

Catholic Parishes of Onaping Falls and Cartier

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Newsletter for the week of February 21st 2021

Welcome Back!

Office hours for February are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am to 3pm.

Closed daily from 11:30 to 12:00

If you need assistance, please leave me a message and I will get back to you on the next day that I am in the office. Joanne

If you have an urgent matter, please call Fr. Joseph. His cell number can be found at the top of this newsletter.

Five Things of which to be mindful

A GENERAL DISPENSATION FROM THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION WILL REMAIN. The dispensation for the obligation to attend Mass will remain in effect. Because of this, the live-streaming of Masses will continue for those who are not able to attend at their churches/parish.

Attendance will be limited. The maximum capacity of each church is reduced to 30% fire code capacity, or fewer if required to ensure physical distancing.

Physical Distancing must be consistently practiced. Expect that your parish church will have pews/rows that are sectioned off, and that family groups and individuals will be asked to keep at least two meters (six feet) distance from each other. Wear a mask to Mass to guard against germ spread. Anyone presenting symptoms of illness or who have travelled out of country in the past 14 days is directed to stay home.

Liturgical changes will be in place. Similar to protocols established when churches were closing, extra precautions will be taken. Temporary adjustments will be made with respect to how we celebrate Mass and receive Holy Communion.

There still will be a risk for anyone who attends a public Mass. Even with best health practices and strict physical distancing, anyone who enters a public space should recognize there is a risk of contracting the corona virus. Improved cleaning will occur in our churches, but no one should expect that they will be any safer from germs than in other public spaces.

Masses from February 20th to the 28th of February

St. Bartholomew/ Levack

Saturday February 20th 7pm – Aggie Roger by Bev Rouleau & family

Sunday February 21st 9:45am – Gwen Crowe by Danny & Louise

Tuesday February 23rd 10am – Lillian & Romeo Thibault by David & Liona

Wednesday February 24th 7pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday February 27th 7pm – Ray Primeau by Joe & Childa

Sunday February 28th 9:45am – Ralph Whycott by Danny & Louise

St. Francis Xavier/ Cartier

Sunday February 21st 8:30am – Irene Deschevy by Rose Mary Thibeault

Thursday February 25th 9 am – Souls in Purgatory by Jeff & Sandy

Sunday February 28th 8:30 am – For the People

St-Étienne/ St Stephen

Sunday February 21st 11am – For the People

Wednesday February 24th 10am – Bonne fête Giselle de Michelle & Manon

Friday February 26th 7pm – Stations of the Cross

Sunday February 28th 11am – Emile Lavoie by the Riopel family

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

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 **PADP** - pre-authorized donation program (contact office for the form)

Donations February 14th 2021

Church envelopes (white)	\$ 920.00
Loose	\$
Initial Offering	\$ 5.00
Total Deposit	\$ 925.00

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First Communion & First Penance:

If you have a child in grade 2 or older, it is time to register them for these sacraments. Please call the office at 705.966.3762

There will be a meeting and lesson with the candidates and their parents on Wednesday March 3, 2021 at 6pm at St. Bartholomew Church in Levack. Workbook is \$10

If your child registered last year, please bring your work book if possible.

If your child is a student of St. Étienne in Dowling, they will register at the school, you do not need to call the office or attend the above mentioned meeting.

“Year of Saint Joseph”

“Pope Francis has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021. The Apostolic Letter “Patris Corde” (With a Father’s Heart), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

The Holy Father wrote “Patris Corde” against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence,” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

Source, Vatican News.

As we approach the season of Lent, we are beginning our preparation for the most wonderful feast of Easter.

Do you remember as a child when you didn’t act properly, your mother would send you to your room telling you to sit there and think about what you’ve done? Most of the time we’d be more concerned about the length of time we’d have to stay there. Lent gives us 40 days to think about what we’ve done. Are we going to plod through this season asking, “How much longer” or are we going to make good use of it?

During Lent we are often encouraged ‘to give something up’ like sweets or some other treat. Now it may be even better to do something positive. One thing that we can do is to seek the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** as a way of unburdening ourselves. So, even if it has been some time since your last confession, take the time this Lent to make your preparations complete. God never tires of forgiving us. **Have a blessed Lent!**



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AT HOME, HOSPITAL OR NURSING HOME

Paisley Amyotte
John Dupuis
Helen Hickey
Dianne Luttrell
Raymonde Matte
Richard (Bub) Pellerin
Pauline Sauve
Bonnie Vellows

Tina Benoit
Wendy Fougere
Colleen Huskinson
Keith MacDonald
Doug McMahon
Rheal Poirier
Ed Serson
Bernice Kaczmarski Gemmell

Blake Bond
Jim Golden
Carolyn Besserer
Joe MacDonald
Mary Nowak
Kathleen (O'Shell) Robbie
Roberta Tracanelli

Roland Chouinard
Greg Grant
Betty Leschishin
Chris Marcotte
Vivian O'Bumsawin
Denis Vallieres

If anyone's name should be added or taken off the list, please call the office.

I / We would like to place flowers in our church at the cost of \$10.00 for the 2021 Easter decorations in remembrance of my/our loved ones.

Name of Church _____

In loving memory of _____

Donated by _____ Env. # _____

Please place this form in an envelope marked "Flowers" along with \$10.00 cash or cheque made payable to Catholic Parishes of Onaping Falls & Cartier in the collection basket.
