


MASS INTENTIONS	
Tuesday January 9 8:00am	Henri St. Louis ~ the family Ed & Norma Sauvé ~ the estate Geraldine Tellier ~ the Tellier family
Wednesday January 10 8:00am	Joseph ~ Shaji Shyma T.M. Joseph ~ Shaji Shyma Pat Girard ~ Al Girard & family
Thursday January 11 8:00 am	Emma (11 th Ann.) & Peter (37 th Ann.) ~ the family Int. of Richard & Denise Bilodeau ~ Christine Brooks JoAnne Hussey ~ Annette Chauvin
Thursday January 11 10:00am	CHAPEL AT SEASONS LAKESHORE Mario Lavoie ~ Rodrigue Dubois Lea Barrette (50 th Ann.) ~ Lorette Barrette & family Melvin Orr ~ St. Vincent de Paul Society
Friday January 12 9:30am	St. Joseph; those dying & in purgatory ~ parishioners Jamil Shamo ~ the family Keith Wilkes ~ the family
Saturday January 13 9:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ parishioners Stéphane Bilodeau ~ Pete & Denise Cecile Deceased members of the Tremblay & Dresbourg families ~ Mae Tremblay

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION
The registration form is now available for First Reconciliation and First Communion. It can be found at the church entrance, at the parish office and on the parish website. There is a **parents' only** meeting on **Wednesday January 24, 2018 at 7:00pm** in the parish hall. Registration for these sacraments will be accepted at the parent meeting. It is important we receive your registration at this meeting. Thank you for your cooperation.

*If you have any questions, please call our
Pastoral Minister, Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Marguerite Hewer at 519-728-3381 ext#29*




THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
The K of C needs more members as our population ages. Please consider joining us. For more info, please contact the K of C office and leave a message at 519-728-2828.



EVENTS AT A GLANCE
MONDAY JANUARY 8
• CWL meeting, Blue Room, 7:00pm
TUESDAY JANUARY 9
• Prayer gathering every Tuesday, 7:15pm
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10
• Monthly Eucharistic Adoration, 8:30am-1:00pm
• Youth Group, 3:30pm - 5:00pm, Hall
THURSDAY JANUARY 11
• Choir practice every Thursday, 7:00pm
• Bingo every Thursday, 7:00pm, Hall
FRIDAY JANUARY 12
• New Beginnings School Mass, 9:30am

Monthly Eucharistic Adoration
January 10, 2018, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm
January Parish Intention: Faith & Renewal
Please sign up for 30 minutes of adoration using the sheet at the entrance of the church.

**DIOCESE OF LONDON REGION
MEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE**
From Fr. Patrick Bénéteau, Director of Vocations: All men & young men (16+) are invited to the 6th Annual Men of Faith Conference, Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018 at St. Michael's Parish, London. Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, known around the world as the "Dynamic Deacon" will be our keynote speaker. Come and join us for some great fellowship and opportunity to grow in your faith. Sign-up at vocations@dol.ca or 519-432-1824 ext. 204. Tickets are \$25 student/ \$30 adults/ \$45 at the door. Lunch, prizes and registration kits are included.



THE ANGEL TREE
You are now welcomed to bring your angel ornaments home as our tree will come down this week.



WE THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR GENEROUSLY SUPPORTING OUR BULLETIN:

Floor Coverings International	519-735-5515
Lanoue Insurance Brokers Ltd.	519-728-1432
Strong's Appliance Service Ltd.	519-728-2334
Victoria Greenlawn Funeral Home & Cemetery by Arbor Memorial	
David Bombardier	- 519-969-3939
Melady Funeral Home by Arbor Memorial	www.meladyfuneral.ca
Michael Sutton - Managing Funeral Director	- 519-728-1500

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES
Tuesday - Thursday 8:00 am
Friday 9:30 am & Saturday 9:00 am

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 9:30 am - 10:30 am




Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2018

MISSION STATEMENT

ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE IS A VIBRANT, LIFE-GIVING, CHRIST-CENTERED PARISH COMMUNITY THAT IS GENEROUSLY AVAILABLE AND CHALLENGING IN THE TRUEST SENSE OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE.

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FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. ANTONY



My Dearest Parishioners in Jesus Christ,
Greetings to you my dear Sisters and Brothers. Our month long Christmas celebration is almost coming to an end and things are getting back to normal. Christmas is a time of great joy and jubilation. It is a time of family reunion and renewal of our friendships. Besides the external celebration, it has a deeper spiritual impact on us as it reminds us of the greatest revelation of God's love for His children. Though Christmas is celebrated during a specific time of the liturgical year, every day should be a reminder of the unfathomable love of God for us, as God continues to reveal His love for the whole humanity through multiple ways. Even though the Christmas season comes to an end, let the spirit of Christmas, which is the spirit of love and joy continue to stay with us and our family. I am so pleased to share with you that over 1000 people attended our Christmas celebrations over 4 Masses. Considering the inclement weather we had, I thought it was a great attendance. I had excellent reviews from the people who attended the Masses, especially the visitors. They all felt at home and welcomed in our community. It is a compliment to all of us as we continue to be a welcoming community to all those who walk into our place of worship.

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INFORMATION ON THE SACRAMENTS
BAPTISMS
Please call the office to register and make an appointment with our Pastoral Minister - Sue Hofgartner
ANointing OF THE SICK
This is primarily a sacrament of physical healing and spiritual strengthening. The sacrament is administered to those facing serious surgery or illness. If you desire this sacrament please call Fr. Antony. We offer a communal Anointing Service in the Spring and Fall.
MARRIAGE
Couples desiring to marry please call the office and contact Fr. Antony. Arrangements must be made at least nine months prior to the wedding.

FROM FR. ANTONY, continued

Our Christmas celebration wouldn't have been so great, had we not had the help from our generous volunteers. Please know that we had a group of people from our community who toiled day and night, to make the whole celebration great. I take this opportunity to express my love and gratitude on behalf of the Parish Family, to the following group of people for their hard work and time.

1. Office Volunteers for the Christmas mail out
2. Dianne Poisson for the Nativity Play
3. Cast members at the Nativity Play
4. Gerald Quinn and the team for putting up the Crèche
5. Theresa Bracken and Denise Cecile and their committee members for the decorations
6. The Knights of Columbus for cleaning the church
7. Moe Peltier for polishing the Tabernacle
8. Mable Rivait for cleaning the altar linens
9. Liturgical Ministers: Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Gift Bearers, Lectors, Music Ministry and Ushers
10. Giving Tree donations
11. Logan, Melanie and Victoria who carried Baby Jesus to the Crèche on Christmas Eve
12. The Staff for the extra hours they put in over the season
13. The Collection Counters

Last but not least, I gratefully acknowledge the tremendous amount of help, Fr. Dan Morand and Deacon Don Hamelin have rendered to our community, especially over the Christmas Season. We are truly blessed to have them both in our community. They are men of great faith and passion for Christ. I also would like to thank you all, on behalf of the Parish Staff, for the gifts you brought during this special time of the year. We greatly appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness. May God bless us and our families.

With kindest regards,
Fr. Antony Kolenchery

FROM OUR PASTORAL MINISTER, SUE HOFGARTNER

Dear Parishioners,
Happy New Year!

As we begin a new year, it is always an opportunity to pause and reflect on the direction our lives are taking. As people of faith, it is also an opportune time to look at our relationship with God and our spiritual life. Where are you in your spiritual life? What disciplines make up your spiritual practices? As a New Year's resolution, consider which spiritual disciplines and habits you may add or change in your life this year.

I'd like to share a beautiful prayer I found as we begin the year 2018.

New Year's Prayer

**God of all time,
help us enter the New Year quietly,
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,
mindful that our steps make an impact
and our words carry power.**

**May we walk gently.
May we speak only after we have listened well.**

**Creator of all life,
help us enter the New Year reverently,
aware that you have endowed
every creature and plant, every person and habitat
with beauty and purpose.**
**May we regard the world with tenderness.
May we honour rather than destroy.**

**Lover of all souls,
help us enter the New Year joyfully,
willing to laugh and dance and dream,
remembering our many gifts with thanks
and looking forward to blessings yet to come.**
**May we welcome your lavish love.
May the grace and peace of Christ bless you now and in
the days ahead.**

As we enter the year 2018, may we continue to radiate joy, peace, gratitude and love for God.

May God always comfort us in his loving embrace.

Sincerely,
Sue

PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK

DIANE REAUME	DIANE LAUZON	RICHARD HARGREAVES
KIM O'NEIL	CLAIRE RUGGABER	RENE TELLIER
LISA BOND	A.J. LALIBERTE	THERESA BEAULIEU
LUCILLE TELLIER	LOUANNE HAMELIN	MAY DUROCHER
MADELEINE DUPUIS	DONALD POISSON	CARMEL LETTENBICHLER
ALICIA DAVEY	LINDA LEE CASSIDY	JACKIE BARRETTE MOJESKE
JIM LIGHT	LUCILLE ROY	MIKE LANOUE
SHAELYN POISSON	MADALAYNA DUCHARME	
MARI SCHROEDER	STEPHEN ILIJANICH SR.	

PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE TO HAVE SOMEONE'S NAME ADDED OR REMOVED

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES, PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS,
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND MAY THE LORD SEND
COMFORT AND CONSOLATION TO THEIR FAMILIES.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

January 8th - General Meeting, 7:00pm. At this meeting, the new budget will be presented and approved. Come & join us as we review our expenses and set out our charitable donations for the year. Please remember if you would like to add to the agenda for any meeting, contact the President before the Executive meeting, which takes place on the last Monday of each month.

More details to follow on our Friendship Luncheon February 5th.

THE DORMER HOUSE OF DISCERNMENT



The Dormer house is a residence for Catholic men (18 yrs. of age and older), who are seeking to discern their vocation in life within a context of prayer, fraternity and service. The house is operated by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of London. Fr. Patrick Bénéteau, Director of Vocations and Seminarians, also resides at the Dormer house. The house is located within walking distance from the University of Western Ontario, King's University College, and St. Peter's Seminary. The house has a capacity for four residents and includes a chapel for daily Mass and prayer. Residents can remain at the Dormer house for a period of one or two years in order to make an informed decision about their vocation, during which they may be working full-time or studying at a post-secondary institution. A monthly rental fee covers room and board and other formational activities. Interested candidates should contact Fr. Patrick at vocations@dol.ca or 519-432-1824 ext. 204 for more information.

SUNDAY MORNING ROSARY

Every Sunday starting at 8:15am. Join us.



WORLD YOUTH DAY PANAMA 2019

Pope Francis has once again called forth young people to gather together with peers from around the world who share interests, fears, ambitions, struggles and joys. We invite those aged 18-35 to join us in Panama City, January 21 - 29, 2019. Registration has begun and more information is available at dol.ca/wyd. The Holy Father stated that, "On this journey we will be accompanied by the Virgin Mary, whom all generations call blessed" and he has invoked the prayers of our Blessed Mother for WYD 2019. Come and be a part of this unforgettable event.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

The Diocese of London invites you to join us at this international event for people of all ages and stages of life, based on Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love). This is a family event with workshop streams for those 18 and older, 6-17 years of age, and day care for those 5 and under. The accommodations for this event must be booked by mid-January, 2018, so don't wait; go to dol.ca/wmof for detailed information.

TRAVELLING VOCATIONS CHALICE ~ JANUARY 6 & 7

4:30 pm:	Pete & Denise Trotechaud
9:00 am:	Vivian Shamo & Nidhal Wilkes
11:00 am:	Bob & Nina Williams



Does your marriage need a tune up? Or even a major overhaul? Sometimes a marriage can run along fine and then things change. They may need your time and attention.

Sometimes lines of communication break down and they need repair. Sometimes our focus moves away from our marriage and family and needs a little redirection. Sometimes a fair or average marriage is just not enough. Have you ever thought to yourself, "How can I make my marriage better?" If so, Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille is marriage program for couples whose marriage has become off course. It begins with a weekend program that can help get your relationship back on track. It is an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples and it can work for your marriage. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact the registration team: Debbie or Darcy at 1-800-705-6356, 1015@retrouvaille.org or visit our website: SaveOurMarriage.ca

Diocesan Ministers Prayer Calendar

Epiphany of the Lord

- January 7 ~ Rev. Lawrence Pare
- January 8 ~ **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**
Rev. Michael O'Brien
- January 9 ~ Sister Marija Ivic, Pastoral Worker
- January 10 ~ Rev. Josef Denys
- January 11 ~ Rev. Francis Thekkumkattil, C.S.T.
- January 12 ~ **Memorial of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys**
Ms. Cathryn Hall, Pastoral Minister
- January 13 ~ Rev. Michael Parent

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

	DEC. 24, 2017	DEC. 25, 2017	DEC. 31, 2017 & JAN. 1, 2018
REGULAR OFFERING	4,993.40	—	5,388.10
REGULAR OFFERTORY - DIRECT DEPOSIT	415.00	—	415.00
LOONIE & TOONIE	241.00	551.58	411.52
RESTORATION CAMPAIGN	345.00	—	810.00
RESTORATION - DIRECT DEPOSIT	80.00	80.00	80.00
CHRISTMAS	—	12,923.13	905.00
CHRISTMAS - DIRECT DEPOSIT	—	615.00	—
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	20.00	—	1,568.00
INITIAL OFFERING	—	—	459.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT:	\$6,094.40	\$14,169.71	\$10,036.62



Your continuing generosity is greatly appreciated!