



CHATHAM CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES



Main Offices & Hours

Main Offices of Blessed Sacrament and St. Agnes Parish Cluster

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Office Hours

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

Closed each day from 12 - 1pm for lunch



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Office is located at 52 Croydon Street

**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
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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

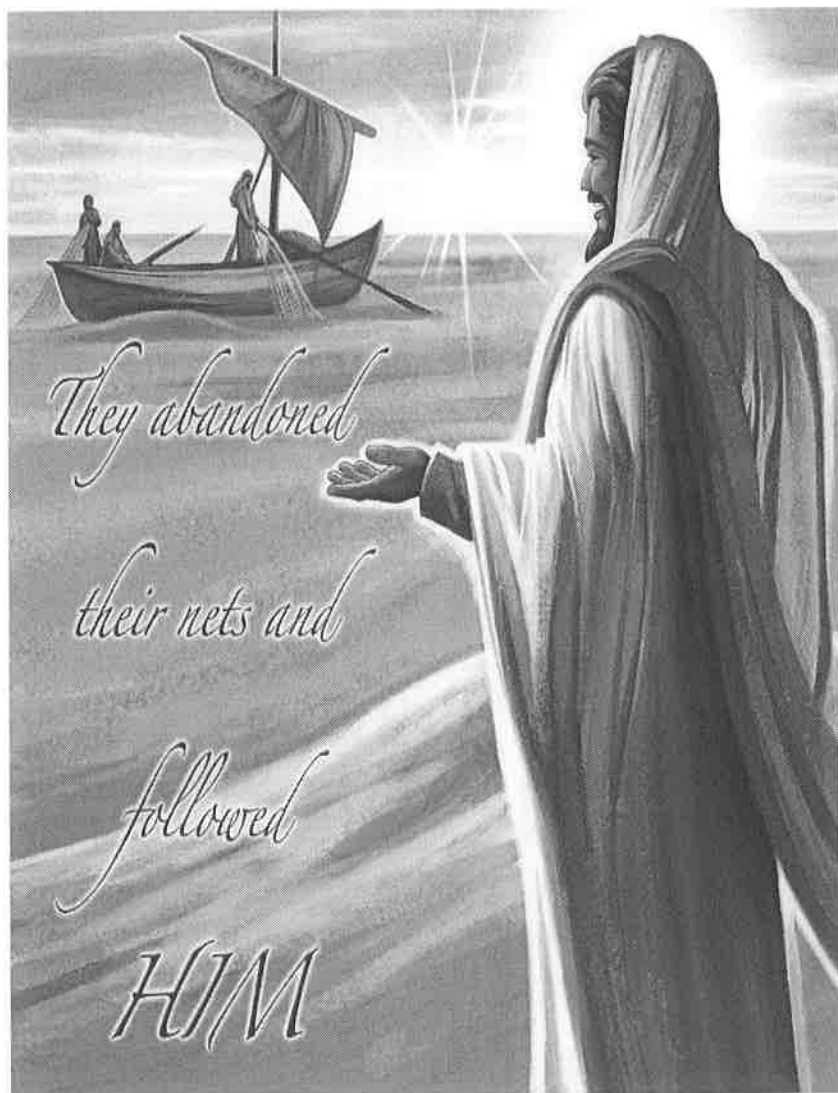
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SUPPORT STAFF

Receptionist ~ Michelle Elgie ~ Ext. 22
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St. Agnes Custodian ~ Andy Willburger
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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



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JANUARY 21, 2018
3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes Website: www.ccfp.dol.ca

St. Agnes Parish

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Fr. Jim



ST. AGNES K OF C SHROVE TUESDAY

St. Agnes K of C will be hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, February 13 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in St. Agnes Hall. The price is \$6.00 each and children 6 and under are free. There are no tickets for this dinner, you pay at the door.

THE PRAYER CHAIN

We are a group that will pray for requests of health, hope, encouragement, a crisis, or any other requests. It can be for yourself or another in need.



There are 5 captains and each of us have a number of people on our lists to call or email when someone is in need. Remember, prayer is hope, trust and belief for a positive outcome or for peace and acceptance in God's other plan.

If you would like to join our group or know of someone in need of prayer please give the office a call and the Prayer Chain will begin.

THRIVE



Our grade 5 & 6 youth group that has taken place once a month at the St. Joseph's Spirit and Life Centre is being revitalized. The new program is called "Thrive" and it will be held at the Spirit and Life Centre (184 Wellington St. W.) every other Thursday night and the next date is Thursday, February 1 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Romans vs. Christians. We also need adult and high school volunteers who would like to commit to joining the Thrive leadership team. Please contact Mike McPherson if you are interested. Registration forms can be found at the back of the church or online.

ST. AGNES SOUP KITCHEN THANKS YOU!



Once again a sincere thank you goes out to the generous parishioners of Family of Parishes. Your donations of hats, scarves, gloves, mittens and even coats were truly appreciated by our patrons at the Christmas dinner on December 14. The care and love you show our community is evident by your help and kindness in assisting others. This just goes to prove that we really are a loving and caring community! Thank you once again and we wish everyone a very happy and blessed New Year.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CWL



Blessed Sacrament CWL has had a couple of changes due to the upcoming Cursillo weekends. The Executive meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb 1 at 6:30 pm. The General meeting will be held on Feb 15. More details to follow on all the exciting things that we'll be doing.



*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, Colette Lavergne

"a time to die...."

Please remember in your prayers all of our deceased relatives and parishioners, especially **Glen Barton, Robert Vanderiviere; Bob Reaume; Frank Brablec** father of Lori (Greg) Gore; Jo-Lynn Gauthier. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.*

BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST



The Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus are hosting a Basketball Free Throw Contest open to all boys and girls ages 9-14 on Sunday, January 28 at St. Vincent School. Registration is at 1:30 pm and the competition will begin at 2:00 pm. Proof of age is required. There will be prizes and treats for everyone. For more information contact Frank Lazzarin at 519-351-3852 or frank.lazzarin@gmail.com.

CURSILLO WEEKENDS 2018

The following are the upcoming Cursillo weekends. Men's Cursillo weekend is January 25-28 and Women's Cursillo weekend is February 8-11, held at Blessed Sacrament in the hall. If you know of someone interested in making a weekend or would like any other information please contact Robert Barnwell at 519-351-3560 or 519-809-6651.

SAY YES MASSES AND COFFEE SUNDAY



Today after the 9:30 am YES Mass at Blessed Sacrament & 11:30 am SAY Mass at St. Agnes all parishioners are welcome to come down to the hall for Coffee Sunday. You will enjoy fellowship, refreshments and some baked goods!

PARISH PHOTO BOOK

If you had your picture taken for the new photo book but have not stopped by the office to get your copy of the book, please stop in and pick one up!

ALL NIGHT REPARATION PRAYER VIGIL

Starts Friday, February 2nd with 9:00pm Holy Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church, continues through the night with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers and songs then ends with 8:00am Holy Mass on Saturday, February 3rd. Come for all or part of the evening.

Gift

*What I am is God's gift to me.
What I become is my gift back to God.*

FLOWERS FOR THE TABERNACLE 2018 BLESSED SACRAMENT & ST. AGNES PARISHES

If you would like to book Flowers on the Tabernacle for either parish please fill out the box below. Place your request and \$20 in an envelope marked "Flowers for the Tabernacle" and drop in the offertory basket or drop off at the office. Here are some dates available: St. Agnes: Apr 15; May 13; June 3,10; July 1,22,29; Aug 5,12,19; Sept 9,16; Oct 7,14,28; Nov 25; Dec 2,16.

Blessed Sacrament: Apr 1,8,15,22; May 27; July 1; Aug 5,12; Sept 2,9; Oct 7,14,21; Nov 4,11,18,25; Dec 2,9,16,30.

Here are the other dates we have for Flowers and Décor in the church -

Easter Flowers ~ April 1

Mother's Day Flowers ~ May 13

Father's Day Flowers ~ June 17

Thanksgiving Flowers ~ October 7

Christmas Flowers ~ December 25

Date requested for 2018 _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

In memory of _____ OR

On the occasion of _____

Blessed Sacrament Church _____

St. Agnes Church _____

\$20 _____

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REPENT AND BELIEVE

Reading I Jonah 3: 1-5,10 (conversion of Nineveh)
Reading II 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (encouragement within a hostile world)

Gospel Mark 1:14-20 (call of the first disciples)
Key Passage Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." (Mark 1:14-15)

Adult What part of your life is Jesus calling you to change right now?

Child In what way do you think you can be a better follower of Jesus?

PALMS

Old palm branches that were blessed on Palm Sunday may be returned to the parish office anytime before Lent. This is so they may be properly disposed of.



WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

January 23-26

All 8:00 am Masses unless otherwise stated

Tuesday, January 23 ~ St. Agnes

Bernadette Peltier ~ Palmira Neto ~ Ron French ~
Teresa Soares (3rd ann)

Wednesday, January 24 ~ Blessed Sacrament

Dr. Aaron Higgins ~ Intentions of Christopher Rupert
~ Ron Warnock

Thursday, January 25 ~ St. Agnes

Gord Biskey ~ Jose Antonio Pisquem ~

Sr. Norita Keenan ~ Victor Ferreira & grandparents

Friday, January 26 ~ Blessed Sacrament

Alma Sherwood ~ Mary Boogaart ~
Intentions of Gillian & Ethan Nelson

READINGS: Jan 28: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20. 1
Corinthians 7: 32-35. Mark 1: 21-28.

REGULAR OFFERTORY

January 14

Blessed Sacrament	\$3,685.00
PAD for January	\$6,715.00
St. Agnes	\$2,784.00
PAD for January	\$6,833.50

SAVE THE DATE

Jan 22	Scripture Study at SA
Jan 23	Gr 8 Confirmation Classes at BS
Jan 24	BS SVdP Mtg at 8:30 am (*date change)
Jan 25	Scripture Study (changed to SA today)
Jan 25-28	Men's Cursillo at BS
Jan 29	Scripture Study at SA
Jan 30	Gr 8 Confirmation Classes
Jan 30 & 31	Please note there will be no 8:00 am Masses at SA & BS
Feb 1	Scripture Study at BS Transition Team Meeting at SA
Feb 2	BS CWL Exec. Meeting *note date change
Feb 5	First Friday Adoration at BS BS CWL Cards Scripture Study at SA
Feb 6	Vocation Committee Mtg at SA 6:30 pm After School Catechesis at SA Gr 8 Confirmation Classes at BS
Feb 7	SA K of C General Meeting
Feb 8	Scripture Study (Note: at SA today)
Feb 8-11	Women's Curillo at BS
Feb 13	Pancake Supper at SA Gr 8 Confirmation Classes at BS
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday SA CWL General Meeting
Feb 15	BS K of C 7:30 pm (MR) BS CWL General Mtg (H) *note date change
Feb 17	SAY Mass practice 10:30 am
Feb 18	SAY YES Masses & Coffee Sunday
Feb 19	Family Day ~ Office Closed BS CWL Cards
Feb 20	Confirmation Retreat at BS 9:00 am After School Catechesis at SA

2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



The Family of Parishes have their 2018 offertory envelopes out. 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 at Blessed Sacrament are placed there to the glory of God by Nerina & Mariano Amisich on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary January 25.



The flowers on the tabernacle today at St. Agnes are placed there to the glory of God by Jerry McDonnell in memory of Anne McDonnell.



THE WEEK OF PRAYER 94TH ANNIVERSARY FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Theme: "Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power" Exodus 15: 6

January 22-26

12 noon - 12:35 pm

Freewill offering each day

Lunch following each noon service

Elevator access

Monday, Jan 22	Deacon Morgan Treacy Family of Parishes
Tuesday, Jan 23	Rev. Merv Lanctot Christ Anglican Church
Wednesday, Jan 24	Mr. Al Baker NeighbourLink
Thursday, Jan 25	Nate Dam & Samantha DeGroot Chatham Christian School
Friday, Jan 26	Rev. Mike Maroney First Presbyterian Church

Together let us make this a joyous celebration to God's Glory & Praise!



DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please keep in your prayers the following diocesan ministers: Rev. John Comiskey; Rev. Mr. Paul Kim; Rev. Paul Nicholson; Deacon Richard Heath; Ms. Nives Davies, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Michael Dwyer; Ursuline Religious of the Chatham Union.

SUNDAY FRIENDS ~ Please have your little ones join us on Sundays, 9:30 am Mass at Blessed Sacrament and 11:30 am Mass at St. Agnes. The children will be asked to come to front of the church and then be led down to the hall. Each week they will learn about the Sunday Gospel in terms for children to understand. All are welcome to join us!



St. Joseph and St. Ursula Parish



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Please visit our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/stjosephstursula

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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
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Permanent Deacons:
Deacon Steve Cartier
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PARISH STAFF

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

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21, 2018

Do you live what you believe?

I've been pondering this question lately as I've dealt with the sudden sickness of a beloved family member. So many questions, fears, and doubts swirl in my mind—but that one stands out.

Our readings today tell the stories of our ancestors in faith who lived clearly what they believed. Jonah, believing God's call to him, set out on the difficult task of converting the town of Ninevah. The people of Ninevah "believed God" through Jonah's words and changed their behavior. They lived into repentance and salvation.

The Gospel describes the first disciples who believed Jesus' declaration that the kingdom of God was at hand. They lived their belief by letting go of their former lives and following him. It was a dramatic change, but their strong belief in Jesus compelled them to live differently.

How are we doing at living what we believe? If we believe all life is a gift from God, do we live each day in gratitude rather than in petty complaining? If we believe Jesus' way of life is our model, do we live in service to others rather than focusing on our own needs and desires? If we believe God is with us always, do we live with trust that when sadness and tragedy befall us, God surrounds us with ongoing comfort and hope?

It's a question that requires a close and sometimes difficult look at our lives. We believe God, and we believe *in* God. How do our lives reflect this?

Do you live what you believe?

Janel Esker/sundaybulletins@liguori.org

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 23

12 noon - St. Joseph Church

+Teresa Soares
+Mary Pear
+Gregory Dodok
+Michelle Clement

Wednesday, January 24

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

+Charles Badura
+James O'Hara
+Mary & Ernie Sherman
+Frances McLean

Thursday, January 25

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

+Maria Doto
+Hilda & Joe Gleason
+Agnes McAlorum
+Irene Wildgen

Friday, January 26

12 noon - St. Joseph Church

+Maria Peltier
+Ann Marie Mac Lennan
+Albina Coslovich
+For conversions within our families

All weekend Mass Intentions are for those of our parish community.



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WELCOME



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New parishioners please fill out a registration form found at the main entrance of both sites. You may also call the office (519-352-8530) or better yet, come by the office so we can meet you and welcome you personally!

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GIFT CARD SALES

January 8 - 14, 2018

St. Joseph

Total Sales: \$ 1,500.00
Estimated Profit: \$ 56.25

St. Ursula

Total Sales: \$ 950.00
Estimated Profit: \$ 35.63

OFFERTORY

January 14, 2018

St. Joseph

Regular Offertory: \$ 3,854.00
Christmas: \$ 15.00
New Years: \$ 120.00
Initial: \$ 159.00
Capital Projects: \$ 2,410.00
Total: \$ 6,558.00

St. Ursula

Regular Offertory: \$ 3,144.00
Christmas: \$ 50.00
New Years: \$ 70.00
Initial: \$ 130.00
New Years: \$ 454.00
Total: \$ 3,848.00

Thank you for your support!



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,
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

Congratulations to

Luc and Mary Beaupré
who celebrate their
40th Wedding Anniversary
on January 21, 2018.



*Above all,
clothe yourselves in love.*

Colossians 3:14

THE WEEK OF PRAYER

We extend an invitation to you
to join us for

THE WEEK OF PRAYER

94th Anniversary

For Christian Unity at
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THEME: "Your Right Hand, O Lord,
Glorious in Power" - Exodus 15: 6

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 - 2:00 P.M.

Concluding inter-denominational
Service

Speaker: Pastor Chris Couper from
Evangel Community Church

GET OUT & SAVE

Don't forget there are still Get Out and Save fundraiser books available in the parish office. Books are packed with 2 for 1 and % off coupons valued at over \$1,000 for use right here in Chatham Kent. Use just one or two coupons and the book pays for itself. Cost is \$20.

OLD PALM BRANCHES



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SACRAMENT OF THE SICK



Christians fall and experience pain as do all people; yet their faith helps them to grasp more deeply the mystery of suffering and to bear their pain with great courage. Jesus showed great compassion for sick people. By His own suffering; however, He showed all of us how our suffering can be a path to personal growth and a means of redemption for others.

Anointing of the Sick is a prayer of healing, not only for our physical healing; but also for spiritual health, and for the strength, peace, and courage to bear the burden of illness. As Catholics, we are asked to see our sufferings as a way of being united with the suffering of Christ.

The Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes will celebrate a Mass for Anointing of the Sick on February 8 at 10 a.m. at St. Ursula Church. You will be administered the Sacrament of the Sick during the Mass. Please join us for the celebration of the Anointing of the Sick to experience the love and compassion of our Lord.

PRAYER CHAIN

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*Jesus said, Come follow me
and I will make you
fishers of people.*

RETRouvaille

Not willing to let go of your marriage? Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope.

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages.

For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend for couples, contact registration team:

Debbie or Darcy at 1-800-705-6356,
1015@retrouvaille.org
or visit the website:
SaveOurMarriage.ca.

Lighthouse Catholic Media Kiosks are available at both St. Joseph and St. Ursula Churches. Consider popping one into your CD player in your car on the way to work.

CHURCH CHUCKLE

Great truths that little children have learned:

1. When your Mom is mad, don't let her brush your hair.
2. If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
3. You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
4. Never ask your 3 year old brother to hold a tomato.
5. Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
6. You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.

UPCOMING EVENTS

What

Fitness - All are welcome!
Sunday Readings Reflection Group

When

Tuesday, January 23
Thursday, January 25

Where

Spirit and Life Centre
Spirit and Life Centre

Time

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

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St. Joseph Harwich Catholic Women's League

2017 Annual Report

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Corresponding Secretary Report

Julia Earley

Cards sent: 12 Masses, 6 Sympathy,
7 Thinking of You, 3 Baby
Congratulations, 3 Birthday, 6 Get
Well, 1 Confirmation, 3 Thank You

*"To trust God in the
light is nothing, but to
trust him in the
dark—that is faith."*

- C.H. Spurgeon

Presidents Message

Mary Clare Latimer

I am so very proud of the Harwich council members and their tireless service and ministry, working together and living out their faith, continuing to be "Inspired by the Spirit, Women Responding to God's Call". In early 2017 members initiated a quilting project which resulted in both new and seasoned stitches, sewed together with love, laughter and friendship, over the winter months, into a comfort quilt, presented to the local hospice in May. We also gathered in the spring of 2017 with our local Lutheran sisters, planting a white rose in St. Joseph's church garden, to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, furthering unity between the two churches and encouraging steps for Christian accord. Our Lutheran sisters were presented with a blue perennial, symbolizing Our Lady, followed by refreshment and fellowship, hosted in collaboration with our sister council, St. Joseph's City. In 2017 members were reminded and encouraged to be mindful of the homeless and less fortunate, donating dollars, warm clothes, toiletries, books and "our time" to assist Chatham Hope Haven (New Beginnings Men's Shelter), the Migrant Worker Ministry, Chatham Right to Life and Refuge, the Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Chatham Outreach for Hunger, the Chatham Goodfellows and parishioners participating in a Uganda based mission. Going forward as members of the Chatham Family of Catholic Parishes, may the women of St. Joseph's Harwich council, continue to be blessed and empowered in their work to establish the League's identity and therefore by extension, revive, renew and call forth "all women", to holiness through service to the people of God.

Recording Secretary Report

Pam Sojczynski

2017 was an eventful year for Harwich Council. With proceeds from fundraisers, such as the March Money Madness draw, the Broasted Chicken Dinner, the Valentine's Bake Sale, and bingos, we were able to provide financial support to a number of causes both within the community and abroad. Apart from financial support, members donated personal hygiene products for the homeless, cake mixes for Meals on Wheels and children's books for Imagination Inc.

Working with the Councils from St. Joseph's (City) and St. Ursula's, our members provided refreshments or assisted with various parish activities throughout the year, including the World Day of the Sick; St. Joseph's Garage and Penny Sales; the First Communion Retreat; receptions for the Confirmation program and the Fullness of Purpose mission; Father Matt's 50th birthday and farewell party; the Harvestfest Dinner; Thanksgiving Soup Social and the Memorial Mass.

Our Council also participated in the 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care, the 197th Annual Diocesan Convention, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit Regional Meeting, and the Parish Leadership Team meeting.

We rounded out the year by updating our Council's Policy and Procedures Manual and shared glad tidings and Christmas cheer with members from all five sister council's, at the Annual Chatham Family of Catholic Parishes CWL Christmas Party.

All in all a very busy and productive year.

Treasurers Report

Henny Casi

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Balance @ January 1, 2017 \$ 6,566.11

Receipts:

Memberships	\$ 1,975.00
Bake Sales	904.50
Garage Sale	1,196.30
Interest	3.23
Reimbursement cost of printing	325.94
Pamphlets/Prayer Cards	
Funerals	4,909.00
Broasted Chicken Dinner	5,281.00
Bingo Charity Night	20.00
BBQ	1,210.00
Door Prizes	377.00
Sudan Raffle	382.50
Donation— Crawford McNeil's prize money	600.00
Angela's Pocket—Meeting Collection	15.00
Christmas Dinner	190.00
	<u>17,389.47</u>
	23,955.58

Disbursements

Reimburse Fundraising	100.00
Guest Speaker Gifts	75.00
Cost of Printing Pamphlets	824.67
National Dues	540.00
Funerals	3,096.45
Convention	954.67
Madonna Missions Bus	100.00
Banquet Tickets	30.00
Supplies	125.00
Cheque Order	67.85
Christmas Gifts	200.00
Christmas Party Hay Ride	50.00
Crucifixes	253.50
Advent Tea	47.04
Hospitality	370.00
Third of Share of Coffee Machine	395.18
Broasted Chicken Dinner	3,925.68
Right to Life Membership/Donation	300.00
BBQ	1,074.42
Lutheran Celebration	42.92
Regional Meeting & Soap Donation	89.63
Regional Dues	50.00
CWL Convention Fund	100.00
Farewell Gifts	550.00
CK Cyber Pack	150.00
Sudan	500.00
Patty Arsenault—Uganda	250.00
Rohnygy Refugee Crisis	500.00
Angela's Pocket	115.00
Six League Lingos	32.00
City CWL Christmas Dinner	380.00
Development & Peace 1% Plan	145.00
Stratford Rotary Aqua Box	200.00
Spirit & Life Centre	2,000.00
	<u>17,634.01</u>

Balance per Books 6,321.57
 Outstanding cheques 147.04
 Balance per Bank December 31, 2017 \$ 6,468.61

OLG FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT

Balance @ January 1, 2017 \$ 3,607.28

Receipts:

Bingos	\$8,614.54	8,614.54
		<u>12,221.82</u>

Disbursements:

Chatham-Kent Hospice	350.00
Community Living	100.00
Racing Against Drugs	100.00
Save A Family Plan	240.00
St. Peter's Seminary	100.00
Camp Trillium	100.00
St. Ursula School	70.00
St. Joseph School	20.00
Outreach for Hunger	750.00
Spirit & Life Centre	2,000.00
St. Ursula Children's Camp	200.00
Parish Picnic	300.00
Goodfellows	200.00
Kent COR	200.00
Salvation Army	200.00
St. Vincent de Paul	200.00
Service Charge	13.30
	<u>5,143.30</u>

Balance per Books \$ 7,078.52

Outstanding cheques \$ 200.00

Balance per Bank December 31, 2017 \$ 7,278.52

LOTTERY ACCOUNT

Balance @ January 1, 2017 \$ 528.45

Receipts:

Lottery Ticket Sales	\$ 2,181.00	2,181.00
		<u>2,709.45</u>

Disbursements

License Fee	30.00
Ticket Printing Costs	135.60
Prizes	1,000.00
Spirit & Life Centre	1,000.00
	<u>2,165.60</u>

Balance per Bank December 31, 2017 \$ 543.85

In 2017, our members volunteered over

1,671

hours to various initiatives in our community.

Membership Report

Janet Doyl

There were 81 members in our council for 2017.

Deceased members: Bernice Houle, Martha Kovar, & Helayne Rivard

Service Pins:

10 Year— Barb Smids, Stephanie McCaffrey-Lachine
 25 year— Roseanne Brophy, Barb Barnes, Colleen Gillett,
 Martha Gillier, Rita Greco-Mardling
 40 Year— Leona Matteis
 60 Year— Winnifred Gillier

One Heart, One Voice, One Mission—"One heart - filled with mercy, compassion and holiness; One voice -united in harmony to speak the truth with courage and zeal; One mission -witnessing to the Good News of the gospel through personal encounter and joyful service." - Barbara Dowding, Past National President