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### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to His disciples following His Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel. Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses. Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

#### LENTEN BAGS SPIRITUAL JOURNEY PROGRAM

Thank you to everyone that supported and participated in this year's Lenten Spiritual Journey. We kindly ask that the purple Lenten bags, along with your financial contribution be returned to the Parish. They can be placed in the regular offertory collection basket or you can drop them off at the Parish office (Monday to Friday). Your generous donations will go towards supporting the Saint Vincent de Paul and Out of the Cold programs.

#### SHARELIFE: LIVING THE GOSPEL BY HELPING THOSE WITH ADDICTIONS

Scarred by an abusive childhood, Andrew became addicted to hard drugs as an early teen. His next 20 years were spent in-and-out of jail and the hospital. He finally came to St. Michael's Homes, a ShareLife-funded agency that offers a residential program for those struggling with substance abuse. Now sober and equipped with coping skills, Andrew is happy and building a new life. By supporting ShareLife, you are helping people like Andrew get their lives back on track. **The second ShareLife Collection will take place the weekend of April 21st and 22nd.**

#### ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018

On **Friday, May 4th**, Cardinal Collins has asked that we all take the time, as a community, to pray for all vocations; priesthood, religious and consecrated life. During this time, we also ask that you pray for our soon-to-be priests, along with all those who are discerning or who are currently in formation. *O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to*

*youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service. Amen.*

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be an important meeting this **Sunday, April 15th** for Parents/Guardians of the children preparing to receive the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** and **First Holy Communion**. The meeting will take place at 12:00 Noon (after the 11:00 am Mass) in the Church Hall.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on **Thursday, April 26th at 7:00 pm** in the Church and the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 5th at 12:00 Noon** in the Church. Please contact the Parish office if you have any questions.

#### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: RETREAT FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS/GUARDIANS & SPONSORS

A reminder to **ALL** students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, their parents/guardians, and sponsors: The **mandatory** annual Confirmation retreat will be held in the Church on **Saturday, April 28th from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm**. The retreat is a time of reflection and an opportunity to raise our voices and sing God's praises. **The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday, May 24th at 7:00 pm in the Church.**

#### POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS SPECIAL COLLECTION: MAY 5th & 6th

The *Pope's Pastoral Works Collection* was established by the Bishops of Canada in 1970. The Papal Charities allow the Pope to contribute to various charitable causes around the world, particularly in aiding victims of war, famine and natural disasters. By contributing to the Pope's Pastoral Works, the faithful of Canada give a universal dimension to their charity.

#### CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2018 RENEWING THE PROMISE

Catholic Education Week 2018 begins on **Sunday, May 6th and concludes on Friday, May 11th**. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to discover what celebrations are happening in your children's school and if possible, attend. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations. This year's theme is *"Renewing the Promise."*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / TERZA DOMENICA DI PASQUA: APRIL 15, 2018

### RESCUE CONFIRMATION COURSE FOR ADULTS AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Calling all adults and secondary school students who have been Baptized Catholic, but have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation; we will be holding 4 sessions starting this September (date to be confirmed) in order to fully prepare you to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are committed to helping our Parishioners to grow in the family of faith.

If you are interested in being a part of this program, please contact the Parish office by email at: [stbrigid@rogers.com](mailto:stbrigid@rogers.com) or by calling: (416) 696-8660 (Monday to Friday).

### MAKE SURE YOUR VOICE IS HEARD

In February, Cardinal Collins and Bishops across Ontario asked for an email address from every Catholic family in their community, with a goal of 100,000 email addresses collected in Ontario. This information will be used locally by Cardinal Collins and trusted faith partners to communicate periodically (6 to 8 times a year) on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community. If you have not yet signed up and you would like to do so, you can still have your name included by visiting <http://bit.ly/SignUpSundayRegistration>.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on April 8th, 2018 was **\$3,153.85**. Please remember **St. Brigid's Church in your last will and testament. Don't forget to ask us about Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.)!**

### III DOMENICA DI PASQUA / B

La risurrezione di Cristo si iscrive non soltanto nel centro del cristianesimo, ma nel centro stesso della storia. Con la risurrezione si realizza in Cristo, in anticipo, la sorte che ci attende come nostro futuro: in lui risorto si realizza quella pienezza che ogni uomo cerca nella sua vita. La risurrezione conferma che l'attesa apocalittica di «nuovi cieli e nuova terra» non è fantasia di visionari. La risurrezione di Cristo è l'aurora di quel mondo nuovo, della nuova creazione, che porterà a pienezza le aspirazioni di amore, di giustizia, di pace, di solidarietà che premono sui tessuti di questo nostro vecchio mondo.

### GRUPPO DI PREGHIERA SAN PADRE PIO

**Sabato 21 Aprile**, dopo la messa delle 9:00 am, ci sarà. La Coroncina di San Pio di Pietralcina. Per informazione chiamate a Chiara a: **(416) 466-0445**.

### GIORNATA ARCIDIOCESANA DI PREGHIERA PER LE VOCAZIONI

**Venerdì, il 4 Maggio**, il Cardinale Collins ha chiesto che tutti noi prendiamo del tempo, come comunità, per pregare per tutte le vocazioni; Sacerdozio, vita religiosa, consacrata e missionaria. Durante questo periodo, chiediamo anche di pregare per i nostri diacini che presto saranno ordinati. Prego anche per tutti coloro che stanno cercando, o che sono attualmente in formazione.

### COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare della settimana 8 Aprile 2018 e' stata **\$3,153.85**. Grazie per la vostra contribuzione per aiutare alle spese della chiesa. Dio vi recompense. **Per favore, ricordate la nostra parrocchia nel vostro testamento. Avete mai pensato che la vostra parrocchia puo' essere "il terzo figlio della carità" nel vostro testamento?**

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 14th

- 9:00 a.m. +Brian Gilbert, req. by Monica Donovan
- 5:00 p.m. +Onorino Ruggiero, req. by Rocchina Ruggiero & Family  
+Gino Andrenacci, req. by the Family  
+Viola Maclsaac, req. by the Parish

### Sunday, April 15th

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
- 9:30 a.m. +Giuseppina Napoli, req. by Joven & Mida Fernandez  
+Suor Filomena Gattola, req. by Tina Morlando & Family  
+Giovanni Toso, req. by Agata Toso  
+Angela Lombardo, req. by Carm Spatola & Family  
+Luigi Di Marco, req. by the Parish
- 11:00 a.m. +Ruth Carole Conforti, req. by the St. Brigid's School Staff  
+José Naseiro, req. by His Mother

### Monday, April 16th

- 12:00 p.m. For all the deceased members of the St. Brigid's Community

### Tuesday, April 17th ~ St. Kateri Tekakwitha

- 12:00 p.m. +Felicetta & Paolo Loboizzo, req. by Lucia Del Grande

### Wednesday, April 18th ~ BL. Marie-Anne Blondin

- 12:00 p.m. +Thomas Bonneau, req. by John MacDonald
- 6:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Meditation, Vespers-Liturgy of the Hours
- 7:00 p.m. **Novena Mass:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help

### Thursday, April 19th

- 9:00 a.m. **St. Brigid's School Mass**
- 12:00 p.m. +Giovanni Cardamone, req. by Rosa Viscomi
- 7:00 p.m. **Memorial Mass:** +Giuseppe Speciale, req. by the Family

### Friday, April 20th

- 12:00 p.m. +Francesco Viscomi, req. by Nicola Viscomi

### Saturday, April 21st ~ St. Anselm


- 9:00 a.m. San Pio di Pietralcina, req. by Gruppo di Preghiera S. Brigida  
+Antonio Gesualdo, req. by Giovanna & Donato Filardi
- 5:00 p.m. +Antonio Ruggiero, req. by the Family  
+Roberta MacDonald, req. by John MacDonald  
+Viola Maclsaac, req. by the Parish Community

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

God our Father, whom Kateri Tekakwitha liked to call the Great Spirit, We thank you for having given us this young woman as a model of Christian life. Despite her frailness and her community's resistance, she bore witness to the presence of Christ. With her companions, she drew close to the elderly and to the sick. Every day, she saw in nature a reflection of your own glory and beauty. Grant that by her intercession we may always be close to you, more sensitive to the needs of those around us, and more respectful of creation. With her, we shall strive to discover what pleases you and endeavour to accomplish it until that day you call us back to you. Amen.

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