



ST. PHILIP'S PARISH

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

In a letter received from the Diocese this week, the Bishop is Strongly recommending that masks be worn throughout Mass, for everyone's safety and out of charity and justice for the sake of others in our Parish Family.

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.**

Tuesday, September 22nd 7:00 pm

† Jeannette Bourque

Offered by Norm & Phyllis Sutherland

Wednesday, September 23rd 8:30 am

† Emile Strydonck

Offered by The Estate

Thursday, September 24th 8:30 am

† Tim Regnier

Offered by Jane Regnier

Friday, September 25th 8:30am

Bill & Pat Towers

Offered by Friends

Saturday, September 26th 8:30 am

† Paul Samko

Offered by Marg Samko & Family

ATTENTION POST SECONDARY STUDENTS

The Holy Rosary CWL, and the Clasina Van Geffin Bursary applications are posted on our Parish Website. Criteria for applications are also posted.

Applications Due by September 30th, 2020.

Any Questions, Please contact Denise in the office.

Public Square Rosary Crusade

Celebrating the 103rd anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima, parishioners are invited to join at Petrolia's Victoria Park

(next to VPP and the Cenotaph] to recite the Rosary, Saturday October 10th, 2020 at 12 noon.

Bring a lawn chair, umbrella, hat and your Rosary.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's just not fair! Like children who bemoan being denied something that has been afforded another, we all intermittently rail against God for not getting our just deserts. Why did this faithful, God-loving and generous person get struck with cancer, lose a job or get rear-ended in traffic while another who appears completely arrogant, inconsiderate and self-absorbed is spared life's misfortunes?

Like the labourers in the vineyard, we challenge God about the perceived inequity of the situation. It's hard to accept that living a long life of loving and faithful service can net the same eternal reward as an eleventh-hour conversion and repentance that follows a lifetime of depravity. It's like a get-into-heaven-free card for a Johnny-come-lately who previously had not demonstrated a smidgen of love, compassion or care for God or neighbour.

We think and judge with the limited human understanding provided us. God sees all and judges with infinite knowledge. The get-into-heaven-free-card can only be played if the holder has had a true conversion and comes to know Jesus personally as their Saviour. We ought to rejoice that God's infinite compassion and forgiveness can offer us the eternal reward promised for a life well-lived instead of fretting that someone else may not have merited the same benefit.

Frank Campbell Enfield NS.

First Reading: Isaiah 55.6-9

Psalm: 145

Second Reading: Philippians 1.20-24,27

Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16

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.

Participants needed for peaceful prayer vigil

The first annual "40 days for Life" peaceful prayer vigil to bring an end to abortion and euthanasia will be held around Blue Water Health Hospital in Sarnia, September 23 to November 1st 2020 from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM daily.

St. Phillip's parish has chosen Wednesday October 7, 2020 for our participation.

"Can you take a stand in a prayer vigil for one hour to be the voice of an innocent victim that does not have one?"

PLEASE contact :Anna Jenniskens @ 519-845-3881 , Jane Regnier @ 519-383-4077 or Norm Sutherland @ 519-818 -2787. We can supply all the necessary details. Hearts can and will change during this 40 days for life. Jesus says " some kinds of evil Spirit cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting."

We will use the buddy system so feel free to bring along a friend as a companion participant a period