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Newsletter for the week of April 12th 2020

In compliance with the shutdown ordered by Premier Doug Ford, all parish properties, including the church itself, the parish hall and the office will be closed till further notice.

If there is anything you need, please leave a message at the office. If it is of an urgent matter, please contact Fr. Joseph at 705-920-1514

The following masses will be celebrated privately by Fr. Joseph as they were previously requested for these dates. If you would prefer to have them celebrated after the churches open, this can be arranged with no extra stipend required.

St. Bartholomew :

Sunday April 12 – Irene Laroche by Danny & Louise Besserer
Wednesday April 15 – For the caregivers who tend to those afflicted by this virus
Saturday April 18 – Jakob & Zofia Kleniewski by Mary Kleniewski
Sunday April 19 – For those who have lost their lives to this virus

St. Francis Xavier :

St-Étienne/ St. Stephen the Martyr :

Sunday April 12 - Marguerite Groulx by Marie Gaulin
Sunday April 19 – For the People / Missa pro popula

The Parish 50/50 Draw will proceed as planned. If you have not yet purchased your ticket and wish to do so, please call the parish office or contact us by e-mail. Our contact information can be found at the top of this newsletter.

The Catholic Parishes would like to thank the parishioners who have continued to make their weekly donations. Your continued support and generosity at this very difficult time is truly appreciated!

Donations that were made between March 15th and March 30th.

Church envelopes (white)	\$ 830.00
Development & Peace	\$ 115.00
Needs of the Holy Land	\$ 10.00
Easter	\$ 20.00
Donation	\$ 44.05
Total Deposit	\$ 1019.05

If any gifting imposes a level of hardship of any kind whatsoever, please do not donate.

If you are able to donate during this time, please consider one of the suggested gifting methods for your current weekly donation:

- 1) dropping your envelope into the parish mail slot
- 2) forwarding to the parish, by local mail, a series of post-dated cheques and Sunday envelopes.
- 3) Signing up for a pre-authorized donation program (contact office for the form)

Please Note:

The Knights of Columbus #11565 Levack have cancelled their Sausage Drive. Also, all meetings have been cancelled till further notice.

The Living Faith booklets are in (April/ May/ June). There will be a large tin in the corner of the closed entrance to the basement at St. Bartholomew Church. Please feel free to pick up a copy and place the cover back on the tin. Parishioners at St. Etienne will find a clear container by the door of the Church (available Saturday). Please replace the lid after taking a copy.

Parishioners in Cartier that would like palms or Living Faith booklets, please see Sandy Young.

These booklets are provided by the Knights of Columbus and the Chevaliers de Colomb.

Palms can be found outside of all 3 churches. Please feel free to pick them up at your convenience.

Homily for Easter Sunday

Today we recall that original Easter Sunday morning when Christ rose from the dead. By dying, he destroyed our death and by rising he restored our lives. Easter is indeed a day of great rejoicing because the sadness of death has given way to the bright promise of immortality. As Christians we are joined with Christ and we are offered a glorious transformed life as God's gift to us.

It is said that nothing lasts forever, not even our sorrows. Our Lenten season of penitence and gloom has brought us to the joy of a fulfilled promise, the resurrection. Christ loved his father unto death and he sacrificed his own life for the life of the world. We are called to be Christlike and are called to be transparent Christians, showing others through our lives the love, mercy and self-sacrificing service of the risen Jesus in our hearts.

God the Father has showed us the depth of his love. We must remain confident that as he transformed the existence of Jesus, he will also transform the whole of creation. God will bring about healing and restoration that we are craving in this period of epidemic. Let us continue to hope, pray, work together and trust that the current situation of our world, will open a new chapter of faith, love and human solidarity.

May the risen Jesus fill our hearts with renewed strength and joy as we are united in prayer for better days ahead. Praise the Lord!!! Alleluia!!!

Aujourd'hui, nous nous rappelons le premier dimanche de Pâques où le Christ est ressuscité des morts. En mourant, il a détruit notre mort et en ressuscitant, il a restauré nos vies. En effet, Pâques est un jour de grandes réjouissances, où la tristesse de la mort fait place à la promesse lumineuse de l'immortalité. En tant que chrétiens, nous sommes unis au Christ qui nous offre une vie transformée et glorieuse.

On nous dit que rien ne dure éternellement, même pas nos peines. Le carême, une saison de pénitence et de tristesse, nous a amené à la joie d'une promesse accomplie: la résurrection. Le Christ a aimé son Père jusqu'à la mort et il a sacrifié sa propre vie pour la rédemption du monde. Nous sommes appelés à lui ressembler et à être des chrétiens transparents, montrant aux autres, par l'exemple de nos vies, l'amour, la miséricorde et le service de sacrifice de Jésus ressuscité.

Dieu le Père nous a montré l'ampleur de son amour. Nous devons rester confiants. Comme Il a transformé la vie de Jésus, Il transformera également l'ensemble de la création. Dieu apportera la guérison et la restauration dont nous rêvons en cette période d'épidémie. Continuons à espérer, à prier, à travailler ensemble et à croire que la situation actuelle de notre monde, ouvrira un nouveau chapitre de foi, d'amour et de solidarité humaine.

Que Jésus ressuscité remplisse nos cœurs d'une force et d'une joie renouvelées alors que nous sommes unis dans la prière pour de meilleurs jours à venir. Louange à toi Seigneur Jésus!!! Alléluia!!!!

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead!.....Father Joseph