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THAMESVILLE

ALL MASSES CANCELLED

MARCH 29TH, 2020

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Please Pray for Healing: Ray Breault (R), Sandra Sonneveld, sister of Randy Sterling (B), Carolyn Malic (T), Max Connolly, brother of Linda Burk (B), Nicholas (B), Germaine Pynenbrouck (R), Connie Murray (B), Andrea Pike (R), Michelle MacLean (B), Marcel deWit (R), Irene Stepniak (R), Art Tremblay (B), Lena Mazan (R), Roger DeCock (B), Antoinette Lauzon (B), Sylvain Bilodeau (B), Ruth Demaiter (T), Denise DeWitte (B), Frank Slemensky (B), Diana and Dennis Klodt (B), Tony Driessen (B), John Irving (B), Bessie Kominek (R), Dr. Janet (Vlasschaert) McElhaney (B), Lorraine McIntosh, Gerry Willemsen (B), Jim Clark (R), Bill Van Loon (B), Lorraine Trinacty (B), Harry Wijsman (R), Leatha Burke (R) and all others in our parish who need prayers.

Please Pray for the Deceased: Please pray for those who have died, and for all the deceased members of our families.

Diocesan Ministers Prayer Calendar: Rev. Pierre Wood, OFM Cap; Rev. Donald Pumutis; Rev. Danny Santos; Rev. Alan Cufraimont; Rev. Alan Momney; Dr. Robert Langlois, Pastoral Minister; Rev. John Johnson

Dear Sisters and brothers in Christ,

Peace and goodness. These are crazy times in which we live in. Things change from day to day. I am trying to keep up with the changes and as soon as I know them then I will try and pass them to you. What gives me great consolation is the generosity of you the parishioners. I run into you every so often while I walk or drive by. I keep you all in my prayers and know that someday we will be able to come together as a family of faith to celebrate our beliefs. For your consideration we have attached the pre-authorized contribution form so that the parishes may continue to cover our financial obligations. Till then let us be generous and kind to each other. And keep safe.

In Christ
Your pastor

Br John Juhl OFM Cap.

The Bishop has rescinded the original idea of Palm distributions for the year, hence no palms are to be placed outside the Church doors. It was noted that if someone were to pass by our churches and see people congregating at the door it would send a strong countersign to our Health Authorities. It could go viral and cause undue fall out for us all.

Parish offices are closed to the public but the secretaries are still working and checking emails and phone messages. They will return your calls and emails during regular office hours. Thank you for your patience.

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions will be honored at the Friary as requested as much as possible. Masses can still be requested through telephone or email to the parish offices.

ST. MICHAEL'S/ST. PAUL'S EASTER FLOWERS

Easter Flowers are cancelled for this year. If you have already paid for flowers and wish to have your money returned please contact the office. Thank you

BULLETIN AND CALENDAR BY EMAIL

Just a note for any parishioners who are not aware that you can receive the bulletin & calendar through email! To sign up please email stmichridge@dol.ca with "bulletin by email" as the subject.

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2020 Pre-Authorized Deductions - Form for Monthly Donations

Thank you for your generous support of the parish and our parish activities during the past year. Please consider prayerfully your regular contributions to the South Kent Catholic Family of Parishes to support the parish in its' day-to-day operations.

If you wish to make your offertory donations to St. Mary's, St. Michael's or St. Paul's through an automatic monthly bank withdrawal, please complete the form below and the attached table. The amount you authorize will be sent to your bank at the end of each month, and the deduction will then be processed on the 26th day of the month.

Parish: _____

Name: _____ (Please Print)

Address: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____

You may phone the Parish Office at any time
to make adjustments to your pledged donation.

There are three steps to follow to calculate and authorize your monthly donation:

1. The first will be to decide the amount of your monthly pledge for normal parish activities. Please show this amount on the attached table.
2. The second step will be to show, for each month, the amount you specify for the special collections for that month. These amounts should be shown on the attached table.
3. The third step is to return this form, together with a blank cheque marked VOID. Put this in the Sunday collection, in a sealed envelope addressed Pre-Authorized Debit, or you may bring or mail it to the parish office.

Collections for the Year 2020

Month	Name of Collection	Amount I wish to Donate (please specify amount for special items)
January	Regular Sunday Offering Jan 1: Mary Mother of God Church Restoration Fund St. Vincent de Paul	

February	Regular Sunday Offering Offering for Fuel Church Restoration Fund St. Vincent de Paul	
March	Regular Sunday Offering Share Lent Easter Flowers Church Restoration Fund St. Vincent de Paul	
April	Regular Sunday Offering Good Friday Collection Easter Sunday Church Restoration Fund St. Vincent de Paul	
May	Regular Sunday Offering Church Restoration Fund St. Peter's Seminary St. Vincent de Paul	
June	Regular Sunday Offering Furnace/Air Conditioning Offering Priest's Pension Fund Church Restoration Fund St. Vincent de Paul	
July	Regular Sunday Offering Church Restoration Fund St. Vincent de Paul	
August	Regular Sunday Offering Church Restoration Fund St. Vincent de Paul	
September	Regular Sunday Offering Church Restoration Fund St. Vincent de Paul	
October	Regular Sunday Offering Thanksgiving Appeal Mission Sunday Church Restoration Fund St. Vincent de Paul	
November	Regular Sunday Offering Church Restoration Fund St. Vincent de Paul	
December	Regular Sunday Offering Christmas Flowers Christmas Offering Church Restoration Fund St. Vincent de Paul	

COVID-19

Virtual Share Lent schedule



Visit our website to learn about these events.

You can join any of them by simply clicking the link provided on the given date and time!

<https://www.devpc.org/en/region-events/sharelent2020>

Online Share Lent Gatherings for you to join!

Since we cannot gather in person in our communities, schools and churches – *we have been hard at work so that we can still gather together on-line over the Solidarity Sunday weekend and even into Holy Week.*

Saint Oscar Romero – An Online Celebration

Thursday March 26th, 3 p.m. EST

Join us as we mark the 40th anniversary of Saint Oscar Romero's death. (feast day is March 24th) Facilitated by deputy director Luke Stocking, we will gather to share our memories of Romero. We will be joined by guests **Mike Flynn**, a former director at D&P who was here when Romero was killed; **Mary Durran**, our Latin America Programs Officer who worked in El Salvador and will reflect on the situation in Latin America. There will also be a special message from Father Ismael Moreno, known as Padre Melo, Director of Radio Progreso in Honduras.

Way of the Cross – Straight from NL!

Friday March 27th, 4:30 p.m. EST

For many of us, the Share Lent Way of the Cross is an important moment for us in carrying out the campaign. This year, the Archdiocese of St. John's, NL, worked hard with our NL Animator Patricia Walsh-Warren to prepare an archdiocesan-wide stations of the cross from the Basilica of St. John the Baptist. Sadly, because of COVID-19, they had to cancel it. **We don't want their hard work** to go to waste! So please join us for the D&P stations of the cross, led by our friends from Newfoundland & Labrador!

Your Donation in Action – Brazil!

Saturday March 28th, 1 p.m. EST

We are honoured to have **Sr. Jean Bellini** from our partner the **Pastoral Land Commission in Brazil** join us to talk about the work they are doing and the importance of D&P's approach to international development. If you would like to learn a little bit more about Sr. Jean – please see this article from the [New Yorker!](#)

Solidarity Sunday On-Mass!

Sunday March 29th - Various times

Since we cannot gather together in churches on Solidarity Sunday – please consider joining us for a Solidarity Sunday Mass online!

11:30 a.m. - Mass direct from the Archdiocese of Saint-Boniface with Most Rev. LeGatt.

3 p.m. - Mass from the National Catholic Broadcasting Council

Watch at devpc.org!

National THINKfast On-Line!

Holy Thursday April 9th, 7 p.m. EST to Good Friday, April 10th, 3 p.m.

During Share Lent, many schools carry out a *THINKfast* – going without food for 24 hours to raise funds for D&P while learning about social justice issues. Many of those *THINKfasts* have been cancelled this year because of COVID-19. So, our Ontario team decided to host a National *THINKfast* online for everyone! All ages are welcome! We will begin with a simple meal of soup shared online at 7 p.m. before beginning our fast at 8 p.m. There will be activities through the night and into the morning, when the fast will end at 3 p.m. If you would like to join us in fasting and raising funds you can do so here: www.devpc.org/thinkfast/2826 Click "join this team." If you have difficulty joining just let us know and we can help you set up the page – contact Luke Stocking at lstocking@devpc.org or by phone at 647 927-7838.

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COMMUNITY VILLAGE MASSES:

Mass is held every second Friday of every month at 10am at Blenheim Community Village, and every second Tuesday of every month at 10am at the Ridgetown Village. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

FOOD BANKS HOURS AND LOCATIONS:

BLenheim FOOD BANK
Blenheim Baptist Church,
24 Talbot St. E.
Wed. 1pm-4pm, Thurs. 1pm-4pm

RIDGETOWN FOOD BANK
Salvation Army,
18 Main St. 519-674-3765
Tues. & Fri. 10am-4pm, Wed. & Thurs. 10am-12pm

THAMESVILLE FOOD BANK
Thamesville United Church,
107 Elizabeth St.

FOOD BANKS:

A basket is available at St. Mary's for anyone wishing to drop off donations for the Blenheim Food Bank for distribution to those in need. There is a cubby by the driveway at Thamesville United Church, open 24/7. Take only what you need. If you are able to help with donations, please bring to the front entrance of the United Church Monday through Friday.

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