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Newsletter for the week of May 9th 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.

Dear mothers!

We rejoice with you and congratulate you on this special day dedicated to mothers. You are indispensable as far as our coming to this life is concerned. You stick to us both in good times and in bad. Your love is real and your sacrifices are enormous. Wishing you all the joy of the Lord. May you find fulfilment in your journey through life. Happy mother's Day to all of you out there. You are very much loved and cherished!

Please Note:



Fr. Joseph will be live streaming mass this Sunday at 10am from St-Bartholomew 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 9nd to May 16th 2021

St. Bartholomew/ Levack

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

Saturday May 15th - For the People

Sunday May 16th - Gordon Besserer by Danny & Louise

St. Francis Xavier/ Cartier

Sunday May 9th - For the People

St-Étienne/ St Stephen / Dowling

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)

Collection information for May 2nd, 2021

White envelopes	\$ 1125.00
Loose	\$ 20.00
Renos	\$ 155.00
HOP	\$ 850.00
Easter	\$ 20.00
Ministry Formation	\$ 30.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 50.00
Total Donations	\$ 2250.00

Caisse Reconciliation May 6, 2021

Balance as of April 30, 2021	+\$82,591.02	
Deposits since	+\$ 2,565.00	
Outstanding cheques	-\$ 10,138.98	
2021 White Tag Reserve from 2020	<u>-\$ 4,431.42</u>	(strictly for White Tag purposes)
Balance as of May 6, 2021	+\$70,585.62	

Homily for 6th Sunday of Easter B

Today we are called by Jesus to love as God loves us. God's love is real, unconditional and sacrificial. God was made flesh through His son Jesus Christ who came into the world in order for us to have eternal life through him.

As the Gospel relates, we are chosen by God to have a special intimacy with him as his children, friends and partners. We are God's ambassadors in this world. The best way to spread Christianity is to be good Christians. By our good deeds we give glory to God. We show that we are Christians by our love.

To love one another is not a counsel but a command. Let us pray today for the grace to love. May the Holy Spirit fan the flame of love in our hearts. Amen

Aujourd'hui, nous sommes appelés par Jésus à aimer comme Dieu nous aime. L'amour de Dieu est réel, inconditionnel et sacrificial. Dieu s'est fait chair à travers son fils Jésus-Christ qui est venu dans le monde pour que nous ayons la vie éternelle.

Comme le rapporte l'Évangile, nous sommes choisis par Dieu pour avoir une intimité particulière avec lui en tant que ses enfants, amis et partenaires. Nous sommes les ambassadeurs de Dieu dans ce monde. La meilleure façon de répandre le christianisme est d'être un bon chrétien. Par nos bonnes actions, nous rendons gloire à Dieu. Nous démontrons que nous sommes chrétiens par notre amour.

S'aimer les uns les autres n'est pas un conseil mais un commandement. Prions donc aujourd'hui pour la grâce d'aimer. Que le Saint-Esprit attise la flamme de l'amour dans nos cœurs. Amen



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 Kaczmariski Gemmell	Leona Dawe	Juliette Gravel	Jeannette Gaydos

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