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Sights and Sounds

January 19, 2021

For the Month of January



Birthdays

January 12

Dan Lamoureux

January 14

Jim Longstaff

Dear Brother Oblates and Oblate Associates,

Now that we have begun the New Year, it is my hope that 2021 will be a much better year than 2020 was for all of us.

Fr. George Gruber is still in the hospital; may God bless him as we continue to keep him in our prayers.

At this time, we also need to keep Corrine Pambrun and her family in our prayers for the loss of her sister, Marlene. May Marlene rest in peace.

If you have any other prayer requests, let me know so we may hold these prayers in our hearts.

Blessings, and have a peaceful day!

Fr. Bill Stang



Fr Syl once again leads the charge!



Fr. Syl Lewans was the first Saskatchewan District Community Oblate at Samaritan Place to receive the COVID vaccination.

Fr. Paul Fachel reported that the Oblates residing at Trinity Manor received their COVID vaccinations on Sunday, January 17, 2021.

Continuing Epiphany Week Blessings – Qu’Appelle House of Prayer



We have just posted on our blog for the first time in 2021 – a photo gallery of Nativity and Landscape photos – less than 5 minutes on YouTube. Enjoy!!

<https://qhpconnection.blogspot.com/>

Fr. Glenn Zimmer

Saskatchewan District Community Oblate Associates:

Fr. Mike Dechant and Gerry Weinkauff will host a **“Virtual Retreat” on Wednesday, Feb.10th 7-9 pm**. The Oblate Associates, along with the Saskatchewan District Council (Fathers Bill Stang, Paul Fachel, Joe Jacek and Mike Dechant, and Jim and Adele and Corrine) will gather via ZOOM – to pray and to hear and affirm your responses to the 5 questions regarding ‘Discernment before Making Commitment’.

Province-wide Virtual Event:

The District Animators, with the approval of the Core Team, are happy to be hosting a **province-wide liturgy on Tuesday, February 23rd at 6:30 pm (local time)** where the *Oblates* would renew their Vows and the *Oblate Associates* would renew their Commitments.



Treasurer's Office:

- *Please send in your 2020 4th Quarter Reports and 2020 GST receipts as soon as possible.*
- *Year End – Please send in all **2020 Income Tax information slips to RITA MCKAIG** at the SDC Office.*
- *The date set for the 2020 Year End Audit is March 1-5, 2021. With COVID still very much*



present, we are not sure what this year's audit will look like but, we are sure to find a way!

*Thank you,
Corrine Pambrun and Fr. Paul Fachel*

Prayer Request

*Towards the end of December 2020, **Fr. George Gruber** was admitted to RUH due to a fall at Trinity. On January 6, before his discharge from hospital, Fr. George was tested for COVID and tested positive. Thankfully, the symptoms he exhibited were mild and Fr. George should be discharged fairly soon.*

Fr. George is in Room 5204 – Bed 1 at RUH in Saskatoon. His phone number is (306)844-0390. Please continue to keep Fr. George Gruber in your prayers.



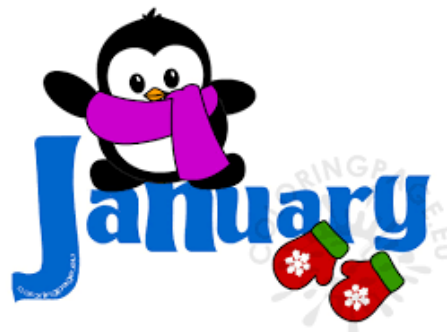
Words cannot truly express how grateful I am for my Oblate family. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for every prayer and message of your support and love.

Your prayers and words gave me the strength to stay strong as I journeyed with my sister, Marlene and her children as Marlene made her way to God's heavenly home to once again be reunited with mom, dad, our sister Karen and her son Dale. I am so sad, but I am also so very grateful Marlene now rests with no more pain and is in God's loving arms. Thank you!! To each of you I say, thank you!

I am blessed! ❤️
Corrine Pambrun

Queen's House News –Brendan Bitz, Director

As 2021 continues to unfold in the ways that new years always do, we see some things fading into history while others confront us in the usual manner considering that we rest in this time of most unusual circumstances. We are enjoying what we would describe as unusual winter weather, warm and yet tinged with some bursts of nasty. It was so windy last week that a local chicken laid the same egg 3 times. Now that is windy.



In terms of our Queen's House ministry, we are determined to be not only a "light at the end of the tunnel", but we are also attempting to find ways to be a "light in the tunnel", for our community, our ministry and each other. We watched as Corrine put heart and soul into walking the final steps home with her beloved sister Marlene and her family. Corrine has been a wonderful source of faithfulness and strength and we are all the better for being witness to Corrine's commitment to "being there" during Marlene's last months, weeks, days and hours. May Marlene rest in eternal peace.

Our programming portfolio is a vibrant hive of activity and as an added bonus and in conjunction with others, our technology platform is being requested and reaching out to assist other partner organizations in their efforts to serve the needs of their members and our community at large. This is exciting work even as it taxes our creativity and expertise. We are pleased to again host the 2nd in a 3 part virtual series "Synod on the Amazon – One Year Later" scheduled for Tuesday, February 16th beginning at 6:30 pm; to co-host a Fr. Ron Rolheiser retreat for Queen of the Apostle Retreat Centre on Friday, March 12th to Sunday, March 14th; A Knights of Columbus Spiritual Enrichment Retreat on Saturday, March 13th; and a Knights of Columbus Support of Life on-line auction and concluding virtual presentation set for Thursday, March 25th. Collectively, it is our hope that these events will, in their own way, provide light in the COVID tunnel and offer hope, insight and a bit of fun for all of us regardless of which side of the camera or computer we happen to be on.

In addition, under the leadership of Corrine, we are working to wrap up the activities and details of 2020 and prepare for what will no doubt be the strangest and most unusual audit ever. I am sure that we will all "need an injection" when this process is complete!! And of course, our activities in the development office continue unabated as we prepare for our Spring Fling Raffle and try to read the tea leaves of prediction regarding all our bookings plans and many other events. All this even as we note that the days are getting ever so slightly longer, the crazy politics around us may perhaps grow shorter and that we all get a wee bit wiser.

*May God bless us and keep us safe,
from all of us at Queen's House.*

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Consult not your
fears, but your hopes
and your dreams.

Think not about your
frustrations, but about
your unfulfilled potential.

Concern not yourself
with what you tried and
failed in, but what it is
still possible to do.

Now is the time to put aside
past and present setbacks
and failures and look with
confidence to the new day
called tomorrow.”

POPE JOHN XXIII

woman's day

Fr. Nestor Gregoire's blog: <https://withmyfeetonmydesk.blogspot.com>

Meadow Lake Website: <https://www.meadowlakecatholicchurch.com>

OMI Lacombe Canada Website: www.omilacombe.ca

Qu'Appelle House of Prayer Website: www.qhpstillness.ca

Qu'Appelle House of Prayer blog: <https://qhpconnection.blogspot.com/>

Queen's House Website at: www.queenshouse.org

St. Philip Neri Parish at: www.stphilipneriparish.ca