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the 'Watch Sunday Mass' link to view Mass that will be live
streamed from St. Michael's on Sunday at 11am.

MAY 17TH, 2020

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please Pray for Healing: Sister Emerita, Marcel deWit (R), Cheryl Ann Fisher (T), Linda Burk (B), Eugene Baron Piggot, Ray Breault (R), Sandra Sonneveld, sister of Randy Sterling (B), 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: Mrs. Sue Hofgartner, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Thomas Kuriacko, CST; Rev. William Thompson, OMI; Mrs. Andrea Dula, Campus Minister; Deacon Bernard McCartney; Rev. Slawomir Szwagrzyk; Deacon Frank Lepain

Dear brother and sisters in Christ

Peace and goodness. The other day I woke up with a song in my mind. It is the Gospel song "Soon and very soon we will see King." It is really an advent hymn, but it fits in for today. My prayer is that soon and very soon we will be together to worship again. It has been hard for all of us but soon and very soon we will see the end. It does not mean that we will all go back to the way we were, but rather we will find new ways to build our community and faith life. It will make us stronger and we will be better witnesses of our faith in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Fraternally,

Father John

You can visit our website at <https://southkenticatholicfamilyofparishes.ca/> for updates. Sunday Mass at 11am is available by clicking on the 'Watch Sunday Mass' link.

And don't forget to follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/skrcfamily>

The Church still has regular financial responsibilities, if possible, please continue supporting the Family of Parishes with your contributions. They can be dropped off at the offices, or mail them to the address on the envelope. Thank you for your support.

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.

RIGHT TO LIFE BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

The Baby Bottle Boomerang is the main fundraiser of the year for Right to Life Kent-Refuge Pregnancy Resource Centre; as you well know, this year's BBB Campaign has been greatly impacted by COVID-19. The BBB Campaign has been set up virtually on the canadahelps.org webpage. You can now donate for the campaign through this link: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/49216/donation> Anyone with questions or concerns or if you would like a check or cash donation to be taken in directly, you can call your parish person in charge - St. Michael's, Lorraine Laframboise at 519-674-0242; St. Mary's, Joe Kormendy at 519-676-8747; St. Paul's, Carolyn at 519-692-3874

Stewardship - A Way of Life - Sharing God's Gifts

Saint Teresa of Avila once wrote that Christ has no body on earth but ours. This 16th century mystic understood what Jesus meant when he said, if you love me, you will keep my commandments. She believed we meet Jesus' expectation by becoming a voice for the voiceless, as Philip did in Samaria - where his preaching, signs, and deeds brought great joy.

RIDGETOWN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BURSARY

Once again the Council 8435 Knights of Columbus will be offering two \$500 bursaries, one for a male and one for a female, for students from the Parish enrolled in a post secondary education program in the fall of 2019. Applications are available at the parish office. Applications are due at the parish office by June 5, 2020. For further information please contact the parish office or Paul Johnston 519-365-8340.





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14 May 2020

Novena to the Holy Spirit at the dusk of our Diocesan *Year of Prayer*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability (Acts 2:1-4).

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

A year ago at the Mass of Chrism, I announced that beginning on Pentecost Sunday, 9 June 2019, and lasting until the next Pentecost Sunday, 31 May 2020, we would observe a special *Year of Prayer* for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our diocese as we seek to be "a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus".

On the day of Pentecost, the disciples were all together "in one place". We cannot be together physically during the pandemic, but we can be united spiritually during these days which are meant to be an intense preparation for the Great Feast of Pentecost. I am asking that we mark these days, which will bring to a conclusion our *Year of Prayer*, by a novena to the Holy Spirit. **The novena will begin on Friday, 22 May, and continue until Saturday, 30 May, the Vigil of Pentecost.**

My hope is that all the faithful of our diocese, all our parishes and our families will unite in prayer each day of the novena, and that all of us will include in the different prayers we use, a daily recitation of the common prayer for the *Year of Prayer* ([attached](#)).

This prayer contains a vision for us as we strive in our Families of Parishes to be a missionary Church. In it, we pray that the Holy Spirit will fill our hearts with an ardent desire:

- To grow in a deep, personal relationship with Jesus, to be his missionary disciples;
- To know God's word and to proclaim this Good News to others;
- To recognize Jesus present in the Eucharist and to be united closely with him in our lives;
- To love our neighbour, to seek reconciliation and with big hearts to serve those in need.

As we come to the end of this *Year of Prayer*, I would like to express my profound gratitude to you, the people of the diocese, for entering into this unique time of prayer. We have united ourselves with the Holy Spirit and are confident that our prayer will bear abundant fruit.

Together, we pray that Pentecost will be a new beginning for our diocese. On the first Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection, the Holy Spirit completely changed the disciples. They were fearful, but filled with the Holy Spirit they went out and proclaimed the Gospel, even to the point of sacrificing their lives. Like these disciples, we do not know exactly what will be demanded of our Church. May we be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May we put our trust completely in his hands. Set on fire with his love, may we go out boldly to proclaim the Gospel to the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. R. Fabbro, C.S.B.
Bishop of London

Year of Prayer

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and fill the hearts of your people
with an ardent desire to follow Jesus,
to be his missionary disciples.

Fill us with joy and a desire to know your word.

May we boldly proclaim the Good News to others;
for when we help others to know that God loves them,
they will know true happiness.

Fill us with a deep desire for the Eucharist.

May we recognize Jesus
in the proclamation of the Scriptures
and in the Breaking of the Bread;
for when we are united with Jesus,
joy is constantly born anew.

Fill us with a true love of neighbour.

May we seek opportunities for reconciliation,
and with big hearts serve those in need;
for in serving them, we know we are serving your Son.

With the help of the Holy Spirit,
may we commit ourselves
to loving you and doing your will.

We make this prayer
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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