



ST CLEMENT SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

We are a group of parishioners committed to Social Justice issues, who believe that change begins locally through education and prayer. Our aim is to offer opportunities for parishioners to gather and socialize, learn and discuss Social Justice issues of the day, beginning with Reconciliation, then expanding to other issues, as we are guided by the Holy Spirit, with the hope of fostering justice and peace for all in our community and beyond.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hiking Group

September 17 2022 9:30 – 11:00 am



Join us on our next hike as we enjoy the wonders of nature, discuss timely Social Justice issues, and socialize, all in the beauty of God's creation. We hike rain or shine. Family and friends are welcome.

This month we will meet at the trailhead of the Bob McMuillen Linear Trail at the corner of Hamilton St and Chopin Drive.

Bake Sale & Café Fundraiser

September 24 & 25 after all masses in the Church Hall



Follow the delicious smells to the Church Hall.

Check out the delicious Bake Sale items. Enjoy with your family or share with your friends

Proceeds go towards the Children's Program on October 15th "Life in the Longhouse"

Cash only please

Sunrise Ceremony as we celebrate National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

SEPTEMBER 30th 6:45 – 8:00 am, followed by 8:00 mass

During the recent historic Papal visit Pope Francis spoke of journeying together on this path of reconciliation. In his address to the youth and elders in Iqaluit he said "...you are meant to come into the light each day...Each day you are called to bring new light into the world, the light of your eyes, the light of your smile, the light of the goodness that you and you alone can bring."

September 30th is the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. The Catholic Church has a responsibility to take genuine and meaningful steps to journey with Indigenous Peoples of this land on the path to healing and reconciliation.

This Sunrise Ceremony on this significant day is one way we can learn of Indigenous culture from our Indigenous neighbours. Join us at 6:45 am as we come together led by an indigenous elder to share in offering prayers and in giving



thanks for all of creation. As the sun rises, it looks over us and provides us with light and warmth. Let us take this light as our Holy Father has requested and bring new light into the world. This is a beginning, the beginning of a new day, the beginning of our journey.

If you feel so inspired, wear orange in honour and remembrance of the thousands of Indigenous children who were forced to leave their families and were taken to residential schools in Canada.

Please note this is an outdoor event, rain or shine

Life in the Longhouse

October 15 9:00 am – 3 pm



Some children at St Joseph's school have been preparing for this day to travel to Longhouse Village at Crawford Lake Conservation Area. Here they will learn about the Grandfather Teachings, how we can become better neighbours, play some games and explore on a guided hike. This is part of our education series to learn about our Indigenous History. Children will be encouraged to share their learnings with family and friends.

Euchre Evening

November 5, 2022



Save the date and stay tuned for more details as the day draws near.

Proceeds will go to support the Social Justice events

COME JOIN OUR COMMITTEE



We would love to have you. We meet monthly typically on the third Tuesday of the month from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Your involvement can be whatever time is available for you. Your presence and ideas are truly welcome. Come see what we are all about! For more information, contact the Parish Office at 519-653-6123, or Marie Adam at marieadam123@yahoo.ca or via phone or text at 519-503-7312

Next meetings are at 7 pm on September 20 2022 & October 11 2022

RESOURCES

Our current focus is on Truth and Reconciliation. Here are a few to get started. We have many and will refresh these monthly.

BOOKS:

The Right to be Cold, Sheila Watt Cloutier. One woman's story of protecting her culture, the arctic and the whole planet (2016)

Dances with Dependency, Calvin Helin (2008)

From the Ashes, Jesse Thistle, (2019)

FILMS:

Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen Lands Strong Hearts Can be downloaded to view off line at

<https://www.anglican.ca/primate/tfc/drj/doctrineofdiscovery/>

[We Were Children \(2012\), access through link, Amazon Prime](#)

ACTIVITIES:

Visit the Woodland Cultural Centre and Museum in Brantford. (Former site of the Mohawk Residential School run by the Anglican church) Due to current renovations tours are being offered via Zoom.

<https://woodlandculturalcentre.ca/>

OTHER:

Dr Cindy Blackstock and the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society and her untiring efforts on behalf of Indigenous children in Canada

<https://fncaringsociety.com>

<https://ashokacanada.org/fellow/cindy-blackstock/>

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/declaration-on-the-rights-of-indigenous-peoples.html#:~:text=The%20United%20Nations%20Declaration%20on,%2C%20Bangladesh%2C%20Bhutan%2C%20Burundi%2C>