



Main Offices & Hours

Main Offices of Blessed Sacrament and St. Agnes Parish Cluster

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Tuesday - Friday 8:00AM - 5:00PM

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30AM - 4:30PM

Closed each day from 12 - 1pm for lunch

St. Joseph and St. Ursula Parish



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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - St. Ursula
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11 a.m. - St. Joseph
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. - St. Ursula

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Friday: 12 noon - St. Joseph
Wednesday & Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - St. Ursula

BAPTISM

Please contact the office to make arrangements.
Preparation required.

RECONCILIATION

Friday: 11:15 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. - St. Joseph
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. - St. Ursula

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Fr. Jim Higgins
Associate Pastor: Fr. Don Pumputis
Permanent Deacons:
Deacon Steve Cartier
Deacon Jerry Lozon
Deacon Chris Masterson
Deacon Morgan Treacy
Pastoral Minister: Colleen Keane
Pastoral Minister: Karen Robert
Coordinator of Youth Ministry: Mike McPherson
Parish Catechist - Ali Chinnick

PARISH STAFF

Secretary: Maureen Foster
Financial Secretary: Mardie Lessard
Building Superintendent: Michael Bechard - St. Joseph
Custodian: Brent Chinnick - St. Ursula

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - noon and 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 2017



The Angel Gabriel came to Mary and said, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Luke 1: 30 - 33

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 31, 2017

When Mary and Joseph had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.



Luke 2: 39 - 40

***A prayerful Eucharistic community, rooted in Christ, welcoming all,
joyfully celebrating our faith.***

See the Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule in the bulletin for Mass times and locations.

There will be no daily Masses between Christmas and New Years.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 2

No daily Mass

Wednesday, January 3

9:30 a.m. - St. Ursula Church

+Charles Badura
+Pasquale Mastromarino
+Intentions of Cecile Wortner & Family
+Maria Doto

Thursday, January 4

9:30 a.m. - St. Ursula Church

+Marguerite & William Mosey
+Deceased family members of Luciano & Grace Magliaro
+George Aitken
+Mary McKinnon

Friday, January 5

12 noon - St. Joseph Church

+Bernice Houle
+Stan Charbonneau
+Remi Van Overloop
+Elsie Verbruggen

Weekend Mass Intentions are for the parish community. See the front of the bulletin for weekend Mass times.

PRAYER LINE

We have people who want to pray for whatever request comes to them.

If you need prayers, please contact Maureen at the parish office (519-352-8530).



Let us pray for the sick of our parish ...

Larry De Smit, Lisa-Rae Desnoyers, Olivia Formosa, Jerome Lozon, Luigi Magliaro, Genesio Matteis, Ralph Mays, Paul McLaughlin, Bernard Myers, Gerald Myers, Robert Reaume, Carlo Rota, Martin Van Raay and Genny Wrotkowska.

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:30



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! What a joyous time to be alive. It has been hectic preparing for the Feast and yet it all seems to be worthwhile when you experience the love and wonder that the celebration brings. I know that for Father Don and myself we have been busy with Confessions and Masses but all the while it has been a joy to be able to minister to you. Last Sunday at the Advent Communal Celebration of Penance I was overjoyed to see so many of you attend and take advantage of the opportunity of making your Christmas Confession. It is always edifying to take part in this sacred time. As we enter into this new year of 2018 may we continue to grow in our unity as a Family of Parishes and exemplify the vocation we share in being disciples of Jesus Christ.

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May your Christmas be filled with many blessings!



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Christmas Eve (December 24)

4:30 p.m. -

St. Ursula & Blessed Sacrament

5:00 p.m. - Our Lady of Victory

7:00 p.m. - St. Joseph & St. Agnes

9:00 p.m. -

St. Ursula & Blessed Sacrament

Carol Service - 11:40 p.m. followed by Mass at Midnight - St. Joseph (Incense will be used at this Mass)

Midnight - Our Lady of Victory

Christmas Day (December 25)

8:00 a.m. - St. Joseph

9:30 a.m. - Our Lady of Victory

10:00 a.m. - St. Agnes

11:00 a.m. -

St. Ursula & Our Lady of Victory



New Year's Eve (December 31)

5:00 p.m. -

St. Ursula & Blessed Sacrament

7:00 p.m. - St. Joseph

11:00 p.m. - Our Lady of Victory

New Year's Day (January 1)

10:00 a.m. - St. Ursula & St. Agnes

11:00 a.m. - Our Lady of Victory

There will be no 7 p.m. Mass on December 24 or December 31.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S OFFICE HOURS

December 22 - 8 a.m. - noon

December 25 & 26 - closed

December 27 - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

December 28 - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

December 29 - 8 a.m. - noon

January 1 - closed

January 2 - regular hours



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

St. Joseph Harwich

The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, January 8 at 7 p.m. at Eden Villa Retirement and Assisted Living Community Room, 190 Stanley Avenue in Chatham. Members are encouraged to attend a short facility tour followed by "Gifts of the Holy Spirit" workshop!

City

The next general meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 9 at 1 p.m. in the Spirit and Life Centre.

2017 OFFERINGS

Just a reminder that anyone wishing to get an income tax receipt for 2017 donations, your donations MUST be given in 2017. Any donations received after December 31, 2017 will not be included in your 2017 receipt. It does not matter what date you put on your cheque, it depends on when you put it into the collection!

Thank you for your generosity!

EASE INTO FITNESS

Ease into Fitness will be taking a break for the Christmas holidays but will return on Tuesday, January 3. Enjoy your holidays!

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CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

Come share Christmas with us!
December 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Spirit and Life Centre

If you need a ride please call
519-354-0091 after 10:30 a.m.
on Christmas day.

Sponsored by Community Volunteers
who want to make a difference.

GET OUT & SAVE

Don't forget the Get Out and Save fundraiser. These books are packed with many coupons for use right here in Chatham Kent. Cost is \$20. Books available in the parish office.



SUNDAY FRIENDS

Sunday friends at St. Joseph Church is going on Christmas vacation. They will resume on Sunday, January 7. Christmas blessings to all!

SEWING CIRCLE

The women who gather at St. Agnes Parish on the first and third Thursday of the month, share a loving concern for the poor children throughout our world who lack necessary clothing. They cut dresses, shirts and pants and then distribute them to those who wish to sew these articles in their homes. Once made, they are sent through Canadian Food for Children Chatham-Kent to the 'little ones' in Africa, South or Central America or wherever the need arises at that time.



Thanks to all for your generosity by either donating material, money, or your time to cut and sew. With out you, this justice ministry would not exist.

Over the last liturgical year we have made 1681 dresses, 75 t-shirts, 608 long sleeve shirts, 472 pairs of shorts, 650 long pants, 157 ladies' skirts, 160 blankets/quilts, and numerous cloth bags.

If you have any questions or wish to help in any way, please contact Heather at 519-354-9799.

GIFT CARD SALES December 11 - 17, 2017

St. Joseph

Total Sales: \$ 4,775.00
Estimated Profit: \$ 179.06

St. Ursula

Total Sales: \$ 4,500.00
Estimated Profit: \$ 168.75

OFFERTORY December 17, 2017

St. Joseph

Regular Offertory: \$ 5,972.00
Christmas: \$ 895.00
Thanksgiving: \$ 170.00
Capital Projects: \$ 552.00
Total: \$ 7,589.00

St. Ursula

Regular Offertory: \$ 5,242.00
Christmas: \$ 390.00
Capital Projects: \$ 691.00
Total: \$ 6,323.00

Thank you for your support!

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

2018 offertory envelopes out for pick up. St. Joseph has their envelopes available at the main entrance of the Church and St. Ursula has their envelopes available in the Meeting Room. Please stop by and pick up your new envelopes. Please discard any 2017 envelopes that were not used in 2017. You will have new envelope numbers for 2018.



PILGRIMAGE

If you are interested in a Holy Land Pilgrimage taking place April 14 - 28 (12 days) please contact Joan Bolt for details at 1-800-530-4667 or by email joanbolt@execulink.com

CHURCH CHUCKLE

Little Wayne could always be found sitting under the Christmas tree singing his favourite song: "A Wayne in the Manger."

UPCOMING EVENTS

What

Fitness - All are welcome!
St. Ursula K of C General Meeting

When

Tuesday, January 2
Tuesday, January 2

Where

Spirit and Life Centre
Meeting Room (St. Ursula Site)

Time

6:30 p.m.
7 p.m.

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**A Eucharistic community, living as Christ-centered disciples,
sharing our faith, serving and embracing all.**

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm ~ St. Agnes
Saturday: 7:00 pm ~ Blessed Sacrament
Sunday: 9:30 am ~ Blessed Sacrament
Sunday: 11:30 am ~ St. Agnes

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday: 8:00 am ~ St. Agnes
Wednesday: 8:00 am ~ Blessed Sacrament
Thursday: 8:00 am ~ St. Agnes
Friday: 8:00 am ~ Blessed Sacrament

BAPTISM

Celebrated during Saturday or Sunday Eucharist
Two months notice & preparation course is required

CONFIRMATION

March 3/4, 2018 ~ Blessed Sacrament & St. Agnes
March 3/4, 2018 ~ St. Joseph & St. Ursula

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 11:00 am ~ Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday & Thursday 7:30-7:55 am ~ St. Agnes

MARRIAGE

One year notice & preparation course is required

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor ~ Fr. Jim Higgins
Associate Pastor ~ Fr. Don Pumputis
Pastoral Minister ~ Colleen Keane
Pastoral Minister ~ Karen Robert ~ Ext 27
Coordinator of Youth Ministry ~ Mike McPherson ~ Ext 25
Ali Chinnick ~ Parish Catechist
Deacon Steve Cartier
Deacon Jerry Lozon
Deacon Chris Masterson
Deacon Morgan Treacy

SUPPORT STAFF

Receptionist ~ Michelle Elgie ~ Ext. 22
Financial Secretary ~ Lynda Cadotte ~ Ext 21
Data Recorder ~ Cathy Zimmer ~ Ext 20
St. Agnes Custodian ~ Andy Willburger
Blessed Sacrament Plant Supervisor ~ Brian Elgie

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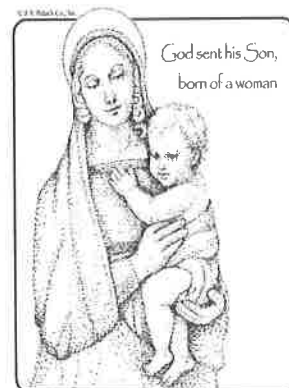
Monday ~ 8:00 am-12:00 noon 1:00 pm-5:00 pm
(closed for lunch)
Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am ~ 5:00 pm



**A Savior
has been born
for you**

December 24
**The child to
be born will
be called
holy, the
Son of God**
Luke 1:35

December 31
**My eyes have seen
your salvation,
which you
prepared in the
sight of all the
peoples.**
Luke 2:30-31



*God sent his Son,
born of a woman*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM
OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES
TO YOUR FAMILY!**



DECEMBER 24, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 31, 2017

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



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Fr. Jim



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Lord Jesus, your coming was announced by the appearance of a star to show us once again that all creation is God's gift to us. May we learn to respect and care for the earth and its resources and may we will all of nature proclaim the mystery and wonder of your birth among us. Amen.



Christmas Masses (Holy Day of Obligation) Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

4:30 pm

Blessed Sacrament & St. Ursula

5:00 pm

Our Lady of Victory

7:00 pm

St. Agnes & St. Joseph

9:00 pm

St. Ursula & Blessed Sacrament

Midnight

St. Joseph & Our Lady of Victory

Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

8:00 am

St. Joseph

9:30 am & 11:00 am

Our Lady of Victory

10:00 am

St. Agnes

11:00 am

St. Ursula

New Year's Masses (Holy Day of Obligation) Sunday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)

5:00 pm

St. Ursula & Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm

St. Joseph

11:00 am

Our Lady of Victory



Monday, January 1, 2018 (New Year's Day)

10:00 am

St. Ursula & St. Agnes

11:00 am

Our Lady of Victory

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & DÉCOR AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

Dawn & Kim in memory of Anne Beuglet, mother and
Michael Beuglet, son and brother

Robert Bourgault in memory of
John & Anne Bourgault (parents)

Cathy Bachynski in memory of Theresa & Stan Bachynski

Roland Bechard in memory of Philip & Edna Bechard

Roland Bechard in memory of Reginald & Louis Bechard

Mary Fran & Louis Giroux in memory of deceased members
of Peco & Giroux families

Marion & Wes Labadie in memory of Ina Labadie

Patricia Pearson in memory of Jack Pearson

Diane Ceppi & family in memory of Italo Ceppi

Margaret Nicolai

Carole & Graham Watson & family and Audrey Chevalier
and family in memory of Kay & Alex Hope

Betty Radlin in memory of Wayne Radlin

Joseph & Marie Korpan in memory of
Stephen & Marta Korpan and Firmin & Anna Dejonghe

With love Lillian McMath & family in memory of
Lorne (Pat) McMath

John Boogaart in memory of Mary Boogaart

Irene Maillet in memory of Alfred Maillet

Marcel Devos in memory of mother Agnes Dewatthynne

Robert & Bonnie Decan in memory of deceased members
of Lumley & Decan families

Inez Lucier in memory of Gerald Lucier

Lee & Theresa Beecroft in memory of Barbara Ann
Bechard

Brian & Shirley Harwood in memory of
Joseph & Margaret Studnicka

The Reaume family in memory of Gilbert & Evelyn
Reaume

Brenda Lesy in memory of Cyriel Lesy

Steve & Dianne Cartier in memory of deceased members
of Cartier & Dubroy

Vera Sadler in memory of Ron Sadler

Patrick & Sylvia King in memory of Michael P. King

Stella Goudreau in memory of Vince Goudreau

Stella Goudreau in memory of Sr. Mary Esther Coveny

Diane Carrol in memory of Shaun Luxton

Andy & Julie Boogaart in memory of Mary Boogaart

Josephine Sullivan in memory of Joseph Sullivan



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & DÉCOR AT ST. AGNES



Yvonne Daudlin in memory of Ed Daudlin

Yvonne Daudlin in memory of Louis & Marguerite Cazabon
and William & Marie Anne Daudlin

Rita McGivern in memory of Hugh McGivern

Jane & Alan Gray in memory of deceased members of
Treleavens and Gray families

Lenora Cavacas in memory of Palmira Cavacas

Rina Colaizzi in memory of Rosa & Amedeo Colaizzi

Rina Colaizzi in memory of Marcello & Lauren

Velma Malcolm in memory of Cikatricis & Plevza families

Christine Blazuk in memory of Frank Blazuk,
Olga Wellman, Anna Babchenko

Lucy & Marvin Jubenville in memory of deceased friends & family

The Ursuline Sisters who died this year

Santina DiSante in memory of Valsesio DiSante

Lucia Lucente in memory of Marcello Lucente, Rosa,
Amedeo & Lauren

Marcella & Mario Vesnaver in memory of Vesnaver &
Puzzer families

Elizabeth Vink in memory of Jerry Vink

Steve & Dianne Cartier in memory of deceased members
of Cartier & Dubroy families

Lurdes Branco in memory of her mother Teresa Soares

Helen McKeon in memory of Robert McKeon

Angela Fanelli in memory of Ralph Fanelli

Angela Fanelli in memory of J.B. & Alice O'Neil

Irene Bellefleur & family in memory of Ronald Bellefleur

Ben & Becky Anne Lawton in memory of
Clarence & Lela Lawton and Jack & Marie Odette

Ben & Becky Anne Lawton in memory of
Edos & Rose Simard and Stephen & Rosa Jubenville

Ben & Becky Anne Lawton in memory of
Vern & Rebecca Jubenville and Terry & Evelyn Jubenville

Margaret Thomas in memory of Shirley Stretton

Margaret Thomas in memory of Ted & Margaret Thomas

M. Kim Oliphant in memory of Erin Booth

Elizabeth Faubert in memory of Raymond & Elizabeth Faubert

Eleanor Huysmans and family in memory of Paul A. Huysmans

Marlene Flanagan in memory of Ferg

Anne Bagnell in memory of Tom Bagnell

Anne Bagnell in memory of Paolo & Albina Mondo

Jenny Gaiswinkler in memory of my husband Leo

Gaiswinkler family in memory of Leo Gaiswinkler

Michael & Monica Easton in memory of Marie Easton



WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

December 27-29

All 8:00 am Masses unless otherwise stated

Wednesday, December 27 ~ Blessed Sacrament

Shay Harwood ~ Lucy Zawrot ~ Robin Shepherd

Thursday, December 28 ~ St. Agnes

Daniel Martins ~ Maria Oliveira ~ Vern Jubenville

Friday, December 29 ~ Blessed Sacrament

Agnes McAlorum ~ Anne Dodok ~ Souls in Purgatory



January 2-5

Tuesday, January 2 ~ St. Agnes

Ernest Leveille ~ Bernard (Bert) Bohunicky ~

Michael Crow

Wednesday, January 3 ~ Blessed Sacrament

Eileen Gordon ~ Craig & Mary Shaw ~ Mary Boogaart

Thursday, January 4 ~ St. Agnes

Clarise Myers ~ Glenn Peltier ~ Victor Ferreira

Friday, January 5 ~ Blessed Sacrament

Cyriel Lesy ~ Rosita Briones ~ Vivian Lane

READINGS: Dec 31: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14. Colosians 3: 12-21. Luke 2: 22,25-27,34-35,39-40. **Jan 7:** Isaiah 60: 1-6. Ephesians 3: 2-3a,5-6. Matthew 2: 1-12.

REGULAR OFFERTORY

December 17

Blessed Sacrament **\$7,027.00**

St. Agnes **\$3,964.00**

SAVE THE DATE

Dec 30/31 St. Agnes K of C Rosary after Masses

Jan 3 SA K of C General Meeting 7 pm

Jan 4 BS CWL Exec. Meeting
Transition Team Meeting

Jan 5 First Friday at BS

Jan 8 Scripture Study at SA

Jan 10 SA CWL General Meeting

Jan 11 Scripture Study at BS 1:30 pm
BS CWL General Meeting

Jan 12 Ultreya at SA

Jan 15 BS CWL Cards

Scripture Study at SA

Cursillo Cooks Meeting at BS 7 pm

Jan 16 Gr 8 Confirmation Classes at BS

Jan 17 SA K of C Exec Meeting

Jan 18 SA School Mass at SA Church

Scripture Study at BS

Jan 19 Feast of St. Agnes Festival Banquet



DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please keep in your prayers the following diocesan ministers: Rev. Albert Williams; Rev. Seejo John; Rev. Lawrence Mousseau; Rev. Martin (Sam) Johnston; Ministers to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; Rev. James Roche; Institute of Secular Missionaries; Sisters of Service; Deacon Rudolph (Rudy) Pflanzner; Rev. Canon Mitchell Kaminski; Rev. Frank Leslie; Deacon Gaston Mabaya; Deacon Gary Flewelling.

2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The Family of Parishes will all have their 2018 offertory envelopes out for pick up starting today. Blessed Sacrament and St. Agnes will have their envelopes available in the parish halls. Please stop by and pick your new envelopes up. And please discard any 2017 envelopes that were not used in 2017 before using your new ones. You will have new envelope numbers for 2018. Thank you.



FLOWERS FOR THE TABERNACLE

The flowers on the tabernacle today (Dec 24) at Blessed Sacrament are placed there to the glory of God by Brian & Michelle Elgie and Ellen Labadie in memory of Doug Labadie, Bob & Lenore Elgie and Bob Vandergaag.



The flowers on the tabernacle today (Dec 24) at St. Agnes are placed there to the glory of God by the people of the parish.



The flowers on the tabernacle today (Dec 31) at Blessed Sacrament are placed there to the glory of God by Brian & Shirley Harwood in memory of Shay Harwood.



The flowers on the tabernacle today (Dec 31) at St. Agnes are placed there to the glory of God by Denis & Monique Boileau in memory of Blanche Gauthier.



CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS AT BLESSED SACRAMENT AND ST. AGNES OFFICE

December 25 & 26 ~ office closed

Wednesday, December 27 ~ 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Thursday, December 28 ~ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday, December 29 ~ 8:00 am until noon

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, January 5 after 8:00 am Mass

Start the New Year of 2018 right, with a visit to Jesus at First Friday Adoration. He will be waiting for you to hear your joys, pains and needs. This is a special time to be with the one who loves you unconditionally. Take advantage of His caring presence. Drop in anytime.



2017 OFFERTORY DONATIONS

Just a reminder that anyone wishing to get an income tax receipt for 2017 your donations MUST be given in 2017. Any donations received after December 31, 2017 will not be included in your 2017 receipt. It does not matter what date you have on your cheque, it depends on when you put it into the collection. Thank you for your generosity!

FEAST OF ST. AGNES FESTIVAL BANQUET



- Please come and join the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes to celebrate the feast of St. Agnes. Proceeds raised go toward the Outreach Ministries within the Chatham community.
- **Social Hour 5:00– 6:00 PM with Hors D'oeuvres**
- **Ham Dinner, including wine – 6:00 PM**
- **Cash bar, music and dancing until 11:00 PM**

Friday, January 19th, 2018

Hosted by St. Agnes – Parish Hall

Tickets - \$25.00 a person- (children under 12 \$10.00)- available at parish offices

TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT DOOR

Bishop Fabbro's Christmas Greetings

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I extend to you my warmest greetings and assure you of my prayers. May you experience the great joy of the Christmas season.

At this time of year, in a special way, we are filled with anticipation and longing for the coming of Jesus. Advent is a time for personal preparation, to ask ourselves, "Am I ready to welcome Jesus?" Amid the bustle of Christmas traditions, such as family gatherings, cultural observances and gift-giving, I encourage all of us to take some time to still ourselves and to reflect on this question. May we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus through prayer and repentance, and may we lead lives of generosity, justice and charity. By following our own baptismal call, each of us illuminates the world with the good news of God's love.

The year 2017 has been an active year for the people of our diocese. Much work has been done leading up to the implementation of two pioneer Families of Parishes in January: the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes and the Catholic Family of Parishes in Norfolk. These two pioneer families will be test-beds for the rest of the diocese. Their experience will provide valuable information and learning for other parishes. In the years ahead, our diocese will comprise some thirty Families of Parishes.

Early in the year, we celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. This organization, founded in 1967 by the Bishops of Canada, was inspired by the appeal of Pope Paul VI, that the Church hear the cry of those in developing countries who are suffering hunger, misery, sickness and despair.

In April, Bishop Joseph and I travelled to Rome where with our brother bishops from Ontario we visited Pope Francis. We spoke with him about issues facing our Church and our society, not the least of which was the recent legislation which allows euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide and which, in Ontario, fails to protect adequately the conscience rights of healthcare workers. You will be hearing more about this issue from me in the new year.

Several parishes reached important milestones this year. I mention here only Assumption Parish, the oldest parish in Ontario, which celebrated 250 years since its foundation in 1767. In August, I dedicated the new Good

Shepherd Church in Lakeshore. In November, the spire of Ste. Anne's Church in Tecumseh was reinstalled after a decade-long hiatus.

Considerable construction has been taking place at St. Peter's Seminary, which is undergoing a full modernization and restoration. The revitalization will enable the Seminary to realize its potential as a leading house of formation in Canada for those preparing for the priesthood, the diaconate and lay ministry.

On May 13, Catholics across Canada marked 100 years since the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. That same day, I ordained a new priest for our diocese, Father Glen Ball. In June,

Bishop Dabrowski ordained two transitional deacons, who are on the path to priesthood next April. In November, I ordained eight permanent deacons.

This past year, we said farewell to our deceased friends and colleagues, including Fr. Paul Rocheleau, Fr. Edward Brereton, Fr. Eugene Bugala, Fr. Joseph Bagatto, Fr. Paul Mooney, Fr. Patrick Fuerth, Fr. Dennis Wilhelm, Deacon John Vallely, as well as a number of Religious sisters.

On Canada Day, at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, I celebrated a special Mass with Bishop Joseph, Bishop Emeritus Sherlock, and many priests, deacons and lay faithful. We joined with other dioceses in the consecration of Canada to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Thank you for your amazing generosity to our diocese this year. I am very grateful for your donations to your parish, to the restoration of St. Peter's Seminary, to boost the Priest Pension Fund, and to support the Thanksgiving Appeal; as well as to the Share Lent campaign and the national effort which raised \$12.5-million for the Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund.

I invite everyone to our parishes to celebrate the birth of our Saviour and to wish one another God's peace for the coming year. May you have a blessed Christmas, filled with wonder and love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Ronald Fabbro, C.S.B.

Most Rev. Ronald Fabbro, C.S.B.
Bishop of London



Transition Team Meeting
Catholic Family of Parishes
December 14, 2017 - 6:30 p.m.

Present: Fr. Jim, Fr. Don, Doug Gutteridge, Sue Bates, Carmen Gagnier, Denise Emery, Sue McMath, Anne Foster and Lonnie Sannes

Minutes taken by: Cathy Laforet

Regrets: Tim Raaymakers

Opening Prayer: "Prayer of Unity"

Update on Membership

Father Jim read his report to the Task Force. After reading correspondence from the Parish Council, the Finance Committee, and the Transition Team Committee members, it was reported that Our Lady of Victory would not be involved in going forward at this time.

Tim Raaymakers is a new member on the Transition Team.

Mission and Vision

In going forward with our mission and vision, Fr. Jim asked the team to think about the following questions:

- (1) Why does your Parish exist?
- (2) If your Parish were able to do everything possible, with no limitation on time, energy or resources, what would it look like?
- (3) What makes your Parish different than the next Parish over?

Study of Mass Attendance

The team reviewed the last three years of Mass attendance at nine Masses held each week at Blessed Sacrament, St. Agnes, St. Ursula and St. Joseph. Questions to keep in mind - How can we best look at Mass times? How do we celebrate the Mass? Fr. Jim asked the team to open the discussion of Mass times with their families and friends.

Town Hall Meeting Dates

- (1) Information Town Hall meeting - February 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
 - (2) Decision Town Hall meeting - March 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
- Venue for these Town Hall meetings is to be determined.

Other Business

Question was raised regarding completion of the Pastoral Plan Goals & Objectives for the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes. The team will continue to work on them in the new year.

Closing Prayer: "Creating the Church of Tomorrow".

Next Meeting: January 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in Upper Room at St. Agnes.

SEWING CIRCLE



The women who gather at St. Agnes Parish on the first and third Thursday of the month, share a loving concern for the poor children throughout our world who lack necessary clothing. They cut dresses, shirts and pants and then distribute them to those who wish to sew these articles in their homes. Once made, they are sent through Canadian Food for Children Chatham-Kent to the 'little ones' in Africa, South or Central America or wherever the need arises at that time. Thanks to all for your generosity by either donating material, money, or your time to cut and sew. Without you, this justice ministry would not exist. Over the last liturgical year we have made 1681 dresses, 75 t-shirts, 608 long sleeve shirts, 472 pairs of shorts, 650 long pants, 157 ladies' skirts, 160 blankets/quilts, and numerous cloth bags. If you have any questions or wish to help in any way, please contact Heather at 519-354-9799.



To Everything there is a Season.....

"a time to be healed".....

Please pray for the sick of our parish cluster

Christine Pinsonneault, Rose O'Mara, Andrew Gaiswinkler

"a time to die...."

Please remember in your prayers all of our deceased relatives and parishioners, especially **Jose DeAscencao** father of Marie Martins and Anna (Jose) Machado; **Francine Ryken**; **Marlene Reaume**; **Sr. Patrick Sloan, CSJ**; **Thomas Granville**, husband of Irene; **Georgina Kestelyn** mother of Julie (Guy) Gagnier, Janet (Warren) Raspburg and Brenda (Wayne) Raspburg; **Leo Jubenville** brother of Marvin (Lucy) Jubenville. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.*

ANNULMENTS

Looking for healing? Closure? If you are divorced, separated, or civilly remarried, consider applying for a declaration of nullity (an "annulment"). The Roman Catholic Diocese of London would like to help you. If you are interested in a Declaration of Nullity or if you simply have questions, please give us a call at 519-439-1553. There is no obligation in calling, and the process is free of charge.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

12 Days ~ April 14-28, 2018

Call Joan Bolt for details 1-800-530-4667 or joanbolt@execulink.com

ST. JOSEPH K OF C BREAKFAST



St. Joseph K of C Council #10436 are holding a breakfast on Sunday, January 14 from 9:00 am until 12:30 pm at the Spirit and Life Centre, 184 Wellington St. W. We are serving an all you can eat buffet with 2 meats, hash browns, scrambled eggs, French toast or pancakes, toast, and fruit cocktail. \$7.00 per plate for adults, \$4.00 for children 6-12 years, children under 6 free.

PUBLIC ROSARY RALLIES FOR PEACE

Public Rosary Rallies for Peace are being planned for the second Sunday of each month to answer to Our Lady's call in Fatima (and in other apparitions) to pray the rosary. On **January 14, 2018** a Rosary Rally will be held at *Our Lady of Victory Church*, 490 St. Clair St., Chatham from 3 pm to 4pm - inside if inclement weather. Locations change each month. Bring your family and friends. Questions? Call Liz 519-360-9594.

6TH ANNUAL MEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

All men and young men are invited to the 6th Annual Men of Faith Conference on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at St. Michael's Church, London. Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, known around the world as the "Dynamic Deacon" is one of the most sought after speakers in the Church today. Join us for fellowship and opportunity to grow in your faith. Sign up on line: www.famfi.ca or see posters on bulletin board for other contact info. Registration starts at 8:00 am. \$30 adults/\$25 students/\$45 at the door. Hot lunch, refreshments and registration kit are included.