

HIGHLIGHTS

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2019 DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 11, Let's Talk

6:45 p.m., Springhurst Residence

May 13-16, Community Days, Galilee

August 18-23, Annual Retreat, Galilee

“LET’S TALK”

The next gathering, “Let’s Talk”, will be held on **April 11, at 6:45 at Springhurst Residence.**

The theme for the evening is suffering and the resources are short readings from Eckhart Tolle’s book, *The Power of Now*, and selected commentaries from Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI.

As each evening unfolds, Fr. Ed MacNeil and Pamela Dixon lead the discussion on the theme chosen. Everyone is asked to share from their reading or simply from their hearts.

Come along and try it out! If you wish copies of the readings, you are welcome to contact McE at the Office at 613-567-6418.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Normand Bonneau, OMI, diagnosed with Guillain-Barré Syndrome last November, is currently in rehab at the Ottawa Hospital. His progress is good and his spirits are better! Please keep him in your prayers.

Ron Kedrosky reports that for the first time in several years he can honestly say that he is doing better. He is participating in stage one of a new drug trial and the results are very encouraging. Even the fatigue that he was experiencing is lessening and his energy seems to be building. He thanks everyone for the prayers and best wishes.

Mike McCarthy, OMI, has moved back home and is very happy to be home again. Please keep Fr. Mike and his family in your prayers as he regains his health and strength.

Fr. Christie Joachim Pillai, is living at Providence House in Toronto. He is well looked after by loving and compassionate staff there. Please keep his sister, Grace, and his community in your prayers.

Please send any suggestions for prayers to McE Galbreath at ontariodistrict@omilacombe.ca.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY !! FR. LARRY MACLENNAN

Springhurst Community in Ottawa had a grand celebration for Fr. Larry MacLennan, OMI, for his 90th birthday. Most of the community were present, as well as a few of us from the Provincial Office.

The celebration included Joan on the bagpipes (see below) as well as a few lads in the kilts. On the plate in front of Larry (below) is even a little portion of haggis. The couple on the left are great friends of Fr. Larry from the time years ago when he took his sabbatical on the Isle of Skye as a pastor of a small Christian community. Angus Neil and Mairi MacDonald came for a short visit to Canada on this occasion of Fr. Larry's birthday. They enjoyed reminiscing about those many years ago when Larry served their parish and befriended their family.



Fr. Larry accepts a piece of yummy, homemade chocolate cake from Colleen Kerr, Oblate Associate.

Larry unfortunately is undergoing radiation therapy for skin cancer but that does not dampen his spirit of joy. He received several cards marking the occasion, one proclaiming that now he is a fire hazard! Fr. Ed McNeil offered a Scottish blessing.

Fr. Larry got a chance to visit with a couple from Isle of Skye, Mairi and Angus Neil MacDonald, who travelled to Ottawa just for the occasion. On the far side of the piper, Joan, is Bobby Galbreath, McE's truly Scottish husband!

Story and photos courtesy of Fr. Ken Forster and Bro. Harley Mapes!



THANK YOU FROM BRO. LEN

Greetings Brothers, Friends and Allies,

I wish to sincerely thank you for these last five and a half years, in which we've worked together on many activities concerning justice for indigenous peoples, mining and human rights, ecology and climate change and the national poverty reduction strategy. I've deeply appreciated your support and all the hard work we've done collectively in the ministry of justice, peace and the integrity of creation.

I will remain at St. Paul University with our partnership as Oblate in Residence, working part-time in a very interesting project: Mission and Interculturalization, connecting students with the international Oblate world in order to continue this interconnected ministry. Feel free to contact me at :

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I would also like to inform you that the **Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation, OMI Lacombe Office**, *per se*, has ceased to operate. In mid-February, we celebrated the opening of a new initiative, **Centre Oblat – A Voice for Justice**. This ministry is a collaborative effort of the three Canadian Oblate provinces – OMI Lacombe, Assumption, and Notre-Dame-du-Cap. We are very pleased to welcome Joe Gunn, a person with a great passion for justice, as the Executive Director of this new national and international venture. Feel free to contact him at :

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THANK YOU, BRO. LEN !

UPCOMING AT GALILEE CENTRE FOR THIS SPRING

Holy Week Contemplative Prayer Days April 14-15, 2019

Join with Galilee for Taizé Ecumenical Prayer service and then enter into 24 hours of contemplative silence – resting in God as we prepare to bear witness once again to the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Susan Kehoe (COEO) will be facilitating this program.

Cost: \$165 CDN – \$75 deposit required with registration.

Unending Pull of Love May 10-12, 2019

This retreat invites you to draw aside and through story, contemplative practice, literature, music and nature, to encounter the promise of more life, new freedom and deeper love. We will listen so we may become the wise folks we are summoned to be today.

Maureen McDonnell will be facilitating this program.

Cost: Single \$210, Double \$180, Commuter \$150 CDN – \$100 deposit required with registration.

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FROM ST. EUGENE

"What more glorious occupation than to act in everything and for everything only for God, to love him above all else, to love him all the more as one who has loved him too late. Ah! this is to begin already here below the blessed life of heaven. That is the true way to glorify him as he wants."

Retreat Journal, December 1814

"... Our life in all its dimensions is a prayer that, in us and through us, God's kingdom come."

Constitution 32



REMINDERS

GST/HST Reports

Please gather and submit to the Ontario District Office your sales slips for 2018. GST /HST reporting continues to bring a significant amount of money back into the community.

Register for Community Days

Community Days are May 13-16 this year at Galilee Centre in Arnprior. Please register by email or give the Office a call at 613-567-6418 to be with us for the Community gathering!

CELEBRATIONS



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BIRTHDAYS

Bro. Glenn Doughty	April 4
Fr. Jarek Pachocki	April 12
Ken Mansfield	April 13
Dave Morgan	April 23
Jane McDonald	April 29

