

## MASS SCHEDULE

- Sat., Feb. 19 Eve of the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary T.**  
4:00 PM + Paul Emery from Anne and the family.
- Sun., Feb. 20 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
10:30 AM For all parishioners.
- Mon., Feb. 21 St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor**  
8:00 AM In thanksgiving for the correct medical decisions that were made from a parishioner.
- Tue., Feb. 22 Chair of St. Peter, Apostle**  
8:00 AM **Mass at Sacred Heart**  
+ John A. Wallace  
from Bill and Geraldine.
- Wed., Feb. 23 St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr**  
8:00 AM For Colleen and Mike Cronin  
from Lisette Romero.
- Thu., Feb. 24 Weekday Ferial**  
8:00 AM **Mass at Sacred Heart**  
For the spiritual and corporal needs of  
Amy Hamblenton  
from Stephen and Bonnie Jalsevac.
- Fri., Feb. 25 Weekday Ferial**  
8:00 AM **Mass at Sacred Heart**  
For all parishioners.
- Sat., Feb. 26 Eve of the 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary T.**  
4:00 PM For all parishioners.
- Sun., Feb. 27 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
10:30 AM For Dorothy and Frank Kennedy &  
Oliver and Ida McCann.

### Weekly Collections for Feb 13, 2022

Offertory will be posted next week.

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Today we will talk about the last of the four Cardinal Virtues - the virtue of Temperance (*or moderation*). The Catechism tells us that the virtue of temperance helps us to moderate the attraction of pleasure in order to provide a healthy balance in the use of good things. Now, there are two ways we can consider healthy; in a physical way or in a spiritual way - just as there are two perspectives of the virtue of temperance in a physical way or in a spiritual way.

Temperance in a physical way helps us to balance our pleasure for something human, the common example is to moderate our desires for sweets in order to maintain or work towards a

physical appearance or health. While temperance in a spiritual sense, is in order to work toward or maintain a spiritual health. (For example, to moderate our sweets on Fridays in order to grow in a deeper love for Jesus or to be temperate in our love for sports on Sunday in order to attend mass or to keep our daily prayers.)

God does not forbid pleasurable things – *things we enjoy and that are not sinful* – but God does forbid the disordered attachment to them or sinful attachments. Saint Thomas Aquinas tells us, “Pleasure can be good in that they give us joy and may help us to continue in the good. The only thing is that it should be regulated by our reason.” And lastly, we can remind ourselves of the words of Saint Peter, “*for a person is a slave of whatever overcomes him.*” (2 Pt. 2:19) The virtue of temperance helps us to break these bonds of slavery to passions and aid us to act more with reason.

A fairly practice prayer we can make is to deny ourselves of a pleasurable thing in order to ask God for a spiritual good. For example, I would really like a second piece of pie, I will not have another pie because I want to ask God for the virtue of humility. We in this case are practicing temperance, offering God a prayer and asking for a reasonable good instead of a pleasurable good. Together in Prayer

## WEEKLY NEWS

### Ash Wednesday Mass

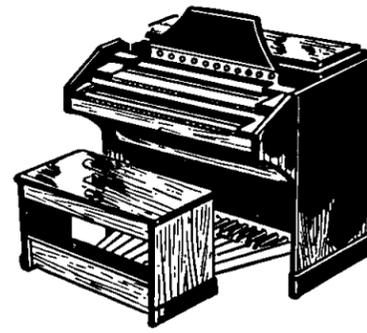
Lent is just around the corner! Ash Wednesday Masses on March 2: 8 AM at Saint John the Baptist 5 PM at Sacred Heart

### Palms for Ash Wednesday

Please bring in your palms so that they may be burned for Ash Wednesday. You can bring them to the office or give them to M. Milagro.

### Donation envelopes

If you would like to use donation envelopes please contact the office 705 745 7631.



### Blessing of Electronic Organ at St John the Baptist / Organ Recital Series

To celebrate the finishing of the installation of the Rodgers electronic organ in St John the Baptist Church, and to recognize the workers who made this possible, a few events are planned in March (J.S.Bach's birth-month):

Sunday March 6, 3PM-4PM. Liturgical Blessing of the organ, recognition of volunteers associated with it, and short organ recital.

Sundays, March 13, 20 – 3PM-4PM. Two concerts, 1 hour long each, of mostly Bach organ music, played by Randy Mills and friends.

Free admission - Covid protocols in place.

### Project Rachel Retreat

Project Rachel at St. Mary of Egypt Refuge is offering a weekend retreat, April 1-3, 2022, for women who have been hurt by abortion. You can speak with someone who understands and cares, and have a chance to begin the healing from loss and grief. (We will follow health policy guidelines in effect then.) Phone 289-691-6840, or e-mail [ProjectRachel@stmarysrefuge.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@stmarysrefuge.org).

Project Rachel – private and confidential

### Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2022

You are invited to join the 2022 Lift Jesus Higher Rally: *More Than Conquerors* on Saturday, March 5th from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm ET. For the second year, the annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally is going virtual and they are excited to share this powerful, life-changing event with you.

The Lift Jesus Higher Rally (LJHR) is an annual event that focuses on evangelizing through uplifting music, testimonials, reflections, Divine Mercy celebration, and Eucharistic Adoration. It will be a day of compelling talks, Spirit-filled praise and worship, and much more.

### 40 Days for Life is coming to Peterborough!

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion facilities. Our campaign will take place during the season of Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday March 2nd until Palm Sunday April 10th. Bring your families and friends and peacefully pray for an end to innocent lives being taken from our community! Sign up for your vigil hours at [www.40daysforlife.com/en/peterborough](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/peterborough) or come to our location on Hospital Drive across the street from PRHC anytime between 8am and 8pm daily. For more information contact Danielle Heron at (289) 400-9179 or [40daysforlifeptbo@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifeptbo@gmail.com)

## OSPEL Luke 6.27-38 of Sunday February 20

Jesus said to his disciples: “I say to you that listen: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”