

MASS INTENTIONS	
Tuesday March 20 7:00pm	MASS AT 7:00PM Russell Ssauvé ~ the family Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ parishioners Louise Catton ~ Linda Prestyko
Wednesday March 21 8:00am	Roland Poisson ~ his wife Annette Betty Blake ~ her sisters Parents & Family Members ~ Rachelle Peltier
Thursday March 22 8:00am	Eugene Girard ~ J.P. & Germaine Drouillard Special Intention ~ Ray & Theresa Bracken Maurice (22 nd Ann.) & Corrine (32 nd Ann.) Forget ~ Jeff & Edna St. Pierre
Thursday March 22 10:00am	CHAPEL AT SEASONS LAKESHORE Russell Sauv� ~ the family Fr. Patrick Fuerth ~ Rita & Marr Huson Isabelle Quenneville ~ Alice Reaume & Arthemise Marentette
Friday March 23 9:30am	Gilles St. Pierre ~ Anne St. Piere Int. of Marr Huson ~ the family Int. of Joe Gabrieau & family ~ Debbie
Saturday March 24 9:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ parishioners St�phane Bilodeau ~ Seguin family Lawrence & Theresa Grondin ~ the family

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

 Hotel-Dieu Grace Healthcare located at 1453 Prince Road needs Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to help distribute Holy Communion to patients as they rehabilitate and convalesce. Practicing our Faith is an important component to the healing process. It takes less than 2 hours to make a difference in someone's life. Training is provided. If you are interested please call Marg Bryant 519-564-4005 to schedule a "Come and See" visit.

SUNDAY MORNING ROSARY
 Every Sunday starting at 8:15 am. Join us. 

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

TUESDAY MARCH 20

- Living Stations Rehearsal, 3:40pm - 5:00pm, Church
- Prayer gathering every Tuesday, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY MARCH 21

- Day of Confessions, 8:30am-10:30am, 2:00pm-4:00pm, 7:30pm-8:30pm
- Youth Group, 3:30pm - 5:00pm, Hall
- Soup, 6:00pm, Hall : Stations, 6:45pm, Church

THURSDAY MARCH 22

- School Stations of the Cross, 1:00pm
- Living Stations Rehearsal, 3:40pm - 5:00pm, Church
- Pastoral Council meeting, 6:30pm
- Choir Practice, 7:00pm, Church
- Bingo every Thursday, 7:00pm, Hall

FRIDAY MARCH 23

- School Lenten Reconciliation, 10:00am

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MARCH 24 & 25

- Saturday, Church Cleaning, 12:00pm
- First Communion Mass meeting, Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 11:00am
- Sunday, Living Stations of the Cross, 7pm, Church

CHURCH CLEANING
 The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Church Cleaning on Saturday, March 24th at 12:00 pm. We plan to clean all pews and the floor in the main church and choir areas.
We invite everyone to please join us in cleaning God's house in preparation for Easter. Bring family or friends. Thank you and God bless.

THANK YOU
 On behalf of the Belle River/Rochester Goodfellows, we would like to thank all the wonderful people for their donations of toys, gift cards and cans. The Goodfellows were able to help 130 families in our community.
 Rick Anderson, President

ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE PARISH

OFFICE HOURS
 Tuesday – Friday 9 am - 3 pm
 Closed between 12 pm & 1 pm

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

WEEKDAY MASSES
 Tuesday 7:00 pm
 Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 am
 Friday 9:30 am
 Saturday 9:00 am

RECONCILIATION
 Saturday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

5th Sunday of Lent
 March 18, 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,

Today's readings speak of creating relationships, forming bonds, making friendships. The partners are God and men. God takes the initiative, God gives, suffers and dies - that man may receive, rejoice and live. A grain of wheat remains no more than a single grain unless it is buried in the ground and dies. If it dies, then it produces many grains. One grain dies and the very process of death becomes a vital source of life for many. "When the body is buried, it is mortal; when raised, it will be immortal. When buried, it is ugly and weak; when raised, it will be beautiful and strong. When buried, it is a physical body; when raised, it will be a spiritual body" (1 Cor 15: 3-44). From death issues better life.

All human relationships are built on sacrifice. Friendships thrive best in the soil of sacrifice. A mother dies a little in giving birth to her child. The life of Christ was the high drama of suffering and labour to bring about a new relationship between God and man.

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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.

WE THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR GENEROUSLY SUPPORTING OUR BULLETIN:

Floor Coverings International	519-735-5515
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FROM FR. ANTONY, continued

During His last supper, Christ offered His body and blood and called it precisely the blood of the new covenant. On the cross He was lifted high as a victim of love. Christ died on the altar of the cross. On the cross Christ regained and renewed the friendship between God and man, between God and each one of us. We Christians belong to the many grains sprouting from the fallen and buried grain, Christ.

In the words of St. Paul, it is from His suffering that Jesus learned obedience. To be a Son, even the Son of God, is not all glory and glamour, privilege and preference. To be a Son means to submit, to surrender one's will to the will of the Father. And that implies suffering. In the garden Jesus learned it from experience. We hear His groans: "Now is my soul troubled...Father, save Me from this hour." Jesus suffers terribly and in His great suffering, instinctively and confidently as a child, He turns to His Father. In these moments of extreme and excruciating suffering stands revealed Jesus, Son and Servant. However great is Jesus' suffering, it has a higher purpose and principle. Jesus naturally recoils from the impending, agonizing moment. Yet He prays: "No, for this purpose I came to this hour. Father, Your will be done."

Here Jesus' relationship with His Father as obedient Son and suffering servant reaches its peak. Jesus seems to say, "My hour has come. My hour appointed by you. My hour of death. The hour I will be lifted up. The supreme hour of glorification of my Father's name, the hour of salvation for my brethren. The hour I will draw many to Myself." The grain of wheat falls to the ground, dies and bears much fruit. Let this be our prayer today: **Lord of all relationships, may my relationships be rooted in and nourished by Jesus, Amen.**

With kindest regards,
Fr. Antony Kolenchery

FROM OUR PASTORAL MINISTER, SUE HOFGARTNER

Dear Parishioners,
During the season of Lent we journey into the dessert with Jesus for 40 days through our prayer, our fasting and our almsgiving. The dessert is a place of profound silence. Just prior to Lent this year, I had the opportunity to visit a dessert. I have a son and daughter-in-law who live in California. My husband and I visited them at the end of January. During our visit we all took a three day hiking trip to Death Valley National Park. Death Valley is in a dessert. It has majestic mountains and indescribable beauty. It is filled with many unique geological wonders. For me, its greatest treasure is its sacred silence! The silence was piercing! I encountered lots of prayerful moments! So much wonder and awe of God's creation! We visited this dessert, this park, during the off season, so there were times when we drove or hiked and we did not see or hear another soul for more than one hour. This prayerful experience gave me precious insight into Jesus' 40 days in the dessert, for it is in pure silence that we commune with God.

When I am home alone, it may appear silent, but I can still hear the clock ticking, the refrigerator running, the traffic outdoors, and the neighbour's dog. Living in Essex County, we rarely if ever have the opportunity to visit a dessert, yet with a little effort, we can be intentional about creating moments of silence. Perhaps consider cooking in silence, or driving without the radio. Many of us may find it hard to identify a time in our day where we experience more than a couple of minutes of real silence. When we're not talking with others, we fill our space with different types of sound. For some of us, the absence of sound is almost startling, as we feel automatically compelled to turn on the TV or radio and any other noise distraction.

I am currently reading the diary of St. Maria Faustina. It is a very powerful read! That is a topic for another day. However, when St. Faustina speaks about silence, she notes that one who does not keep silence will never attain holiness. In her diary she states "In order to hear the voice of God, one has to have silence in one's soul and to keep silence; not a gloomy silence, but an interior silence. God does not give Himself to a chattering soul which, like a drone in a beehive, buzzes around but gathers no honey. A talkative soul is empty inside. It lacks both the essential virtues and intimacy with God. A deeper interior life, one of gentle peace and of that silence where the Lord dwells, ... A soul that has never tasted the sweetness of inner silence is a restless spirit which disturbs the silence of others."

Silence allows us to spend time with ourselves; it allows us space for our thoughts to grow creativity. Silence helps us slow down and recognize what is going on internally, it allows us to find God. It is in silence that I notice, I speak without uttering a single word. I pray for silence.

Sincerely,
Sue



DAY OF CONFESSIONS
Wednesday, March 21, 2018

8:30am to 10:30am, 2:00pm to 4:00pm, 7:30pm to 8:30pm

Confession is an act of honesty and courage – an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God. St. John Paul II

In the life of the body a man is sometimes sick, and unless he takes medicine, he will die. Even so in the spiritual life a man is sick on account of sin. For that reason he needs medicine so that he may be restored to health; and this grace is bestowed in the Sacrament of Penance. St. Thomas Aquinas



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Convention is April 23rd to 25th. We are collecting **prescription eyeglasses/sunglasses** you no longer wear to take to Convention. Once there, they are sent to a local optometrist who calibrates them. **Canadian Food for Children** sends these to Third World Countries. **Stamps** are also collected and brought to Convention, where they are sent out to be packaged in 25lb. bags. They are then sold to stamp dealers. The money received is sent to "**Leprosy Mission Canada**" and used to supply money for medicine, care and rehabilitation to those suffering from leprosy. Also this year, we are supporting the charity "**Men's Mission & Rehabilitation**" by donating men's toiletries, socks, underwear, etc. If you have any of these items, please drop them off in the CWL BOX at the main entrance of the church.



SOUP AND STATIONS

Join us every Wednesday during Lent for Soup at 6:00 pm in the hall followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6:45pm in the church.

March 21st Host:
Knights of Columbus



LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Presented by Our Youth

Sunday, March 25, 2018
and
Wednesday, March 28, 2018
7:00 pm in the church

PERMANENT DIACONATE

The Permanent Diaconate Formation & Study Program includes the Application Year, an Aspirant Year and 3 years of formation as a Candidate. Monthly Formation & Study Weekends are held at St. Peter's Seminary in London. Home Groups also meet two evenings per month for prayer and study. Pamphlets about this ministry have been left at both entrances of the church. An Inquiry Session will be held at St. John Vianney Parish, 385 Dieppe St., Windsor on Sunday May 6th from 1:30pm-4:00pm. For more information please contact St. Peter's Seminary at 1-888-548-9649 ext. 281, or email cleach4@uwo.ca.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Mark your calendars for
Sunday April 8, 2018



- 2:00 pm Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 2:15 pm *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*
- 2:45 pm Benediction
- 3:00 pm Individual Confessions

Divine Mercy Sunday is enriched by a plenary indulgence which is granted under the usual conditions (*sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intention of Supreme Pontiff*) to the faithful who, completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, and take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy.

VOCATIONS CHALICE ~ MARCH 17 & 18

- 4:30 pm Peter & Fran Dufault
- 9:00 am Don & Maureen Moore
- 11:00 am Charles Dupuis & Dianne Poisson

PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK

DIANE REAUME	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	JULIETTE RIVEST
MARI SCHROEDER	STEPHEN ILIJANICH SR.	
DIANE LAUZON	RICHARD HARGREAVES	

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES, PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS, ESPECIALLY PEARL PERRY, GERALD OUELLETTE AND RITA HILLIER. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND MAY THE LORD SEND COMFORT AND CONSOLATION TO THEIR FAMILIES.

Diocesan Ministers Prayer Calendar
5th Sunday of Lent

- March 18 ~ Rev. Stephen Savel
- March 19 ~ **Solemnity of St. Joseph**
Sisters of St. Joseph
- March 20 ~ Ministers to Migrant Workers in the Diocese of London
- March 21 ~ Deacon James Panchaud
- March 22 ~ Rev. Murray Sample
- March 23 ~ Deacon Brad Lewis
- March 24 ~ **Memorial of Blessed Oscar Romero**
Mr. Sylvain Patry, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS ~ MARCH 11, 2018

REGULAR OFFERING	5,193.60
REGULAR OFFERTORY - DIRECT DEPOSIT	445.00
LOONIE & TOONIE	300.20
INITIAL ENVELOPE	20.00
DEVELOPMENT & PEACE/SHARE LENT	205.00
RESTORATION CAMPAIGN	134.00
RESTORATION - DIRECT DEPOSIT	80.00
EASTER	10.00
HOLY LAND - GOOD FRIDAY	80.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT:	\$6,467.80

Thank You Your continuing generosity is greatly appreciated!