



**GRATEFUL THANKS
FROM HAPPY
YOUNGSTERS!**

Back in November 2008 the folks at St. John's York Mills, who direct the Canadian Tire Toy Programme, expressed their deep concern that the number of Canadian Tire coupons being collected would not be sufficient to meet the needs. They suggested that perhaps people would augment the programme with cash donations. At that time we had collected \$116.60 cents worth of coupons but as soon as the difficulty was known you generous people of St. Pat's responded wonderfully.

By December 10th, 2008, I was able to pass on to St. John's \$277.35 of Canadian Tire Coupons, \$40.00 of Gift Certificates and Bank Notes and a cheque for \$472.39 giving a grand total of \$789.74 which, on the usual 2 for 1 arrangement with the Canadian Tire Sheppard Ave. store, would yield almost \$1,600.00 of gifts for deserving youngsters and volunteers.

Our contribution was added to the \$850.00 of coupons and cash from St. John's which enabled them to go on a grand shopping trip, mostly at Canadian Tire, for gifts valued at \$3,068.00 using the coupons and part of the cash, retaining some cash for special needs like baby clothes from regular retail stores together with gift certificates from Tim Horton's. Gifts were distributed to the Robertson House Women's/Children's Shelter where the need was particularly acute and St. Stephens Downsview Youth Covenant together with gifts for Flemingdon Park volunteers. Gift certificates went to volunteers at St. Stephen's Youth Covenant and food vouchers were purchased for the New Circles Community Services (clothing bank at Flemingdon Park).

If you should wish to contribute cash, please make the cheque payable to St. Patrick's Church and identify the gift (whether by cheque for cash) as "Canadian Tire Toy Drive". Receipts will be issued in the normal way.

I'm now collecting Canadian Tire coupons for Christmas 2009!

Many thanks for your wonderful help in this effort!

Bert Chandler

Lenten Contemplation and Learning

TEMPTATION

Do not tempt me
With mere bread.
Offer me, at least,
Some great chocolate thing
To quiet my hunger.
And, please,
Don't tell me that
The kingdoms of the world
Can be mine.
It's too late for that.
And surely such kingdoms
Are more bother
Than they are worth.
But this you can do:
Just leave me alone
In my own little kingdom,
Don't tell me how to think,
Or behave, or live.
Stay out of my business
Banish any hint of guilt,
And allow me a little wall
Around my heart.
Offer me this,
And I will be satisfied.
Oh, one more thing.
Can't you do something
About this wilderness?

--Tim Haut,
Deep River, CT

. Three Days

1
Dark--sun in eclipse.
Earth shudders, aghast;
the fabric of our lives rent.
Breath hurt more than death
and so ... endlessly soon ended,
shadow of pain seared on empty sky
and moon rising red as blood.

2
Cold--rock and earth
shutting out movement ... light ...
thought ... all memory
of love ... of what was.

What is now? An end?
A tomb? Hope
locked in a mortal box.

What is to come?

3
In the midst of death, we are in life.
In predawn dark, birds already sing
of morning coming. Warmth bleeds back
through rifted cloud. Earth shifts,
throws open doors. New light
floods all our empty places--o fearful ones
the tomb is not our end so run to see--
No more the angel bars the garden gates.
Instead, the morning sings eternal Yes

-- Susan Price
Warrenville, Illinois

Learning Opportunities

Book Club

Meets the fourth Friday of the Month. All are welcome to join the lively discussion of character, theme and plot as they reveal elements of spirituality. March's book is 'Anil's Ghost' by Michael Ondaatje.



Coming Attractions

*Planned by the Special Events Committee for enjoyment and fellowship.
Any profit from these events is placed in the Capital Expenditure Fund.*

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| February 25 | “From Pancakes to Ashes!”
6:00pm pancake supper
7:30pm Ash Wednesday Service |
| March 4 – April 1 | Films for Lent - Wednesdays in Lent 1:00pm |
| March 14 | Irish Night to celebrate our patron saint, St Patrick
6:00pm Dinner and music; Cash Bar |
| March 15 | Patronal Festival |
| April 4 | Palm Cross-Making 10:30am |
| April 5 | Palm Sunday Bake Sale |
| April 5 – 10 | Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Tenebrae on Holy Tuesday,
Maundy Thursday celebration of the Institution of the
Eucharist, Good Friday service |
| April 11 | The Easter Vigil followed by a Resurrection Party |
| April 19 | Easter lunch following the 10:30am service |
| April 25 | Card Party: Luncheon, Bridge or Euchre, Prizes, Raffle
12:30pm – 4:00pm |
| May 23 | Spring Sale: welcome to the world of rummage
10:am – 12:00 pm |
| June 14 | Parish BBQ to welcome the summer
Following the 10:30am service |
| July 18 | Summer BBQ |

For more information on any of the events, please call the Church office, 416-225-5151.



Holy Week and Easter Events

April 5 Passion/ Palm Sunday

8:00am Holy Eucharist and Blessing of Palms

10:30am Palm Procession and Choral Eucharist

As we begin Holy Week, come and participate in the great drama of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and then experience the Passion of Christ in the words of the Gospel of Mark.

April 6 Monday in Holy Week

7:30pm Tenebrae.

A service of darkness and shadow reflecting the somber mood of the journey to the cross.

April 9 Maundy Thursday

6:00pm Potluck Supper

7:30pm Institution of the Eucharist and Stripping of the altar

We enjoy a fellowship meal together and then leave the church in the Darkness of Gethsemane.

April 10 Good Friday

11:00am The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

A time to reflect on our complicity in Jesus' death in word, music and prayer.

April 11 Easter Vigil

7:30pm Blessing of the New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Vows, & Holy Eucharist

An ancient liturgy where we remember God's work of Salvation throughout faith history.

A Resurrection Party will follow the service as we come together in Word, Sacrament, and fellowship.

April 12 Easter Day

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:30am Choral Eucharist

A joyous celebration of the Resurrection

May 21 Ascension Day

6:00pm Potluck Supper

7:30pm Informal Eucharist to mark Jesus' ascension to the Father.

May 31 The Day of Pentecost The Birthday of the Church

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:30am Choral Eucharist

Up-Coming Services

February 25 Ash Wednesday

7:30pm Imposition of Ashes &
Holy Eucharist

April 26 Easter 3

8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:30am Choral Eucharist

March 1 Lent 1

8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:30am Choral Eucharist

May 3 Easter 4

8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:30am Choral Eucharist

March 8 Lent 2

8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:30am Choral Eucharist

May 10 Easter 5

8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:30am Choral Eucharist

March 15 Lent 3

8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:30am Choral Eucharist & Healing

May 17 Easter 6

8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:30am Choral Eucharist & Healing

March 22 Lent 4

8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:30pm Morning Prayer & Litany

May 21 Ascension Day

7:30pm Holy Eucharist

March 29 Lent 5

8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:30am Choral Eucharist

May 24 Easter 7

8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:30am Choral Eucharist

April 5 Passion/ Palm Sunday

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10:30am Blessing of Palms &
Choral Eucharist

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June 7 Trinity Sunday

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10:30am Choral Eucharist

April 19 Easter 2

8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:30am Choral Eucharist & Healing

June 14 Pentecost 2

8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:30am Choral Eucharist

