

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Tuesday Feb 18 8:00am</b>	Special intention ~ Moe & Claudette Mousseau In thanksgiving ~ a parishioner Leo, Marcel, Daniel & Nicole Bourgoin ~ Martine & Rosaire
<b>Wednesday Feb 19 8:00am</b>	Maurice & Irene LeBoeuf ~ the estate Deceased family members ~ Bill & Janine Leo, Marcel, Daniel & Nicole Bourgoin ~ Martine & Rosaire
<b>Thursday Feb 20 8:00am</b>	Roger Doyon ~ Robert & Madeleine Labbé Richard Neveu ~ Paul & Marie Papineau Doris Dorey ~ Mable Rivait
<b>Thursday Feb 20 10:00am</b>	<b>CHAPEL AT SEASON'S LAKESHORE</b> Roland LeBoeuf ~ Julie Hamelin Geraldine Ouellette ~ Dave Labonté & family Monique Rivard ~ Eleanor Sylvestre
<b>Friday Feb 21 9:30am</b>	Jackie Mojeske (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) ~ mom & dad Roberte Charbonneau ~ Michael Lanoue St. Joseph; those dying & in purgatory ~ parishioners
<b>Saturday Feb 22 9:00am</b>	Dennis Byrne ~ Mable Rivait Rita Meloche ~ John Meloche Our Blessed Mother ; Souls in Purgatory ~ parishioners

**BEST LENT EVER**

**IT'S NOT WHAT YOU GIVE UP. IT'S WHO YOU BECOME.**  
*Don't Give Up Chocolate for Lent,  
instead do something life-changing.*

**SO... WHAT IS BEST LENT EVER?**  
It's a totally free and totally awesome daily Lenten video program (sent straight to your email) that will help you unlock your God-given potential.

Join the BEST LENT EVER journey. Because swirling amid all the fish fries and chocolate-free resolutions, God is calling you to become the-best-version-of-yourself. You've got 40 days. Who will you become?

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Each day for Lent, Matthew will be taking a deeper dive into his new book, **Rediscover the Saints**. While you can certainly have a powerful and amazing experience without the book, it will be even more powerful and more amazing with the book!

**WE THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR GENEROUSLY SUPPORTING OUR BULLETIN:**

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| Hallmark Memorial - Hwy #3, Walker Rd      | 519-737-6158         |
| Strong's Appliance Service Ltd.            | 519-728-2334         |
| Melady Funeral Home by Arbor Memorial      | www.meladyfuneral.ca |
| Michael Sutton, K of C - Managing Director | 519-728-1500         |
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**EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

- TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18**
- Office Closed for Family Day Holiday
  - Prayer Gathering, 7:15pm
- WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19**
- Staff Meeting, 10:30am
  - Youth Group, 3:30pm - 5:00pm
  - Reconciliation Retreat, 6:30pm - 7:45pm
- THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20**
- Bingo every Thursday, 6:00pm, Hall
  - Choir Practice, 7:00pm Church
- SATURDAY & SUNDAY FEB 22 & 23**
- Children's Church, 11:00am mass
  - Baptisms, 4:30pm & 11:00am masses
  - Reconciliation Mass Meeting, 4:30pm & 11:00am

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

**LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS PLAY**  
All ages welcome to share various talents in our play. No lines to memorize & you can earn your Service Hours. Contact Marguerite at our Youth Office for more info 519-728-3381 ext. 29

**Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board**  
**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**  
WWW.WECDSB.ON.CA  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>  
TO FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**  
Open House Registration  
at your local Catholic School:  
**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>  
form 5:00pm to 7:00pm**  
REQUIREMENTS: Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate; Health Card and Immunization Record

**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 MASS SCHEDULE**  
TUESDAY TO THURSDAY 8:00 AM  
FRIDAY 9:30 AM & SATURDAY 9:00 AM

**RECONCILIATION**  
SATURDAY 9:30 AM TO 10:30 AM

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time  
February 16, 2020**

**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 in Jesus Christ. With the commemoration of Ash Wednesday, on **Wednesday February 26**, the Universal Church officially enters the Season of Lent for the year 2020. The time of Lent is given to us, in a special way, to pray over the sufferings, the physical agony and the mental torture, Jesus went through 2000 years ago, so that we can have life and life in abundance. To make this Season more meaningful for the members of our Community, we have a few plans.

The past couple of years we had held Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and it was such a great social time for the people of our community. Please know that we are continuing this tradition this year too. **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner will be held on Tuesday, February 25 between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in our Parish Hall.** As it has always been in the past, this will be a children friendly event, hence kindly consider bringing all the little ones. To help us plan for the evening, **I would greatly appreciate if you can call the Parish Office, starting today and confirm your attendance.** The proceeds this year will go towards buying a security camera system for the Parish Hall. On a lighter note, we are finding all the measures to avoid a long line up this year. I apologize for the long wait last year; trust me, you will not have to wait too long this year; you can hit me if you have to wait too long...lol... Please join us. continued...

**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 OUR PASTOR (CONTINUED)

**Soup and Stations** during Lent has been well established in our community. I know how much our people have been wanting to pray the Stations every Wednesday during Lent, as a community. I know many of us pray the Stations individually, but praying together as a community has a witness value and I am requesting you my dear friends to kindly join us at the **Soup and Stations every Wednesday during Lent**. The following groups will lead us through the Stations:

- March 4 : Catholic Women's League
- March 11 : Eucharistic Ministers
- March 18 : Parish Staff
- March 25 : Knights of Columbus
- April 1 : Lectors
- April 8 : Living Stations

We will gather in the Parish Hall for a variety of meatless soups at 6.00 p.m. and the Stations will follow in the Church at 6.45 p.m. This year, we are asking for a free will donation to cover the cost of the soups. Thank you for your generosity.

**Fish Dinners during most Fridays including Good Friday is another highlight during the Season of Lent in our Community, this year.**

It has been brought to our attention that some of us travel far to have Fish Dinner as a family, on Fridays and we are planning to offer Fish Dinner to our people on all the Fridays of Lent. Our chief concern is to keep the community together. This is our first attempt and we need all of us to make this attempt a great success. Please tell all your friends about this new initiative in our community and draw as many people as we can. Obviously, it also helps us grow the business in the Parish Hall. The dinner will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please know that, there will be provision for take-out too. Eventually, we have a plan to expand this service to every Friday simultaneously with Fish Dinner and Pasta Dinner. It will help ease the burden of cooking dinner on Fridays. Please help us, serve you better.

*I wish you all a Happy Family Day.  
May God bless us and our families.*

With kindest regards,  
Antony Kolenchery

**DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR  
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- Feb 16 ~ Rev. Clare Coleman
- Feb 17 ~ **Family Day**  
Rev. Adriano Barbiero, C.S.
- Feb 18 ~ Deacon Jose Viveiros
- Feb 19 ~ Rev. Ross Bartley
- Feb 20 ~ Rev. Mark Poulin
- Feb 21 ~ Rev. Mark Maloney
- Feb 22 ~ **Feast of the Chair of St. Peter**  
Deacon Larry Lamphier

**A WITNESS TALK FROM OUR PARISHIONER, ISABELLE LANOUE**

My story is a condensed version of some memorable events in my life beginning with my marriage in 1955 at St. Anne's church, Tecumseh. We then moved to Belle River and became parishioners of St. Simon and St. Jude church. I was encouraged to join the Catholic Women's League and so, sixty years later, I remain a member.

As time moved on, my husband I were delighted with the news that we were expecting our first child and in thanksgiving, I made a weekend retreat in Oxley. As I recall, the gist of the retreat was that we are all God's children and nothing on earth is ours to keep. God is in control. In retrospect, this retreat was our Lord's mystical way of preparing me for the devastating loss I was about to experience.

Soon thereafter, we were on cloud NINE with the birth of our beautiful baby daughter. It was, however, short-lived. She was but SIX days old when we were informed that our baby was in distress. Needless to say, my husband and I were distraught having learned that she was going to die. While the retreat was still fresh in my mind, how could this be GOD'S WILL? Our little angel was baptized and buried wearing the christening gown that my mom had made using the material from my wedding gown.

Later, a couple years in succession, we were blessed with the arrival of two healthy SONS. Those early years were indeed happy times.

Over the span of the years the number '56' became significant in my family history. My father passed leaving mom a young widow at the age of 56. Both my brothers died at the age of 56 and in 1991, following our thirty-sixth wedding anniversary, cancer took my dear husband away from me, and too, like mom, I became a widow at the age of 56. Life is precious, but so fragile.

Two years after my retirement from the Provincial Family Court, I developed cancer in an advanced stage followed by lymphedema. It became apparent to me after prolonged treatment that my time was not yet up, as God had more work planned for me.

After my recovery, I became mom's sole caregiver. The years, difficult as they were, flew by as both she and I were ageing together. The funny thing about ageing is you can never go back. Roads have been chosen, rocky or not. I struggled with the reality of mom's frequent wise observations. Dear mom passed away five years ago, just '56' days prior to her 102 birthday.

Today at 85 years of age, I am grateful for my life, my guardian angel in heaven, my family, the unconditional love I share with my wonderful grandchildren and the many opportunities the Good Lord has given me.

Looking back, I thank my mom for her wisdom and I silently admit in prayer, that she was right all along.

In closing, I have come to conclusion that life is like a classroom, you keep on learning even after the Golden years.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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

**PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK**

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| DIANE REAUME         | HANY YOOSOF             | MARY LOU BOMBARDIER  |
| LISA BOND            | PAT BOWSHER             | LUCILLE TELLIER      |
| MADELEINE DUPUIS     | PAT BUTLER              | MARION GAUTHIER      |
| ALICIA DAVEY         | CECILE STRONG           | ANNA ST. JOHN        |
| JIM LIGHT            | BETTY & DON SIGRIST     | NORM VANIER          |
| MARI SCHROEDER       | JULIA GAGNON            | KRISTY LEE ZIMMERMAN |
| DIANE LAUZON         | KEVIN DUCHARME          | PAULINE SCHILLER     |
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| MADALAYNA DUCHARME   | BETTY & GERRY ALEXANDER | CAROLINE K. SIMMONS  |
| RENE TELLIER         | ANGELA RICE             | NANCY MULLINS        |
| CARMEL LETTENBICHLER | LOIS & CLARENCE JANISSE | NANCY PARENT         |
| MIKE LANOUE          | DALE SIMMONS            | KAY CAZA             |
| JULIETTE RIVEST      | LUELLA LEBOEUF          | CAROL STANTON        |

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

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE  
Eyeglasses & Stamps**



We are looking for old prescription eyeglasses/sunglasses you no longer wear to take to the Convention. The glasses will be sent to a local optometrist who will calibrate them. They are then sent to Third World Countries. Stamps are brought to Convention also, where they will be packaged in 25lb bags. They are then sold to stamp dealers. Proceeds from the stamps will go to Leprosy Mission Canada to provide medicine, care and rehabilitation to those suffering from Leprosy. The glasses will be donated to people with river blindness. These items can be brought to the next general meeting in March.

**BELLE RIVER KAY-CELLES**

Women's Auxiliary of the Belle River  
Knights of Columbus #2775

**Who are we? We are.....**

- Wives, sisters, daughters and granddaughters of the Knights;
- Non-profit Catholic organization;
- Assist the Belle River Knights;
- Raise funds to help charities;
- Meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month from September to June;
- Women 19 years of age and up;
- Membership dues \$15.00 annually;

If interested or for more information please contact Terry Barrette 519-728-1993 or Kathy Blyth 519-727-5112

**STEUBENVILLE 2020**

Once again, our diocesan Family and Youth Ministry Office will be organizing a trip to Steubenville, Toronto this summer. The cost is \$275 for each teen or adult attending; priests can attend no charge. The fee includes the conference, food, transportation, and two T-shirts. A \$95 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your spots and registration is limited! Please go to [dol.ca/steubenville](http://dol.ca/steubenville) to complete the interest form if you want to join us!

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**40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN**

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> - SUNDAY APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

- Our **Prayer of Blessing** will be on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, led by **Pastor Aaron Rock** of Harvest Bible Church.
- Our **Midpoint Rally** will be Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm led by **Deacon John Shiha** from St Peter's Maronite Church.
- Our **Closing Rally** will be Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm led by **Deacon Rick Heath** from Good Shepherd Church.



**PRAYERS FOR OUR YOUTH**

Please keep our First Reconciliation Candidates in your prayers, may the Holy Spirit guide them and give them strength and courage as they prepare to ask for forgiveness **Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>**.



**ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE PARISH**

**SHROVE TUESDAY DINNER  
Tuesday February 25<sup>th</sup>**

5pm - 7pm in the Parish Hall

Includes pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice & various AMAZING kid friendly toppings!!!

**FREE - WILL OFFERING: Proceeds for a new Security System for the Parish Hall**

Donations over \$20 will be issued a tax receipt at year end

**Please contact the office to confirm your attendance or email us at [stsimonstjude@dol.ca](mailto:stsimonstjude@dol.ca)**

**LENTEN FISH FRY**

**ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE PARISH HALL**

will be having Fish Fry's during Lent



**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**FRIDAY MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> & GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**DINE-IN OR TAKE-OUT**



Dinners will be served from 5pm to 6:30pm until quantities last  
To order ahead, please call 519-728-1652  
or email [jvizard@dol.ca](mailto:jvizard@dol.ca) by the Monday prior to ensure your order

*More information will be available soon*

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**FEB 9, 2020**

Regular	5,122.35
Regular ~ Direct Deposit	505.00
Loonie & Toonie	282.40
Restoration Fund	290.00
Restoration Fund ~ Direct Deposit	90.00
Ash Wednesday	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,339.75</b>

*Thank you, your generosity is greatly appreciated!*