



The Pandemic Diary

St. Patrick's C.W.L

President's Message

Sisters of the League,

April.... the month of Easter !! The season of daffodils and tulips !

Easter symbolizes renewal and hope. We have some great articles this month by Barbara and Philomena explaining the meaning of this wonderful celebration which is indeed the cornerstone of our faith while Shirley takes us for a walk along the road to Emmaus.

In keeping with the Easter theme, we have a few interesting facts about **Easter Island** in the South Pacific. Ever wonder why it got it's name?

Brigitte shares some profound thoughts on the "**Winter of Life**" and Nancy has some valuable life lessons from Regina Brett. Gayle tells us about **handyman Joe Pro** should anyone require assistance with home projects and Sally shares her **Zucchini loaf** recipe.

Our Council is planning a **Mother's Day Gift Baskets Raffle** with a drop in for beverages and cookies on Mother's Day for the Parish. A big thank you to all the ladies who have supported this venture with beautiful donations for the baskets.

We need volunteers for the actual selling of tickets and serving on Mother's Day. Please contact Cathy Taylor at 416-617-1193 if you can assist us.

A big "Thank You" to Questa Fernandes for promoting and organizing the sale of some breathtakingly beautiful orchids at a very reasonable price during the weekend of April 15th & 16th, 2023. The sales went towards our parish St. Vincent de Paul. Our Council sold 3 boxes at our April General Meeting and also donated an additional \$1000 which was gratefully received. Check out details on Pg 4.

The 102nd Toronto Diocesan Council's Annual Convention was held this week at Ajax, Ontario. Andrea, Shirley and Lucy represented our Council for the business portion while Cathy Taylor, Barbara Azzopardi and Philomena attended the banquet. They all enjoyed the event. Details coming up in the next Newsletter.

The installation of our new Council Executive will be held in June. Details to follow.

Hope you enjoy this edition. God Bless!

Ramona

Please May We remember that We are Easter People by Barbara Azzopardi

I remember a story told many years ago about a sickly woman in the hospital who instead of lingering in her bed and feeling sorry for herself, took the opportunity to tell everyone she met about her best friend – Jesus Christ. She was in the hospital around Easter and so used that time to tell everyone why she was happy when most others around her were depressed, in pain and angry at being in the hospital.

After all if she died, she would be with Jesus in Heaven because of

the Cross and how his sacrifice dealt with her sins and if she got better she would go home and spend more time with her family. Either way, she chose this time to tell everyone why Jesus came and how much he loves each and every one of us and that we too should always be ready to defend what we believe in and why and to spread the greatest news to all.

After all, God's gift of salvation has been told over so many centuries – from Adam and Eve's initial actions causing us all to be born with original sin to

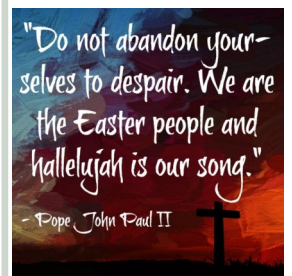
Abraham, Moses, David, Isaiah and all those who were used by God to bring us the message of eternal hope. We need to be aware of how fortunate we are to be on this side of the Cross as we most likely would have missed that horrible but best day ever. We too, need to spread the good news and be the best Easter people we can be. After all, we don't hesitate in telling someone about a great restaurant we found, do we!

Volume 3, Issue 4

April 2023

Inside this issue:

We are Easter people	1
Resurrection	2
JoePro Handyman	2
Easter Island	2
Winter of Life	3
Zucchini Loaves	3
Life Lessons & News in Pics	4





Resurrection by Philomena Dias

The celebration of the resurrection of Jesus or in the church known as Easter. How do you explain the significance of Easter?

Since Adam and Eve had eaten from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, there has been a separation of God and mankind. What was God's first action of this decision of Adam and Eve? God went looking for Adam and Eve, an action of love. God passed judgement of their choice of disobedience and not before his admonition to the serpent. To the serpent God had said, "I will shall put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; it will bruise your head and you will strike its heel" NJB Genesis 3:15. When God says "strike her offspring's heel," God is foretelling of Satan's numerous attempts to defeat our Lord Jesus Christ. Yet we read that "her offspring will bruise your head," foreshadows Jesus' victory over death; it is the first glimmer of salvation.

This was the prophecy of God restoring our relationship with Him. "How we praise God,

the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we belong to Christ. Long ago, even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us to be holy and without fault in his eyes. His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ." Ephesians 1:3-4

As we read through the Old Testament God had selected his people to be his Chosen people. Moses provided the Law to the people by which they imperfectly reconciled themselves to a Holy God. The people of Israel were not able to perfectly obey the Law, however Jesus did.

For this reason, a second Adam came, Jesus. "Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. He made himself nothing (and was born in the likeness of man and was found in the appearance as a man); he took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form. And in human form He obediently

humbled himself even further by dying a criminal's death on a cross bearing the sin of each of us." We are those criminals, we are separated by God because of our sin. Yet Jesus became the substitution for us and died for us on the cross bearing the penalty of sin which is death and separation from God. "And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not our sins only, but also for the sins of the whole world." 1 John 2:2 KJV.

"Because of this, God raised him up to the heights of heaven and gave him a name, a name above every other name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, in heaven and on the earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:5-11.

Hence, the Resurrection is the cornerstone of our Christian faith and the foundation of our Christian hope and salvation.

JoePro, Handyman by Gayle Dzis

Six years ago Joe retired and five years ago began **JoePro Services**. "No job too small" is his moto. Joe's mother-in-law lived with his family for the last ten years of her life so he knows well the little problems older women have and the difficulty finding someone to solve them.

For me he has: painted my garage door frame; replaced the battery in my garage door opener; put new wing nuts on a storm window; a new spring on my storm door; fixed hand grips for the shower and near the toilets; replaced a leaky tap. He reattached my drape hooks and helped roll up the dining room rug for cleaning. He installed a new thermostat, then taught us how to use it.

Picture hanging is a specialty. He tells me he often replaces batteries for smoke detectors and also replaces light fixtures. He sometimes becomes the second or third man when furniture needs to be rearranged. He has lots of practice with new furniture when "some assembly is required." Thank goodness he doesn't leave a mess behind.

Just make a list of things that need doing. When you have two to three hours worth of work call Joe. He is in the parish and his ad is on the back of the bulletin. He can give you an estimate and I am generally pleasantly surprised. Thanks, Joe.



Interesting Facts about Easter Island



- Named Easter Island by the Dutch explorer Jacob Roggeveen, who first spied it on Easter Day, 1722.
- Islanders use "**Rapa Nui**" when talking about their island, rather than Isla de Pascua, the name used by mainland Chileans.
- **Moai** are placed on a ceremonial platform called **ahus** and *almost always have their backs to the sea*. They appear to be giant heads but actually their bodies are sunk into the ground. It has been noted that the moai line up with certain stars at the time of the spring and autumn equinoxes.
- Moai are made of tuff rock from Rano Raraku quarry. If a moai accidentally broke, it was left where it fell, since it was believed that the figure's *mana* the spiritual energy that translated to its power, was gone for good.
- Until 1970, Easter Island was once the site of a US satellite tracking station because of its remote location.

Winter of Life presented by Brigitte Daniel

I DON'T KNOW WHO WROTE THIS, BUT I AM GUESSING IT WAS A SENIOR!!! THIS IS VERY THOUGHT-PROVOKING. MAKES YOU STOP AND THINK.

AND THEN IT IS WINTER You know. . . time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is... the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not

fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change ...Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be. Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did! But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's NOT over. A new adventure will

begin! Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one!!

My Emmaus Encounter by Shirley Inniss



Approximately 40 years ago while waiting for a bus, a young man between the age of 14 to 15 glided up on his skateboard. "What time does the bus come?" "10 or 15 mins" I answer. The bus arrives and I climb into it eager to get moving for my trip to the city.

A few weeks later the young man glides up on his skateboard at the same bus stop. "What time does the

bus come?" 10 or 15 minutes I respond and get on the bus for my trip to the city. Not paying much attention. A few weeks later the exchange of conversation happens again. A thought crosses my mind. (Same guy same question.) But I move on.

This happened a long time ago and thinking back I never saw him get on the bus. Having matured in the faith, I have met people in my

pilgrimage travels who have shared encounters with our Blessed Lord in many forms.

Our faith is a mysterious one as stated by Saint John Paul II on one of his homilies during his visit to our country.

Zucchini Loaves by Sally Carvalho

Ingredients

- 3 1/2 cups grated zucchini
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup oil
- 1 1/4 cup sugar
- 3 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon powder
- 1 teaspoon ginger powder
- 2 teaspoons baking powder

- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/2 cup raisins

Method

- Preheat oven to 300 deg F.
- Line a 9"x13" baking pan or 2 loaf pans with parchment paper.
- Sieve flour, salt, spices, baking powder and baking soda together in a bowl.
- Beat eggs, sugar and oil until well mixed in another bowl.

- Combine flour mixture with the liquid mixture a little at a time adding the grated zucchini as well until everything is well blended.
- Add walnuts and raisins.
- Bake at 300 deg F for 1 1/4 hours.

Bon Appetit!!





St. Patrick's C.W.L is organizing a **Mother's Day Gift Basket Raffle** over the weekends of May 6th & 7th and May 13th & 14th, 2023. Tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10. There will be 2 or more draws for each basket category namely **Kitchen, Spa at Home and Tea for Two**. So lots of winners ! The draw will be held after the 7pm Mass on May 14th 2023.

Plant Sale!! Plant Sale!!



Cloverleaf Garden Club Mississauga is organizing their 2023 Plant Sale on **Saturday, May 13th 2023** at the Carmen Corbasson Senior Centre Parking Lot between 8.30am to 12 Noon. Drop by for an excellent selection of locally grown perennials, herbs, vegetables and grasses, all reasonably priced.

The Pandemic Diary

St. Patrick's C.W.L

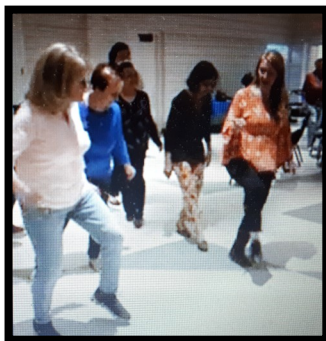
Life Lessons by Regina Brett

(of the Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Ohio)

presented by Nancy Macera

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short – enjoy it.
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and family will. And if it's both, you are indeed blessed.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Stay true to yourself.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
9. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
10. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
11. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
12. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
13. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it...
- 14 Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
15. Get rid of anything that isn't useful. Clutter weighs you down in many ways.

News in Pictures



Fancy foot-work Irish Dancing led by Cathy at the April "Step into Spring" meeting



Andrea presenting 2 cheques to St. Vincent de Paul Treasurer, Bill Lawless on behalf of St. Patrick's C.W.L during the weekend of the orchid sales.



Convention Banquet