

Mass Intentions

Due to the closure of our church all Masses for March that were not held at St. Augustine will be rescheduled to a later date.

St Augustine's Schedule of Masses

Until further notice there will be no live Masses at St. Augustine however Mass will be held on Facebook Live Sunday mornings at 10 am. For other Masses in the Saint John Paul II Pastoral Unit please refer to the SWAY.

Collections for February \$3,992.00

Heritage Fund Donations to Date \$ 35,842

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E-Transfers for St Augustine's

It is now possible to use E-transfers for Parish donations. st.augustine@bell.net (for parish dues & collections) or st.augustine-heritage.fund@bell.net (for the Heritage project).

Kindly email us the answer to the security question for the transaction. Please include the type of donation (collection, parish dues, Heritage) and indicate your church envelope #, if you have one. We are pleased that so many parishioners are already using this method to transfer funds to St. Augustine's.



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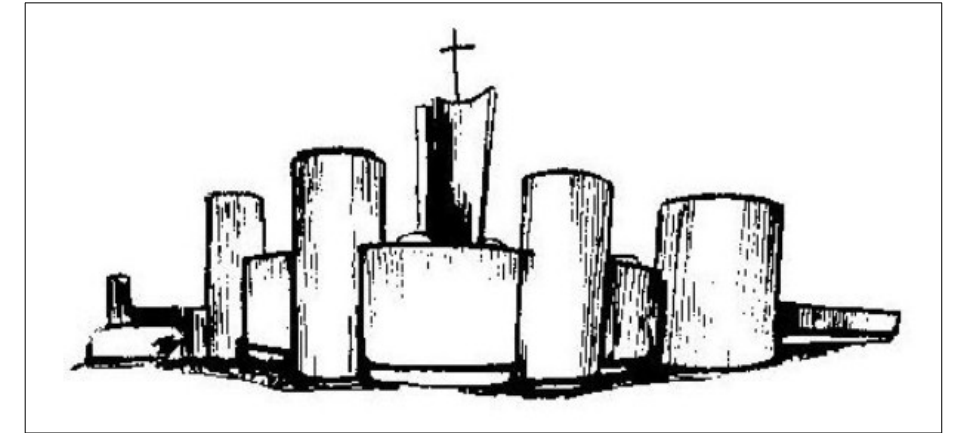
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The Pope's Prayer Intentions for March

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

News from St-Bruno's Refugee Committee

Some residents and parishioners of St-Basile and St-Bruno are launching a crowdfunding GoFundMe campaign in support of Patrick and his family, who have been living since 2015 as refugees in a United Nations camp in Zambia. This campaign aims at improving their living conditions (food, clothing, etc.) while our governments determine their admissibility as refugees in Canada. During this transitory period the family, which includes 4 children aged 1 to 6, desperately needs help to regain some human dignity.

You are invited to browse the GoFundMe web site

https://www.gofundme.com/f/soutenez-la-famille-depatrick?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1 and to contribute to this cause.

Thank you for your support.

For information about Action Communautaire pour les réfugiés (ACR), please contact Caroline Rodrigue at 450 653 6319, ext.40. For information about the GoFundMe crowdfunding campaign, please contact Marc Bage at 514 513 2776.

Note: Donations received through this crowdfunding platform in support of Patrick's family are not admissible for receipts for fiscal purposes while they reside outside of Canada.

MEPEC – Montérégie East Partnership for the English Speaking Community

MEPEC Montérégie East Partnership for the English-speaking Community is a non-profit membership-based organization. Their mission is to serve the interests of the English-speaking population in the Montérégie East region. To achieve this, they connect, collaborate, communicate and facilitate with citizens and community partners.

I recently met with Karoll-Ann Côté the General Director for MEPEC to find out more about this organization and to see how St. Augustine could benefit from such a partnership. I discovered that MEPEC is one of 25 NPI (Network and Partnership Initiatives) under the direction of the CHSSN - Community Health and Social Services Network. The CHSSN was formed in 2000 to support English-speaking communities in the province of Quebec in their efforts to redress health status inequalities and promote community vitality. The aim of the CHSSN is to contribute to the vitality of English-speaking communities of Quebec by building strategic relationships and partnerships within the health and social services system to improve access to services.

By becoming a member of MEPEC we will be informed of their activities and events, receive a newsletter and benefit from support services such as translation of documents. Partners also benefit from free visibility through their communication tools and are eligible to join their committees and are permitted to vote at meetings.

This membership opportunity was presented to the Fabrique and it was unanimously agreed that partnering with MEPEC would benefit our parish and parishioners. - Susan Leclair

Augustine Series – March 28th 2PM

Compassionate Living - Myriam Desharnais

Learn how a vegan and plant-based way of living can improve your health, save the animals, protect the environment and nourish your soul. By gaining knowledge on the benefits and simplicity of a whole plant-based nutrition and how to cook delicious and colourful foods, you will become empowered by creating and contributing to a better world.



FOCUS 2021 Kickoff Meeting

On February 4th all members with assigned roles on the FOCUS 2021 committee were invited to a kick-off meeting. The purpose of the meeting was for all involved to have a clear vision of their project and some guiding principles on how we will progress and stay informed.

The meeting started by establishing our core values: integrity, respect, responsibility, servant leadership, honesty, transparency, vulnerability, compassion/empathy and humility. We then reviewed each of the projects and their teams.

All in all we felt the positive energy of renewal flowing and we look forward to seeing how each project will develop. The next steps will be for team leads to meet with their individual project teams. The FOCUS 2021 team leads will meet on a monthly basis to share status and to obtain support on any issues or concerns.

Returnable Cans for the Maison des Jeunes

If you would like to support the local *Maison des Jeunes* - St Bruno you can leave your empty cans/bottles in front of their premises at 1425 Goyer. Please make sure to rinse out the cans and returnable bottles. Thanks!

Update on the Heritage Project

Some background from 2020

As previously communicated, when tests were done last year in preparation for the first bids it was agreed upon that the roof previously considered for

Phase 1 (Narthex) was in better condition than the hall roof so the wardens took a decision to repair the hall roof in Phase 1.

For the first bid in September, we requested that the work be done in 2020 and unfortunately only one firm bid on the project. Due to COVID the prices were astronomical and human resources were very limited. At the suggestion of the architects, we did not open the bid.

In November, we went out for a second bid requesting that the work be done in 2021. Just before Christmas we received the offers and scheduled a meeting with the architects for January 8th to review the details. The costs were higher than planned which was expected as the scope had changed. The re-prioritization of the church hall roof meant higher costs.

Here is a breakdown of the costs

2019 approved funding - \$76,800 (\$53,760 government's 70% & \$23,040 Parish 30%)

2020 actual costs based on hall roof - \$122,383

Additional funds required to complete Phase 1 - \$45,583

Next Steps

We will ask for the additional funding required to complete Phase 1 in our second request February 26th. The roofing firm has agreed to wait until we receive our approval in May/June before scheduling the work for the summer. We are confident that the Conseil du Patrimoine Religieux du Quebec will support our request.

A kick-off meeting was held February 10th with Mike Malone, José Suarez, Mary Clermont, Susan Leclair, the roofing company representatives and our architects. The meeting was successful and all members are aligned on the details of the project.

In our second request for funding, we will also be asking for Phase 2 work; rectory and lower roofs and a detailed list of other projects. For your information, an inspection by the roofing contractor was completed on Feb 10th to ensure that there were no serious problems with the rectory roof. The team feels it is very important to protect the building's envelope and do work that will extend the life of the church.

Pledging so far has exceeded our expectations but we will need to continue pledging for the second phase. Complimentary to pledging will be major fundraising initiatives such as a Wine and Cheese evening, a golf tournament, and an Oktoberfest event.

The Heritage Project Team: José Suarez, Mike Malone, Mary Clermont and Susan Leclair

In Memoriam

Ramona Zentner, a former parishioner, died on February 22 in Edmonton at the age of 92. She was the wife of Gene Zentner and the sister-in-law of Claire and Ed Zentner,

If you know of the passing of parishioners or former parishioners please let us know at staugustine.bulletin@yahoo.com and Heidi Glaser glaserhille@gmail.com for Sunday prayers.