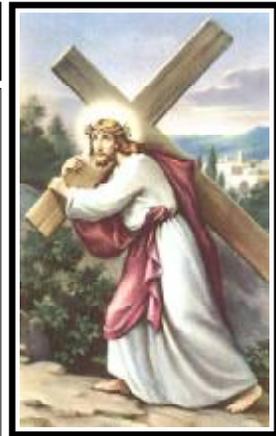
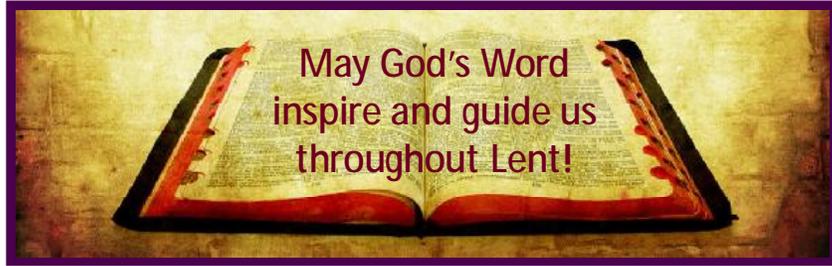


March 31, 2019 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (*Laetare Sunday*)



Sun., Mar. 31 st	10:30 am	R.C.I.A. Second Scrutiny Mass
Mon., April 1 st	7:00 pm	' <i>Consoling the Heart of Jesus</i> ' Retreat continues
Tues., April 2 nd	6:00 pm	R.C.I.A. (<i>in Rectory Meeting Room</i>)
Wed., April 3 rd	7:00 pm	Lenten Penitential Service with General Absolution
Fri., April 5 th	7:00 pm	1 st Friday Devotions & Masses at 9 am and 12:10 pm
	7:00 pm	Marriage Preparation Weekend begins (<i>in Auditorium</i>)
Sat., April 6 th	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast Gathering (<i>at Columbus Centre</i>)
	12:10 pm	1 st Saturday Mass with Anointing of the Sick



SOUP and BUN LUNCH LAST SUNDAY

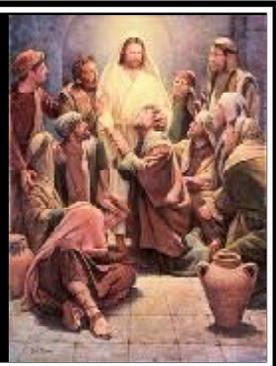
The Soup and Bun event was happily attended by over a hundred people. To all who made soup and baked cookies; to the person who made 10 dozen homemade buns; to everyone who helped set-up for the event; who served the soup; who stayed behind to clean up; and especially to everyone who attended the luncheon in solidarity with our poorer brothers and sisters in the Global South, our heartfelt thanks to each one of you.

In Peace & Solidarity,
Monica Wilson and Linda West
 D&P Soup and Bun Coordinators



Bishop Colli's Schedule
 April 6 at 5:00 pm
 Confirmations: Holy Family Parish

Penitential Service with General Absolution: Wednesday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Cathedral. COME AND PREPARE FOR EASTER!



Annual Marriage Preparation Course



This course will take place next weekend. Call 622-5389 many thanks to our volunteers who make it all happen!

Servers are needed for the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday evenings. If you wish to join this Ministry, please call 622-5389. Training will be provided by Bill Vass.



MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST
Encouragement - Inspiration - Fellowship
 Saturday, April 6th, 8:30-10:00am
 (*Please note new location: Columbus Centre, 301 S. May St.)
GUEST SPEAKER: Msgr. Pat Stilla
TOPIC:
 "Challenges are Opportunities and not Problems"



YOU WERE ASKING by Msgr. P. Stilla



Catholic Women's League

66th Annual CWL Diocesan Convention: April 26 – 28

This year's Convention will be hosted by The C.W.L. Council of St. Agnes Parish. Agendas are available from the Parish Office or accessed online at: www.stpatrickscathedral.ca and by clicking on C.W.L. News.

Canadian League Magazine To receive it online, please phone Joan Joubert, the Membership Convener (622-4754) or joubertj@tbaytel.net. To access the online issues go to www.cwl.ca scroll down and click on: "To Inform"



Knights of Columbus



Pickerel Dinner

Saturday, April 13th (*pickerel, fries, coleslaw, dessert & coffee*)

Two Sitting: 5:00 & 6:30 pm
Tickets (\$21.) are available at the Columbus Centre Office.

Save the Dates

FREE BIBLE COURSE: # 9
May 2, 9 & 16 : 7 to 8:30 pm
Talks given by Msgr. Stilla at the Pastoral Centre on three consecutive Thursdays.
No registration required



April 28: 1:00 pm
Our 'Blue Mass'



Thanks to Deacon Derek West, this Mass to thank our City's First Responders will be celebrated in the Cathedral.

All are Welcome!

Q. How is the Way of the Cross Devotion relevant to the lives of Catholics today?

A. The Way of the Cross can be both a spiritually inspiring prayer for many as well as a relevant teaching 'template' for all Christians today. Its Stations continue to remind us of Christian principles and values which are taught in the Gospels.

A Brief History

The 'Via Dolorosa' or 'Sorrowful

Way', is the 2 kilometer road in Jerusalem from the former court of Pontius Pilate to Calvary, which Jesus walked on the way to His death. Since then, two thousand years ago, Christians have made pilgrimages to Jerusalem and, on Good Friday, have retraced the steps of the Lord by walking on this sacred road.

'37 Stations'

The stops along this road which originally numbered 37, became known as 'stations'. Eventually, the Church introduced a simpler way for Catholics to reflect on the Passion of Christ. The 'Way of the Cross' devotion, as we know it today, was introduced in every Parish Church, to enable Catholics to symbolically 'walk' the Via Dolorosa without going to Jerusalem. The Church 'stations' were reduced to 14 and, originally a series of simple crosses were placed on both lateral walls of every Church. Later, paintings or statues

surmounted the crosses. At each image, Catholics were asked to reflect on the part of the Passion of Jesus as depicted in the Station and to change aspects of their lives that didn't conform to the Gospel. Four Very Relevant Stations

Each person may find certain Stations more relevant than others. The following really speak to me.

+ 1 Pilate Condemns Jesus

Although Pilate was convinced of Jesus' innocence and had the authority to dismiss the false charges against Him, he chose to simply wash his hands of the affair to safeguard his own position and career. Many are tempted to do the same.

+ 6 Veronica wipes Jesus' Face

Veronica could not change the course of events but she was able to alleviate some of the suffering by simply wiping the face of Jesus. We are called to do the same.

+ 8 The Grievors

Unlike Veronica, the women of Jerusalem were overwhelmed by the event and so they chose to do nothing but simply grieve. We sometimes do the same for those most in need.

+ 10 Stripped of His Garments

Jesus' human dignity was diminished when the soldiers stripped Him to publicly shame Him. Some times we too diminish others' dignity through racism and bullying.

