

Catholic Parishes of Onaping Falls and Cartier

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Newsletter for the week of May 16th 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.

Office Hours next week: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - 9am to 3pm

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 15th to May 23rd 2021

St. Bartholomew/ Levack

Saturday May 15th – For the People

Sunday May 16th – Gordon Besserer by Danny & Louise

Sunday May 23rd – Frank Commito by Silvana & family

St. Francis Xavier/ Cartier

Thursday May 20th – Diane Dumont-Hearn by Jeff & Sandy

Sunday May 23rd – For the People

St-Étienne/ St Stephen / Dowling

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 9th 2021

White envelopes	\$ 870.00
Renos	\$ 30.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 5.00
Total Donations	\$ 905.00



Ascension Sunday

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. The focus of this feast is the Heavenly reign of Jesus. As professed in the Nicene Creed, Jesus is now seated at the right hand of the Father. This means that He alone is in control of the continuing plan of salvation through the Holy Spirit.

The feast of the Ascension focuses more about our going out into the world than the fact that Christ ascended to heaven. It is now up to us to carry the torch and bear witness for him, sharing what we have received and heard. We are to witness in prayer, in preaching and in the service of love to all people. We are also commissioned to lead by example and go forth and proclaim the Gospel of life, love, hope and peace. In the coming week, let us pray for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit on us, so that we may become effective and courageous witnesses to the Christian faith.

Aujourd'hui, nous célébrons l'Ascension du Seigneur. Le point central de cette fête est le règne céleste de Jésus. Comme l'a professé le Credo de Nicée, Jésus est maintenant assis à la droite du Père. Cela signifie que Lui seul contrôle le plan continu du salut par l'intermédiaire du Saint-Esprit.

Bien que le Christ soit monté au ciel, cette fête souligne surtout notre sortie dans le monde. L'ascension est pour nous un point de départ. Nous sommes maintenant appelés à devenir des témoins du Christ en partageant ce que nous avons reçu et entendu. Nous pouvons témoigner par la prière, la prédication et en étant au service des autres. Nous sommes chargés de donner l'exemple et de proclamer l'Évangile de la vie, de l'amour, de l'espérance et de la paix.

Dans la semaine à venir, prions pour une effusion renouvelée du Saint-Esprit sur nous, afin que nous devenions des témoins efficaces et courageux de la foi chrétienne.



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