



ST. PHILIP'S PARISH

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN CENTRAL LAMBTON
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Welcome. "A few updates below" PLEASE READ

On August 14th, Petrolia implemented a by-law requiring the wearing of Masks in all public spaces, including places of worship. Exemptions to the by-law include but not limited to:

- *A child who is under the age of nine (9) years old;
- *A person who is unable to wear a face covering as a result of a medical condition or a disability pursuant to the Human Rights Code, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.19, who is unable to put on or remove a face covering without assistance or for whom a face covering would inhibit the person's ability to breathe;
- *A person while consuming food or drink as part of a religious activity within a place of worship.
- * No person shall be required to provide proof of any of the exemptions. IF YOU ARE ABLE WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK WHILE YOU ARE IN THE CHURCH.

The collection for St. Peter's Seminary, which was postponed due to COVID-19, will take place this weekend.

The Parish Assessment, which was suspended by the Diocese from April 1 due to COVID-19, will resume from September 1.

Tuesday, September 8th 7:00 pm

† Jeannette Bourque
Offered by Juliette McDonald

Wednesday, September 9th 8:30 am

† Frances Verhoeven
Offered by Leroy & Johanna Dubuque

Thursday, September 10th 8:30 am

† Giovanni Bolzon
Offered by Lilianna Bolzon

Friday, September 11th 8:30am

For those suffering with Mental Health Issues

Saturday, September 12th 8:30 am

† Angela Martin
Offered by Michael & Cathy Martin

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel touches on one of the seven spiritual works of mercy: admonishing sinners. People often find that this has negative connotation, as it brings to mind the judgmental hypocrisy and Pharisaism of which Christians have all too often been guilty. Surely few things sour people's view of the church more than this. Therefore, let us take the time to understand Jesus' words today.

On one hand, Our Lord is very clear that we must not judge others. Yet today he provides guidelines on how to correct one another. How can we correct our brothers and sisters without being judgmental?

There is a tremendous difference between Christian correction and rash judgement. Being judgmental seeks and takes pleasure in the faults of others. Although Christians can and do slip into this, it is a very unchristian thing.

The Christian admonishment of sinners comes from a place of Love. Love motivates us to desire the sanctification of others. Therefore, when people behave inappropriately or sinfully, charity may call on us to address it with them, in a compassionate way. The goal is not to put them down, but to help them grow. This truly differentiates Christian correction from rash judgement.

May the Holy Spirit rid our hearts of all forms of rash judgement. When necessary, may God also give us the compassion and fortitude to mercifully admonish sinners.

Connor Brownrigg Ottawa, ON

First Reading: Ezekiel 33.7-9

Psalm: 95

Second Reading: Romans 13.8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18.15-20

If you have any questions or concerns, Denise, our parish secretary can be reached at dannett@dol.ca or her personal cell phone 519-384-9588.

If you need assistance making your monetary donations, Denise can help you make it easy. Please contact her for help.