

ST. PHILIP'S PARISH

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN CENTRAL LAMBTON
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Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 10:00 am

August 1, 2021.

My dear friends,

Hope all of you are keeping well during this pandemic season. Let us hope and pray that this will come to an end soon and we will be able to lead a normal life.

As you may know, my health was not that great recently. Now the doctors have found out that my kidneys are not functioning properly and so now I am undergoing many tests and treatment. I am told to take more care of my health. So, in consultation with our bishops and priests personal director I have decided to take a sick-leave and concentrate on my health. Please keep me in your prayers that I will be able to come back healthy to serve God by serving you.

Thank you all for your love, concern, and prayers.

Take care, keep safe,

Fr. Francis

Father Peter Keller is our Celebrant for the Weekend Eucharist. Please make him feel welcome.

Monday, August 2nd

No Mass

Tuesday, August 3rd 8:30

† Frank Riedl

Offered by Barry, Rheannon & Carson

Wednesday, August 4th 8:30 am

† Emile & Elizabeth Strydonck

Offered by the Estate

Thursday, August 5th 8:30 am

† Eleanor Parr

Offered by Ruth Banks

Friday, August 6th 8:30 am

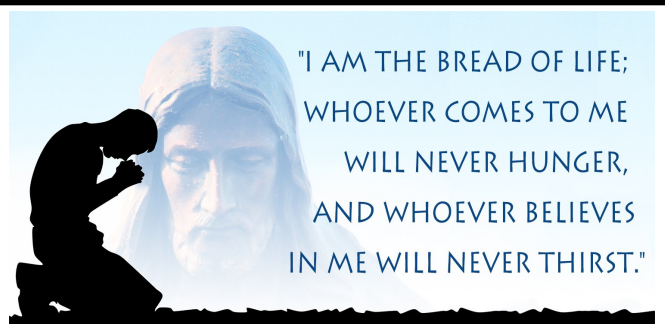
† Bill Van Eyk

Offered by The Prayer Group

Saturday, August 7th 8:30am

† Deceased & Living Relatives

Offered by Luke & Carol St. Pierre



"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE;
WHOEVER COMES TO ME
WILL NEVER HUNGER,
AND WHOEVER BELIEVES
IN ME WILL NEVER THIRST."

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Humans must constantly strive to know, serve and love God. This is never easy, for it is difficult to accept one's lot in life. As we see in today's readings, people of faith often complain about being abandoned by God, as when, on the first reading, Moses leads the hungry people out of Egypt. But God provides manna and eventually safe passage.

What does the Lord ask in return? We must learn to surrender and trust in his divine mercy. In our frenetic world it is too easy for us to forget to pray and foster a relationship with Christ. When hardship strikes, we can turn inward and be resentful towards God instead of reaching out to him. We can become alienated and distanced from God because our hearts have hardened.

The bread from heaven we receive today is the grace that flows from meditating on the Word. But with patience and faith in Christ, we can eventually center ourselves so that our words, thoughts and actions are based on our innate experience of God.

Only Christ can help us shed our old selves, the unbelieving aspect of our being, and take on a new self—one that trusts Jesus to soften our hearts and to accept that he is with us no matter what our life's circumstances.

Michael Finoro

Guelph, ON

First Reading: Exodus 16.2-4,12-15,31a

Psalms: 78

Second Reading: Ephesians 4.17,20-24

Gospel: John 6.24-35

St. Philips Parish Post-Secondary Student Bursary

Applications are being accepted for the St. Philips Parish Post Secondary Student Bursary. (formerly known as the Clasina Van Geffen Bursary)

Application forms and criteria are available on the Parish website at www.stphilippet@dol.ca

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