

MASS INTENTIONS	
Tuesday March 17 8:00am	Jacqueline Mojeske ~ Pauline & Skip Bump Pizza Quenneville ~ wife Diana LaVaughn Martin ~ Deacon Don & Rita Hamelin
Wednesday March 18 8:00am	Robert Seguin ~ the family Lucy Roy ~ SVDP Society Special intention ~ Mike & Theresa Mullins
Thursday March 19 8:00am	Souls in purgatory ~ a parishioner Gertrude McGuire ~ Nancy Hargreaves For the Janisse & Bisson Families ~ Len & Mary Jane
Thursday March 19 10:00am	CHAPEL AT SEASON'S LAKESHORE For conversions and those sick & dying ~ a parishioner Colleen Deschaine ~ Romeo & Peggy Laporte Thanks to St. Jude ~ a parishioner
Friday March 20 9:30am	Roger Doyon ~ Robert & Madeleine Labbé Leona Parent ~ Mable Rivait St. Joseph; those dying & in purgatory ~ parishioners
Saturday March 21 9:00am	Richard Hargreaves (2 nd Ann) ~ daughter Mary Onesime, Odile and Luc Comartin ~ a parishioner Our Blessed Mother ; Souls in Purgatory ~ parishioners

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

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

SOUP & STATIONS

Join us every Wednesday during Lent for Soup at 6:00pm
followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:45pm in the church.
This week the Stations will be led by the Eucharistic Ministers.

WE THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR GENEROUSLY SUPPORTING OUR BULLETIN:

Floor Coverings International	519-735-5515
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
David J. Bombardier, KC* HS	519-890-9785
Chris Soulliere - Pre-Planning Specialist	519-816-1790

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY MARCH 17

- Prayer Gathering, 7:15pm
- Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY MARCH 18

- Soup & Stations, 6pm, Hall & Church

THURSDAY MARCH 19

- Bingo every Thursday, 6:00pm, Hall
- Choir Practice, 7:00pm

FRIDAY MARCH 20

- Lenten Fish Fry, 5:00pm to 6:30pm, Hall
- **SATURDAY & SUNDAY MARCH 21 & 22**
- Children's Church, 11:00am mass
- 1st Communion Mass meeting 4:30pm
and 11am

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.

K OF C ~ NOTICE OF MOTION

Belle River Knights of Columbus Council #2775
will propose the following donation at their
General Meeting on Wednesday April 1, 2020:

To : St. Simon & St. Jude Parish
For: Balance of Parish Hall Terrazzo
Floor Cleaning expense \$1,700.00

RAISE THE FORK PASTA DINNER

Maia Davies & Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 26 ~ 5 - 8 PM

Average Joes ~1286 Lauzon Rd

RAFFLE PRIZES * 50/50 * BAKE SALE * MUSIC * CASH BAR
Contact St. Pius School 519-735-3303 x 7905

maiafundraiser@gmail.com

E-Transfers accepted to the above email

\$20 ~Adult and \$12 & Under , Free ~ 3 & Under

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

Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 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.

PASTORAL ADMINISTRATION

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FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. ANTONY

My Dearest Parishioners in Jesus Christ,

Jesus meets a woman by the well. And this encounter is a turning point
in her life. Surely it is not a superficial encounter. It is an in-depth
meeting of two persons.

What is this well? Could it be a symbol of inner depth, the deepest level
of our consciousness? The woman by the well has to get into the well.
But she keeps it well covered and hidden from herself and from the rest
of the world. Jesus has to lead her into her depths. It is interesting to
note how gently and delicately Jesus does this.

He starts from a weaker stance, with a request for a drink of water. But
the woman does not respond to Jesus. She reacts. Jesus patiently
adjusts to her reaction. Jesus never denies her claims to any type of
superiority. But He, with feather-touch delicacy, disposes of them by
transcending them. With exquisite refinement, Jesus lays bare her
private life (her six men) and gently unmasks her. Fully unmasked and
thoroughly shorn of all her pretensions, she has reached the depth of
her well, the depth of her being. Real encounters take place at this level.
This is the genuine meeting of two authentic persons. At this depth there
are only two possibilities: RECEPTION or REJECTION. 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)

It is to the credit of Jesus that after having 'announced the Good News to her', after having brought her face to face with her own real self, He leaves her free to decide. And it is to the credit of the woman that in spite of her initial dodging of the issue, she finally accepts herself as she is (a sinner in need of salvation) and accepts Jesus for what He is (the Saviour comes to call sinners) and becomes His missionary.

After this transforming encounter she does not keep her experience a secret. She turns her experience of Jesus into a message for others. Because of her, the whole town comes to meet Jesus. Many believe in Jesus because of her story; many more come to believe in Him when they meet Him.

She is a summary of how people come to understand Jesus, first as a Jew; then as the Messiah; then as the Saviour of the world. She is one of the first witnesses in John's Gospel who leads others to Jesus. Her past does not hinder her from being a messenger of the Good News. She has a story to tell. A story of her encounter with Jesus - the Saviour of the world.

Let us ask ourselves; Like Jesus, am I ready to overlook the man-made 'narrow domestic walls' of caste, class, creed, colour, etc., and enter into a sincere dialogue with people of all categories? Am I ready to face my own true inner reality and try to worship God in spirit and truth? Do I experience real growth in my relationship with Jesus and share it with others?

With kindest regards,
Antony Kolenchery

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

- March 15 ~ Rev. Russell Shantz
- March 16 ~ Sister Magdalena Vogt, C.P.S., Pastoral Minister
- March 17 ~ **Memorial of St. Patrick**
Rev. Anthony Eboh
- 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

WITNESS TALK FROM OUR PARISHIONER JANINE CHITTLE

My name is Janine Chittle.

I grew up in Riverside, and my husband Len in Maidstone. In 1982 Len secured his first teaching job in Toronto and we moved. We had 1 daughter at the time. Our other 3 children were born in the Toronto area. In 2013 we retired and moved back home.

As parents we had given our children the gifts of roots and wings. Andrea was settled in Guelph with her husband and our two grandsons. Melissa had married a Bostonian and was settled in Boston with our granddaughter Ava, the first of their 3 children. Ryan was settled in Vancouver with his wife and our second granddaughter Sadie. Our youngest child Leigh Anne was a teacher in Toronto.

We chose Belle River to call home in our retirement. I was looking forward to making friends in Belle River and getting involved in my new community. Very quickly I realized how difficult it is to make new friends. Most people by retirement have all the friends they need. Most are also blessed to have their family close by.

I found myself very lonely. One particular morning I was riding my bike in town. I stopped by the chip wagon and sat on a bench. I don't know why, but I was suddenly overcome with emotion. Suddenly there was an elderly lady sitting beside me. She just made small talk, but sitting beside me and making small talk made me very grateful on that ordinary morning. No idea who she was, and I've never seen her since. Very likely an angel sent to brighten my ordinary day. And I was reminded, there really is no such thing as an ordinary day. Everyday is filled with unimaginable blessings, making each day extraordinary. That angel filled me with gratitude, and turned what I perceived as just an ordinary morning, into extraordinary.

The next day I went to the community centre in town. Rachael was welcoming and wonderful and happy for my help in the community. I was put on the schedule for meals on wheels, friendly visiting to someone who is lonely, and helping with computer classes. I met people, and I loved it all. My "friendly visiting" gal became my friend. By giving of myself, I received from her what I was looking for. Both of our prayers were answered.

God challenges us with experiences. I believe that every experience is meant to be a life lesson. I'm certain that if we are open to the lesson, and that lesson teaches us to be a better person, then the experience becomes a gift from God.

My experience has opened my eyes to recognize loneliness in those who cross my path. Maybe small talk is all they need today. Maybe just a smile. Maybe just a sincere greeting. I am always ready and willing. That ultimately was my gift from God. Be watchful of angels. They are everywhere. Take notice today of your colleague, your friend, your neighbour, your loved ones, the person who sits near you at mass.


They may be praying for an angel, or they may be an angel sent to answer your prayers.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
UPCOMING EVENTS:



The CWL has been asked to assist at the Parish Hall Fish Fry on Friday, April 3rd. We will help with serving and clean-up.
Next General Meeting: Monday, April 6th. You can bring your unused eyeglasses and used stamps to this meeting, which will be brought to Convention at the end of April.

NICKELS FOR THE NEEDY

 Nickels for the poor are like a softly spoken word of encouragement spoken to our brothers and sisters in need. For many, the nickels become a symbol of hope. *Let's fill the Mission jars to over-flowing.*

LENTEN FISH FRY
ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE PARISH HALL

FRIDAY FISH FRY'S
MARCH 20TH
APRIL 3RD &
GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 10TH
(DINNER WILL FOLLOW GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE)




5pm to 6:30pm until quantities last
To order ahead,
please call 519-728-1652
or email jvizard@dol.ca
by the Monday prior to ensure your order

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

DINE-IN OR TAKE-OUT

PARISH BEQUESTS

 Keep your love for your parish alive. A way to do this is to remember St. Simon & St. Jude Parish in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

WELCOMING THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

- Meredith & Blaire Ilijanich**
DAUGHTERS OF CHRISTOPHER ILIJANICH & ABRIANE (STIERS)
- Noemi Scott**
DAUGHTER OF JASON SCOTT & EMMA (BERMARDI)
- Jaidalyn & Maya Roi**
DAUGHTERS OF JORDAN ROI & KELSEY LANGLOIS
- Addison Bouma**
DAUGHTER OF JOSHUA BOUMA & SAMANTHA (RAINALDI)
- Jack Beaugrand**
SON OF JIMI BEAUGRAND & SHELBEY (ANDERSON)

DAY OF CONFESSIONS

This year's diocesan Day of Confessions will take place on Wednesday, April 1. The season of Lent is a time to be renewed and to be reconciled with our merciful and loving God. An important part of our Lenten call to personal holiness is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession times in our parish are:
8:30am to 10:30am ~ 2pm to 4pm ~ 7:30pm to 8:30pm
For more info about the Day of Confessions, please visit <http://www.dol.ca/doc>.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE. SPRING CAMPAIGN


- WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26TH - SUNDAY APRIL 5TH, 2020**
- Our **Midpoint Rally** will be Sunday, March 15th at 2 pm led by **Deacon John Shiha** from St Peter's Maronite Church.
 - Our **Closing Rally** will be Sunday, April 5th at 2 pm led by **Deacon Rick Heath** from Good Shepherd Church.




Have you ever considered
fostering or adopting a child?

The Windsor-Essex Children's Aid Society is actively recruiting individuals and families to provide a loving, stable home environment to children in our care. There is a critical need for foster homes for children & youth birth to 18 years. To learn more about our fostering and adoption programs, please contact WECAS at 519-252-1171 ext 3774.

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!

LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS PLAY

 Inviting Teens, Young Adults, Families & Youth to participate in St. Simon and St. Jude's powerful presentation: "Living Stations of the Cross"

- *Eam your service hours* • *NO lines to memorize*
- *NO acting experience necessary* • *All talents and ages welcome!*

Contact Mrs. Hewer 728-3381 ext 29 or email: mhewer@dol.ca
Performances on PALM SUNDAY and HOLY WEDNESDAY in the Church ~ at 7:00 pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTION MARCH 8, 2020

Regular	5,398.30
Regular ~ Direct Deposit	505.00
Loonie & Toonie	282.85
Restoration Fund	335.00
Restoration Fund ~ Direct Deposit	90.00
St. Vincent de Paul	2,000.00
Total	\$ 8,746.15

Thank you, your generosity is greatly appreciated!