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Newsletter for the week of May 2nd 2021

The Parish Office is closed to the public during this lockdown.

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.

Please Note:



Fr. Joseph will be live streaming mass this Sunday at 10am from St-Étienne on Facebook.

Once on Facebook, search for Catholic Parishes of Onaping Falls and Cartier to follow along.

Information from our Public Health Office.

Please, adhere to the following advice:

- the importance of active screening everyone who enters our parishes (this requires a volunteer asking screening questions)
- the value of at least 6' between people (not between pews - a body adds about 1' of space)
- hand sanitizer before entry into church and before communion (please bring your own from home if possible to use before communion). If you forget, please proceed to the back of the church to sanitize your hands first and then you can receive communion from Fr. Joseph)
- no congregational singing
- and a solid exit strategy so that people are at least 6' apart. Please remain in your pew until you can remain 6 feet away from the next parishioner.

We cannot emphasize enough how valuable these measures are, especially at a time when variants of concern are in the communities served by our diocese.

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 15% 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.

The following masses will be celebrated privately by Fr. Joseph.

Masses from May 2nd to May 9th 2021

St. Bartholomew/ Levack

Saturday May 8th - Happy 70th Birthday Arnet from Michelle

St. Francis Xavier/ Cartier

Thursday May 6th - Helene Scott by Jeff and Sandy

Sunday May 9th - For the People

St-Étienne/ St Stephen / Dowling

Sunday May 2nd - For the People

Sunday May 9th - nos mères de JC & Yolande Riopel

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)

No collection info for the weekend of April 25th

The Gospel of this Sunday relates the story of the vine and the vine grower. Jesus says: I am the vine and you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit; without me you can do nothing.

This text invites us to strive towards an authentic Christian spirituality. We need to be disciples who have a deep and intimate relationship with Jesus, similar to the relationship he has with the father. And we must allow the Lord to prune us in order to bear much fruit.

We are united with Christ by keeping God's commandments and making them guide our actions, by maintaining a good prayer life, by receiving the sacraments that draw out his grace, by avoiding all sins and by yielding to the direction of the Holy Spirit.

We pray for the grace to remain connected to Jesus the vine. In him, may we find the strength and nourishment that we need every day of our lives.

L'Évangile de ce dimanche raconte l'histoire de la vigne et du vigneron. Jésus dit: Je suis la vraie vigne et vous êtes les sarments. Celui qui demeure en moi et moi en lui portera beaucoup de fruits; sans moi, vous ne pouvez rien faire.

Ce texte nous invite à tendre vers une spiritualité chrétienne authentique. Nous devons être des disciples qui ont une relation profonde et intime avec Jésus, imitant la relation qu'il entretient avec son Père. Nous devons permettre au Seigneur de nous élaguer afin de porter beaucoup de fruits.

Nous sommes unis au Christ en gardant les commandements de Dieu et en les faisant guider nos actions, en maintenant une bonne vie de prière, en recevant les sacrements qui attirent sa grâce, en évitant tous les péchés et en cédant à la direction du Saint-Esprit.

Prions pour que la grâce de rester connectés à Jésus notre vigne. En lui, puissions-nous trouver la force et la nourriture dont nous avons besoin chaque jour de notre vie.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AT HOME, HOSPITAL OR NURSING HOME

Paisley Amyotte	Tina Benoit	Blake Bond	Roland Chouinard
John Dupuis	Wendy Fougere	Jim Golden	Greg Grant
Helen Hickey	Colleen Huskinson	Carol Besserer	Betty Leschishin
Dianne Luttrell	Keith MacDonald	Joe MacDonald	Chris Marcotte
Raymonde Matte	Doug McMahon	Mary Nowak	Vivian O'Bumsawin
Richard (Bub) Pellerin	Rheal Poirier	Kathleen (O'Shell) Robbie	Tammy Besserer
Pauline Sauve	Ed Serson	Roberta Tracanelli	Denis Vallieres
Bernice Kaczmarski Gemmell	Leona Dawe	Juliette Gravel	Jeannette Gaydos

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