



MASS INTENTIONS	
Tuesday Feb 25 8:00am	Theodore Peltier (32 nd Ann) ~ Rachele & Moe Lucy Roy ~ Rosemary McDonald Souls in purgatory ~ Bill & Janine
Ash Wednesday Feb 26 8:00am	Jacqueline Mojeske ~ Diane Connor For the sick in our families & in our parish ~ Bill & Janine Francis Beauregard ~ Lon & Elizabeth Jeffrey
✠ 7:00pm	Gertrude McGuire ~ Vivian Shaw Mark Sandora ~ Mary Jean & Allan Ferriss Tim Chevalier ~ Ray & Theresa Bracken
Thursday Feb 27 8:00am	Souls in purgatory ~ a parishioner Dean Cole ~ Mable Rivait Rose Marie Garneau ~ Madeleine Labbé
Thursday Feb 27 10:00am	CHAPEL AT SEASON'S LAKESHORE George Deschaine ~ his daughters Michele Bonner Marier ~ Kathie King & family Thank you to St. Jude ~ a parishioner
Friday Feb 28 9:30am	Don Reaume (4 th Ann) ~ the Reaume Family Pauline St. Pierre Cadotte ~ Roger & Juliette St. Joseph; those dying & in purgatory ~ parishioners
Saturday Feb 29 9:00am	Lucia Baldi ~ Cathie St. Pierre Dominique Guilbeault ~ Henry & Joanne Derdaele Our Blessed Mother ; Souls in Purgatory ~ parishioners

LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS PLAY 

Become Involved! Be a **"Shining Star"** for God!

 Inviting Teens, Young Adults, Families & Youth to participate in St. Simon and St. Jude's powerful presentation: **"Living Stations of the Cross" ~ The journey of our Lord Jesus to his cross on Calvary!**

- Many roles on or off stage available • Earn your service hours
- NO lines to memorize • NO acting experience necessary
- All talents and ages welcome!

Performances on PALM SUNDAY and HOLY WEDNESDAY IN THE CHURCH ~ both at 7:00 pm

FIRST GATHERING ~ For more Info & Role Assignment: FREE PANCAKES AND SAUSAGES!
Join us: SHROVE TUESDAY Feb. 25th after school 3:45 pm

After-school snacks ALWAYS provided at Rehearsals
Interested? For More Info: Contact Mrs. Hewer, Youth office
728-3381 ext 29 or email: mhewer@dol.ca

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25

- Prayer Gathering, 7:15pm
- Shrove Tuesday Dinner 5pm -7pm, Hall

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26

- SJB School Ash Wed Mass, 10am
- Youth Group, 3:30pm - 5:00pm
- K of C 3rd Degree Executive Meeting

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27


- SJB School Stations of the Cross, 1pm & 2:15pm
- Bingo every Thursday, 6:00pm, Hall
- Choir Practice, 7:00pm Church

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28


- Lenten Fish Fry, 5pm to 6:30pm, Hall

SATURDAY & SUNDAY FEB 29 & MARCH 1

- Children's Church, 11:00am mass
- 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.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU ...

On behalf of our parish family, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mable Rivait for the many years of ministry in a multitude of ways to our parish community. Most recently she has served graciously as a Eucharistic Minister at the weekend Masses, bringing communion to the sick and homebound with her comforting presence and washed and ironed each piece of our altar linens with meticulous care.

Mable will be moving from Belle River beginning in March, but has promised she will come back and visit.


Mable you will be greatly missed and we pray that God blesses you during this transition and many years to come.

With great appreciation,
Fr. Antony



WE THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR GENEROUSLY SUPPORTING OUR BULLETIN:


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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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time
February 23, 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,

This is what God reminds us of and commands us in today's readings. "Be holy. For I, the Lord your God, am holy" (First Reading), "Surely you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you....God's temple is holy, and you yourselves are His temple" (Second Reading). "You must therefore be perfect just as your Heavenly Father is perfect" (Gospel).

There are many people who feel, "This holiness talk is for Priests and Religious. I am just an average Christian, struggling to make both ends meet." We feel at home with the lifestyle of the rich and the famous. Holiness is a topic that numbs our mind and blurs our vision. It leaves us more frustrated than inspired. And we wonder, "How can we become holy"?

There is a beautiful story about Mahatma Gandhi. A mother brought her child to Gandhi with the hope that he would curb the child's love for the sweets. He did not do anything but told them to return after a week. When they returned, the mother asked Gandhi, why they had to wait for a week. He said, "Until one week ago, I too was very fond of sweets." He could not preach self-control if he himself lacked self-discipline. These wise words of Gandhi offer us the way to holiness. Jesus first began to do and then preach. Holiness requires effort. There is no short cut to it. There are no substitutes for prayer, fasting and self-discipline.

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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 OUR PASTOR (CONTINUED)

Holiness is an inside job. St. Paul writes to the Corinthians: "Are you not aware that you are the temple of God?" Holiness is not something like a hat we put on our head. It is living the life of the One who fashioned us. We have to be cautious about god men and god women who offer salvation like instant coffee, without taking any trouble. God is the standard of Christian conduct and the apex Christian holiness. In the pursuit of moral perfection, a Christian should not ask: "How much further can I go without committing mortal sin?" Rather, his concern must be; "How much do I resemble my Heavenly Father?" God creates out of nothing. Wonderful; we say. Yes, to be sure, but He does what is still more wonderful, He makes Saints out of sinners.

To follow up on what I wrote last weekend; The Shrove Tuesday Dinner is this Tuesday (February 25) in the Parish Hall, between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Please don't feel like you have to stay for the entire time. You are more than welcome to stay as long as you would like and socialize. Our chief interest behind organizing events like these is to enable our people to gather and enhance human relationships. No man is an island. We are all social beings and we as a Church are offering a platform for our people to gather and to get to know each other, building up relationships. I would strongly urge you my dear friends, to kindly come out and join us at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, THIS TUESDAY between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Please call the Parish Office to confirm your attendance.

Fish Fry Dinner is a new initiative and will be held on a couple Fridays during Lent, including Good Friday, at the Parish Hall. I am requesting you my dear friends, to help us, serve you better. Please do co-operate with our new initiative.

With kindest regards,
Antony Kolenchery

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

- Feb 23 ~ Mrs. Chrisandra Skipper, Campus Minister
- Feb 24 ~ Rev. Ronaldo (Ronnie) Tagnines
- Feb 25 ~ Mrs. Kim Bornais, CYM
- Feb 26 ~ Ash Wednesday
- Feb 27 ~ Rev. Pio D'Oria
- Feb 28 ~ Deacon Steve Cartier
- Feb 29 ~ Mrs. Maria Mollica, CYM

FROM OUR PASTORAL MINISTER, SUE HOFGARTNER

Dear Parishioners,
Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Lent. During Lent we go on a 40 day retreat individually and as a community and hopefully we will all grow closer to Jesus during this time. As we prepare for Lent, know that God loves each one of us unconditionally and empowers us to change. Just as during the winter, where all seems dead, we know that sometimes growth and change is happening even where we cannot even see it. Many of you have been learning about the growth and change that is occurring in several of our parishioners as they write an article in our parish bulletin.

As you are aware, we began a new endeavour for our bulletin this year. I hope and pray you are all enjoying the *witness talks* from our parishioners. I am asking each one of you to please consider writing one article for our bulletin. Many of our parishioners have shared with me that writing their story out for others to read was a very powerful spiritual experience.

Please don't wait to be asked, if you are interested in writing a witness talk for our bulletin please contact me and I will be happy to give you more information.

We are looking for ordinary, everyday people such as yourself, to share with your fellow parishioners one aspect of your own faith journey. It is important to us that we include a diverse section of our Catholic population and allow everyone the opportunity.

We are asking you to share in your own words, who Jesus is for you, or where you are on your faith journey, or what God has done for you this past week, or an event in your life when you knew God was with you. This testimony of your faith can come from any occasion, or life situation or experience. The possibilities are endless!

Please pray about this request and seriously consider saying "yes". I am here to help in any way I can. If people don't write, unfortunately this initiative will cease in the next few months.

What a wonderful opportunity for all of us to read your faith story. By sharing in this way, we all come to know God better, for it is through stories that we learn. Also, by sharing a specific moment, event or thought, you help others to know that they are not alone in their journey, for so many of our experiences in life are shared by others.

If you could let me know at your earliest convenience if you are willing to say "yes" to this request I would greatly appreciate it. May God bless you for your courage and ability to touch another member of the community with your love for our Lord Jesus Christ.

May we all live our lives this Lent, and always, in such a way that no matter where we are or what we do, God's love shines through.

Sincerely, Sue

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.

PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK

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| DIANE REAUME | PAT BOWSHER | MARION GAUTHIER |
| LISA BOND | PAT BUTLER | ANNA ST. JOHN |
| MADELEINE DUPUIS | CECILE STRONG | NORM VANIER |
| ALICIA DAVEY | BETTY & DON SIGRIST | KRISTY LEE ZIMMERMAN |
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| HANY YOOSOF | LUCILLE TELLIER | |

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
UPCOMING EVENTS....**



General Meeting, Monday, March 2nd.
Soup & Stations: We are hosting the first one, Wednesday, March 4th, in the Parish Hall, at 6:00pm, followed by the Stations of the Cross in the Church at 6:45pm. **World Day of Prayer:** Friday, March 6th, 11:00am, at St. Andrew's United Church, Comber.

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 to your email) that will help you unlock your God-given potential.

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

WHO WILL YOU BECOME?

SIGN UP TODAY! BESTLENTEVER.COM

Each day for Lent, Matthew will be taking a deeper dive into his new book, *Rediscover the Saints*.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

PLEASE NOTE: There is a reflection available each week during Lent on the readings for each Sunday at the main entrance of the church. Enjoy!

**LENTEN FISH FRY
ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE PARISH HALL
FRIDAY FISH FRY'S**



**FEBRUARY 28TH
MARCH 6TH & 20TH, APRIL 3RD
& GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 10TH**

**5pm to 6:30pm until quantities last
~ 300 tickets available ~**

**To order ahead,
please call 519-728-1652
or email jvizard@dol.ca
by the Monday prior to ensure your order**

**One piece fresh pickerel,
roasted potato, coleslaw & bun;
desserts available ~ \$15**

DINE-IN OR TAKE-OUT

FRENCH PARISH MISSION AT STE-ANNE, TECUMSEH

MISSION PAROISSIALE CARÊME 2020 – LE 7 MARS AU 11 MARS

HORAIRE DE LA MISSION : les messes du 7 et 8 mars et...

Thème : "Ton histoire: une rencontre fascinante avec Dieu"
Prédicateur : le père Stéphane Pouliot, natif de la Beauce, Québec

- 1^{re} soirée : Relire ma vie avec Ses yeux à Lui**
lundi 9 mars - 19h prédication à Ste-Anne, Tecumseh
- 2^{ème} soirée : S'éveiller grâce à Jésus Christ**
mardi 10 mars - 19h prédication à Ste-Anne, Tecumseh
- 3^{ème} soirée : Missionner docilement à l'Esprit**
mercredi 11 mars - 19h prédication à Ste-Anne, Tecumseh
suivi par un « **festival des régions** » dans la salle paroissiale

LE FESTIVAL DES RÉGIONS – MERCREDI 11 MARS:

Nous invitons chaque groupe qui représente une région, ou culture particulière de la francophonie (eg. Québec, l'Acadie, nord de l'Ontario, Congo, Cameroon, etc), de créer une table de présentation avec des mets typiques de votre région, ainsi que de l'artisanat ou d'autres objets pour notre rassemblement dans la salle paroissiale après notre mission paroissiale. Contactez le bureau paroissial à steanne@dol.ca ou 519-735-2182 pour réserver une table et pour indiquer le nom de votre région.

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 5th**



**ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE PARISH
SHROVE TUESDAY DINNER
This Tuesday, February 25th**

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 call to confirm your attendance or
email us at stsimonstjude@dol.ca**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

FEB 16, 2020

Regular	4,379.05
Regular ~ Direct Deposit	2,595.00
Loonie & Toonie	296.60
Restoration Fund	375.00
Restoration Fund ~ Direct Deposit	926.66
Total	\$ 8,572.31

Thank you, your generosity is greatly appreciated!