

SPEAKER SERIES: BEYOND THE PEW

Meaningful conversations for confusing times

Are you confused, concerned with what is happening in our community? **Homelessness, Addictions, Safe Injection Sites, Mental Health, our Youth.** We hear about them in the news but do we really know what's going on?

Come join us for one or all three of these evenings, where amazing, local people with "boots on the ground" will share their stories and insights.

St Clements Catholic Church
745 Duke Street, Cambridge
7:00 – 8:30 pm

January 24, 2023

Joe Mancini, Co-founder,
The Working Centre

This was a wonderful event! Joe shared stories of their hard work, perseverance, challenges and successes. Inspiring indeed

February 21, 2023

Wayne Paddick, Executive Director, **Bridges**
Bryan May, **MP** Cambridge

March 21, 2023

Eva Vlasov, Executive Director **ARGUS** Residence (Youth)
Lisa Legault,
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Region of Waterloo Police Officer

April 18, 2023

WHAT NOW?

Join us as we discuss and brainstorm what all this means to us individually and/or as a Church Community. There will be a facilitator to help us work through this important discussion.

These sessions are a wonderful opportunity to learn and discuss. Not to be missed!

Free will offering

Registrations are required for these events in order to plan accordingly

To register contact the Parish Office at
519-653-6123
or email at stclements@rogers.com

HIKING GROUP



Our hiking group is taking a break until spring, but don't let that stop you from getting outside and enjoying the wonder of God's creation.

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

RESOURCES

Lectures in Catholic Experience at St Jerome's University

<https://www.sju.ca/2022-2023-lectures-catholic-experience>

Take note there is a recording at the above website, of the January 26 2023 session featuring Father Toby Collins of St Mary's Church in downtown Kitchener and the wonderful community work he is doing.

WEBSITES

Concerned Lay Catholics: A voice for lay Catholics in Canada

We are an independent group of **concerned** committed **lay Catholics** formed in Canada to affirm the **laity's** role of co-responsibility in the Church.

<https://concernedlaycatholics.ca/>

Check out some of their past Webinars, the most recent being the recording of the **Synodal** follow up session **"Where Do We Go From Here"**

<https://concernedlaycatholics.ca/webinars>

Salt & Light Media, Walking Together Documentary of the ongoing process of reconciliation leading to Pope Francis visit & apology in 2022

<https://slmedia.org/w/5j42gPTr/ZhaLgxkd/walking-together>

Reel Justice Film Festival

The Church teaches that social justice is an integral part of evangelization and an essential part of the Church's mission. There are so many issues of injustice all over our world, it is hard to know where to begin. Start by joining in for a movie and discussion!

<https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wpcomstaging.com/2022-film-schedule/>

BOOKS

Addiction:

The Least of Us: (2021) Sam Quinones Sam explores the terrifying next stages of the opioid epidemic and the quiet yet ardent stories of community repair. He believes that we are only as strong as our most vulnerable

Transition to Common Work: (2015) Joe & Stephanie Mancini tell their story behind The Working Centre. There's truly an inspiring, successful & widely recognized model for community development – right in our backyard.

Reconciliation:

Seven Fallen Feathers (2017) Over the span of eleven years, seven Indigenous high school students died in Thunder Bay, Ontario. They were hundreds of kilometres away from their families, forced to leave home because there was no adequate high school on their reserves. Read the stories by award winning author Tanya Talaga.

Highway of Tears (2019) Jessica McDiamid. A true story of racism, indifference, and the pursuit of justice for missing and Murdered Indigenous women and girls

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

From the Ashes, Jesse Thistle, (2019) In this inspiring debut memoir, Jesse Thistle, once a high school dropout and now a rising Indigenous scholar, chronicles his life on the streets and how he overcame trauma and addiction to discover the truth about who he is.

Richard Wagamese: Richard has many wonderful books worth reading. A well-known Indigenous writer in Canada, Wagamese won several awards including the Canada Council for the Arts Molson Prize (2013) and the Writers' Trust of Canada's Matt Cohen Award (2015). His works speak about the historical and contemporary socio-economic issues affecting Indigenous communities in Canada. They also bring attention to issues regarding Indigenous identity, culture and truth and reconciliation. A beloved writer, Wagamese's works have inspired many Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples and writers alike.

FILMS, DOCUMENTARIES, WEBSITES

Senator Murray Sinclair on Reconciliation: (2.55 min) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wjx2zDvyzsU>

A short but meaningful look at the importance of getting started.

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

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/>

Pope Francis address to young people and elders (July 29, 2022) during his historic visit to Canada <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2022/july/documents/20220729-giovanianziani-iqaluit.html>

Dr Cindy Blackstock and the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society and her untiring efforts on behalf of Indigenous children in Canada Also find out more about Spirit Bear <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->

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h%2C%20Bhutan%2C%20Burundi%2C

Development and Peace (Caritas Canada. <https://www.devp.org/en/> Visit their website for further information. They are a democratic movement for international solidarity that supports partners in the Global South in pursuit of alternatives to unjust social, political, economic and environmental structures. They educate Canadians about the causes of the impoverishment of peoples and to mobilize them to act for change. Watch their website for the wonderful program they present "The Reel Justice Film Festival" Their new schedule should be out soon.

Hamilton Diocese: • A Pastoral Letter to Young People:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fRmOqT_W2ZY • Synodal Results:
<https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>

ACTION

April 29, 2023: Walk Towards Truth is a reflective fundraising walk (21 km) for Indigenous survivors, families and communities. Walk or donate for this great cause. For information go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/walk-towards-truth-tickets-527792901777>

If you come across a resource, you think would be helpful for parishioners, please let us know by emailing or phoning our Parish office at stclements@rogers.com, 519-653-6123