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8:30 am-12 noon - 1:00-4:30 pm

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### SUNDAY MASSES

#### Blessed Sacrament Parish

Saturday 5:00 pm & Sunday 9:00 am

#### St. Agnes Parish

Sunday 11:00 am

#### St. Joseph Parish

Sunday 8:00 am and 12 noon

#### St. Ursula Parish

Sunday at 10:00 am

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 pm

at St. Ursula

Wednesday 8:00 am

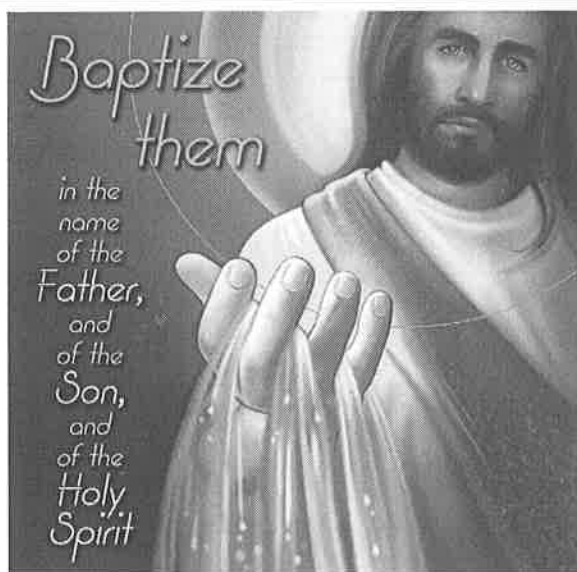
at St. Agnes

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

12 noon at St. Joseph

Friday 8:00 am

at Blessed Sacrament



And remember  
I am with you  
always,  
to the end  
of the age.

Matthew 28: 20

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### Readings for June 3

Exodus 24: 3-8. Hebrews 9: 11-15.

Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26.

MAY 27, 2018

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



I am writing this note the morning after our Volunteer Appreciation Evening. What an evening with over three hundred of our volunteers from the Family of Parishes showing up and enjoying a fun evening. It was truly an event that the parish volunteers were served and feted. The Parish Team and Staff worked hard at making sure that all was ready when the first guests arrived. The common comment that I heard was that it was a lovely evening and it was a chance to meet new people and renew old acquaintances. Perhaps that this is the kind of thing we need to do more often.

Today is Trinity Sunday and often is a very difficult Sunday to prepare a homily for because of the fact that we are celebrating a central mystery of our faith and how does one start to explain a mystery. My hope is that all of us are blessed today in this feast and we proclaim our belief in the relationship that gives us meaning and purpose and life - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Father Don leaves for his Retreat today and will be away at Nottawasage Resort in Alliston until Friday evening. I ask that you join me in prayer that Fr. Don will be blessed with a good retreat and that he will have a chance to rest. Our two Bishops will be on the Retreat with the priests again this week. Their presence when I was on Retreat was inspiring. Say a special prayer each day for Fr. Don and all the priests on Retreat this week.

A number of parishioners have asked me who is singing with me at the Bishop's Dinner on June 13. Joining me are Frs. Dwayne Adam from River Carnard, David Butler from Stratford, John Comiskey from London, Rob Rocheleau from Windsor and Eugene Roy from Tecumseh. Our last rehearsal will be on Monday, June 4, in London and then we are on stage. I apologize to the CWL ladies for missing their BBQ on June 4 but the show must go on.



#### UPDATE ON THE SPIRIT AND LIFE CENTRE

The first part of May \$308,857.07 was sent from St. Joseph Capital Projects account to the Diocesan Loan Fund. This figure is the balance of the money set aside for the Spirit and Life Centre. The purpose of this is to make a greater amount of interest than what we were getting at the bank. Earlier this year the much needed replacement of windows was completed at a cost of \$67,173.88 (which was split between St. Joseph and St. Ursula).

#### THANK YOU

Thank you to the Our Lady of the Graces Committee for their generous donation of \$1,000.00. A wonderful celebration of the Festa Della Madonna took place at St. Ursula Church on Sunday, April 29.

Thank you to the Portuguese Community for their generous donation of \$316.00 from the beautiful Mother's Day celebration on Sunday, May 13.

#### PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT (PAD)

Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes have a new PAD agreement that includes Sunday Offertory (weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually and annually), Special Collections (New Years, Share Lent, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, St. Peter's Seminary, Priest Pension Fund, Thanksgiving Appeal, Mission Sunday and Christmas) as well as monthly or annual donations to St. Vincent de Paul and Capital Projects.

Your PAD donations will be given to the Parish of your choice. You may access this form on our website: [www.ccfp.ca](http://www.ccfp.ca) - About - Donate - Direct Deposit Forms or contact either Lynda Cadotte or Mardie Lessard at the office. PAD forms are also available at each church. For those who currently use PAD and would like to make changes, please fill in a new form and attach a VOID cheque and return to the parish office. We are thankful to our parishioners who share so generously of their time, talents and treasures.



*To Everything there is a Season.....  
"a time to be healed".....*

Please pray for the sick of our parish family

Gordon (Jim) Baillargeon, Larry De Smit,  
Lisa-Rae Desnoyers, Olivia Formosa,  
Andrew Gaiswinkler, Maurice Laevens,  
Colette Lavergne, Jerome Lozon,  
Frances Magee, Luigi Magliaro, Karl Smith,  
Genesio Matteis, Ralph Mays,  
Paul McLaughlin, Bernard Myers,  
Gerald Myers, Marion Myers, Patrick Myers,  
Rose O'Mara, Jeanette Pake, Carlo Rota,  
Deb St. Pierre, Genny Wrotkowska  
and Lauren Dixon.



*God, grant them your peace.*

*"a time to die...."*

Please remember in your prayers all of our deceased relatives and parishioners, especially Margaret Bondy and Maria Valente DaCosta.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.*



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

### St. Joseph City CWL General Meeting

June 5, 2018 from 1 - 3 p.m. at  
the Spirit and Life Centre

Penny Liddy will be the guest speaker at the beginning of the meeting. Madison Vickery, who is on the Amazon Warriors Robotics team and her Mom, Amy Vickery, a parent mentor will bring their robot in for a demonstration. Madison's all female team recently placed 14<sup>th</sup> in the world at the World Robotics Championships.

### Right to Life May Baby Shower



For the month of May we will have a playpen or basket set up at all parish sites to fill with newborn items for our "Right to Life" baby shower. We accept any newborn to 12 month items, they may be new or almost new items, we also accept baby oil, bottles, diapers, gift cards, etc.

### RIGHT TO LIFE KENT

Right to Life Kent's annual general meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12 at 7:00 pm at Refuge located at 39 Grand Avenue West in Chatham. All are welcome to attend.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



### St. Agnes K of C Annual Garage Sale



noon.

The Knights of Columbus, St. Agnes Council will be holding their annual Garage Sale at St. Agnes Church hall on Saturday, June 16 from 8:00 am until

We are seeking gently used items which can be dropped off on Friday, June 15 at the church hall between 1:00 and 7:00 pm. We would like to thank everyone for the continue support.

### Seminarian Fundraiser



Wow! The recent Seminarian Fundraiser a great success. The Mass was a spiritual experience with Fr. Patrick Beneteau as celebrant and four concelebrating priests. Also joining the celebration was a group of Seminarians from St. Peter's Seminary.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League who did such a wonderful job in making this event so successful. Special thank you to Dean and Barb's No Frills, Da Silva Bakery and Giant Tiger for their generosity. Funds raised will help support our future priests.

Thank you to everyone who attended. God Bless you all. David Bondy - Chairman of the event

### UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 29	Vocations Team Meeting	6:30 pm	BS Meeting Room
May 29	Fitness	6:30 pm	Spirit and Life Centre
May 30	BS St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	8:30 am	SA Hall
May 30	Women's Study Group	1:00 pm	BS Meeting Room
May 30	RCIA	6:00 pm	BS Meeting Room
May 30	Transition Team Meeting	6:30 pm	BS in SKR
May 31	SA St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	6:30 pm	SA Hall
May 31	Sunday Reading Reflection Group	7:00 pm	Spirit and Life Centre

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<p><b>St. Joseph Knights of Columbus</b> Talk to one of our members to join or contact Roger LeClair at 519-437-1540.</p> <p>The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Organization founded on the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.</p> 	<p><b>LEEDS CABINETS LTD.</b> CUSTOM FITTINGS "The 'We' Closet"</p> <p>Fred Deryck Parishioner 519-352-1788 7 McGregor Place leeds Cabinets.com</p> 	<p><b>McKinlay Funeral Homes Ltd.</b></p> <p>459 St. Clair Street Chatham 519-351-2040 www.mckinlayfuneralhome.com</p>  
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### FLOWERS ON THE TABERNACLE

The flowers on the tabernacle today at Blessed Sacrament Church are placed there to the glory of God by Franco & Carol Anne Lazzarin in memory of Melvina Lazzarin.



The flowers on the tabernacle today at St. Agnes Church are placed there to the glory of God by Maria N. Rolo in memory of deceased family members.

### DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please keep in your prayers the following diocesan ministers: Mrs. Shirley Markham, Parish Nurse; Candidates for the Permanent Diaconate; Deacon Christopher Stoesser; Rev. Michael Prieur; Rev. Rene Giroux; Deacon David Robertson; Rev. John Van Damme.



### TINA PUMPHREY ALBUM RELEASE

Tina Pumphrey's second album of faith-based music, "That Day", will be released at a concert on Friday, June 16, 7:00 p.m. at the Mary Webb Centre in Highgate. Tickets are \$15, available at both parish offices, [www.tinapumphrey.com](http://www.tinapumphrey.com) or 519-692-9962.



### CONGRATULATIONS

Fr. Frank Leslie is celebrating his 50th year of ordination on May 25.

### BAPTISMS

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

### MARRIAGE

One year notice & preparation course is required

### CONFIRMATION

November 24/25, 2018 at all parishes

### RECONCILIATION

Wednesday ~ 7:30 - 7:55 a.m. ~ St. Agnes  
Thursday ~ 6 - 6:45 p.m. ~ St. Ursula  
Friday ~ 11 - 11:45 a.m. ~ St. Joseph  
Saturday ~ 11 a.m. - 12 noon ~ Blessed Sacrament

### ADORATION

St. Ursula ~ Third Tuesday of the month  
9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Blessed Sacrament ~ First Friday of the month  
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes Mass Intentions Week of May 29 - June 1

**Tuesday, May 29 ~ 12:00 noon ~ St. Joseph**  
~ John Van Den Enden ~ Patrick Masterson  
~ Martha Kovar  
~ Intentions of Sisters of the Precious Blood

**Tuesday, May 29 ~ 7:00 pm ~ St. Ursula**  
~ Pasquale Mastromarino  
~ Ernesto Meriano & Celeste Follo  
~ Audrey Ellis ~ Fr. Dennis Wilhelm

**Wednesday, May 30 ~ 8:00 am ~ St. Agnes**  
~ Giorgio Cerboni ~ Palmira Neto  
~ Rosa & Amedeo Colaizzi ~ Victor Ferreira

**Wednesday, May 30 ~ 12:00 noon ~ St. Joseph**  
~ Ken Brown  
~ Intentions of those  
affected by the tragedy in Toronto  
~ Martin & Angela Van Raay ~ Laurie Johnson

**Thursday, May 31 ~ 12:00 noon ~ St. Joseph**  
~ Intentions of the hockey team  
& families of Humboldt  
~ Leo Soudant ~ Intentions of Pat Baro  
~ Intentions of Loebel & Aben families

**Thursday, May 31 ~ 7:00 pm ~ St. Ursula**  
~ Anita Carpanzano ~ Alfio Calabrese  
~ Brenda Matteis ~ Charles Badura

**Friday, June 1 ~ 8:00 am ~ Blessed Sacrament**  
~ Diamond Jubilaris & 75th Jubilaris  
of Sisters of St. Joseph  
~ Marie Tole ~ Mary Jane Ripley ~ Theo Burm

**Friday, June 1 ~ 12:00 noon ~ St. Joseph**  
~ Mary Pear ~ Theresa & Paul Funkenhauser  
~ John Van Den Enden ~ Irene Van Bommel

### CHURCH CHUCKLE

One time last year, my six-year-old great-granddaughter, Annabelle, looked up at her great uncle, who was holding a camera with a big lens. Confused, she inquired, "How come you have such a big telephone?"



**BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH - CHATHAM**  
2017 Finance Report

	2017 Actuals	2016 Actuals	2018 Budget
Total Receipts	456,307.78	446,729.45	441,908.00
Total Expenditures	457,647.92	423,364.07	467,565.00
Surplus/Deficit	- 1,340.14	23,365.38	-25,657.00

Loan Fund Payable 49,443.29

Average # Envelopes 170

Average # PAD's 85

Registered Parishioners 1,125

Sacramental Stats

Baptisms	26
Confirmations	42
First Communion	37
First Reconciliation	84
Marriages	7
Funerals	22



**ST. JOSEPH PARISH - CHATHAM**  
2017 Finance Report

	2017 Actuals	2016 Actuals	2018 Budget
Total Receipts	585,671.99	638,583.08	585,680.00
Total Expenditures	478,983.71	519,796.57	489,970.00
Surplus/Deficit	106,688.28	118,786.51	95710.00

Loan Fund on Deposit 151,051.52 148,075.21

Average # Envelopes 197

Average # PAD's 50

Registered Parishioners 1,173

Sacramental Stats

Baptisms	41
Confirmations	74
First Communion	25
First Reconciliation	60
Marriages	9
Funerals	24



**ST. AGNES PARISH - CHATHAM**  
2017 Finance Report

	2017 Actuals	2016 Actuals	2018 Budget
Total Receipts	352,429.29	370,066.78	354,274.00
Total Expenditures	367,928.46	337,710.63	394,764.00
Surplus/Deficit	-15,499.17	32,356.15	-40,490.00

Loan Fund on Deposit 201,739.43

Average # Envelopes 148

Average # PAD's 57

Registered Parishioners 878

Sacramental Stats

Baptisms	21
Confirmations	25
First Communion	46
First Reconciliation	0
Marriages	3
Funerals	21



**ST. URSULA PARISH - CHATHAM**  
2017 Finance Report

	2017 Actuals	2016 Actuals	2018 Budget
Total Receipts	484,234.47	523,339.65	484,238.00
Total Expenditures	437,938.34	481,275.90	453,513.00
Surplus/Deficit	46,296.13	42,063.75	30,725.00

Loan Fund on Deposit 267,270.75 227,086.12

Average # Envelopes 176

Average # PAD's 39

Registered Parishioners 970

Sacramental Stats

Baptisms	26
Confirmations	9
First Communion	25
First Reconciliation	63
Marriages	3
Funerals	20





Below is a special message from Fr. Peter Poel. He was Associate Pastor at St. Ursula Church.

Dear Friends in the Diocese of London:



As many of you will have seen in the Diocesan Pastoral Appointments and Changes, I am going to enter novitiate with the Capuchins.

Some will be familiar with the Capuchins, who are a branch of the Franciscan "family tree". They live a shared life of prayer and fraternity. They work in a variety of ministries, which include parish ministry and outreach ministries to the sick, the poor and the marginalized. In our diocese, they are located in Blenheim and London.

Since November, I have been blessed to have been welcomed into their home in London, near Sherwood Forest Mall, for a time of "lived discernment" as I considered joining their community. The whole process of discernment really began about a year ago, although I have felt drawn to the Franciscan way of life for quite a while. Still, I was surprised to be experiencing this calling within my call to the priesthood.

I have decided, with Bishop Fabbro's gracious permission, to enter into the Capuchin Novitiate - a year of formation in the spirituality and way of life of the community. At the end of that year, if I decide to continue with the Capuchins (and they'll have me!), I will make First Profession. Final Profession would take place two or three years later. Novitiate takes place near Santa Ynez, in Central California (which isn't too hard to take!). I will be leaving to go there by the middle of July. When I return, I will meet with the Provincial Minister of the Capuchins to discuss a suitable placement. He will assign me to one of the three areas where the Capuchins of Central Canada are established: London, Toronto or Winnipeg.

So this is a big change and one which I am simultaneously excited and somewhat anxious about. I will certainly miss the wonderful relationships and constant support which I have experienced in this diocese. Thank you all!

In the meantime, I will be continuing my Diocesan ministries until the end of June.

Please keep me in your prayers.

Peace,  
Fr. Peter Poel

**FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS**  
**BLESSED SACRAMENT (Flowers for Garden) AND**  
**ST. AGNES PARISH (Flowers for the church)**

Please turn into the office the form below, with your \$20 by Tuesday, June 12

Father's Day \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ or

On the occasion of: \_\_\_\_\_

Blessed Sacrament Church Gardens \_\_\_\_\_

St. Agnes Church flowers of the church \_\_\_\_\_

\$20 included \_\_\_\_\_

**HEARTS ABLAZE RETREATS**

A weekend Retreat for young women between the ages of 11 - 15 is being held by the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate. Come for a weekend of fun, fellowship and Adoration and more! June 15-17 in Barry's Bay and June 22 - 24 in Cambridge.

For more information, please contact the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate at:

[solisisters.ca/youthretreats.html](http://solisisters.ca/youthretreats.html)  
or [retreats@solisisters.ca](mailto:retreats@solisisters.ca).

**13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FR. RICHARD'S MADONNA MISSION**

Indian Dinner

Friday, June 29 in Alvinston

Delicious Indian cuisine, fellowship and fun auction. Free bus sponsored by the two Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph Harwich CWL. Tickets are \$30 each and are also available at both our Family of Parishes offices as well as at St. Mary Blenheim.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**  
**AND SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

Blessed Sacrament Church

Friday, June 1

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

In our noisy and busy world there is a great need to experience peace and discover the love that Jesus has for us personally. You are invited to spend some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament this coming Friday. He will be waiting for you. At 3:30 pm we will have Benediction.





## R.C.I.A. ADAPTED FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

The Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes (Blessed Sacrament, St. Agnes, St. Joseph, St. Ursula) invites any families of school-aged children (age 7-17) who have not received the Sacraments of Initiation but are interested in pursuing the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation to contact the parish. The pastoral staff are more than happy to help you and your child(ren) enter into a time of discernment and preparation if you want them to become a part of the Catholic faith community.

This journey of faith formation is called the Rite of Christian Initiation Adapted for Children (grades 2-6) and Teens (grades 7-12). These are parish-based programs which require children to attend classes. Various lessons on the teachings of the Catholic faith are presented to help your child journey in faith.

This faith journey is for:

- Children entering into grades 2-6 in September who have not been baptized
- Teens entering into grade 7-12 in September who have not been baptized
- Children or teens who have been baptized in another Christian denomination other than Roman Catholic

Each family's spiritual needs are individual and unique. Therefore care will be taken to assess and find out what your family's distinct needs may be for your child. As parents, you are the first and most crucial model of faith to your child. We, as a faith community, hope to be a partner with you in helping your child grow spiritually.

If you are interested in pursuing the RCIA Adapted for Children or Teens, please contact one of the parish offices (St. Agnes 519-352-9483 or St. Ursula 519-352-8530) as soon as possible so that we, as a pastoral staff, are able to prepare for the fall session.



## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION REGISTRATION

The Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes of Blessed Sacrament, St. Agnes, St. Joseph and St. Ursula will be holding parent information and registration sessions for families who wish to prepare for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

These information sessions are for:

- students entering grade 2 in September 2018 who are baptized in the Roman Catholic Faith and who wish to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion**
- students entering grade 8 in September 2018 who are baptized in the Roman Catholic Faith and who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation**
- students entering grade 2 or 8 in September 2018 who are baptized and attend a public school or Ecole Ste. Marie or Ecole Ste. Catherine and want to receive their Sacraments at one of the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes (Please choose one of the sessions below)**

The Parent Information and Registration Sessions for students entering grade 2 and grade 8 will be held in your child's individual schools on the following dates:

St. Vincent School	Mon., June 4th	6:00-6:40 p.m.
Monsignor Uyen	Tues., June 5th	6:00-6:40 p.m.
St. Agnes School	Wed., June 6th	6:00-6:40 p.m.
St. Joseph School	Thurs., June 7th	6:00-6:40 p.m.
Georges P. Vanier	Mon., June 11th	6:00-6:40 p.m.
Our Lady of Fatima	Wed., June 13th	6:00-6:40 p.m.
St. Ursula School	Thurs., June 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:00-6:40 p.m.

If you cannot attend your child's school on that particular day, please come to one of the other sessions. During this information session pastoral staff will give a basic outline of the requirements for sacramental preparation and accept your registration form for your child.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the registration process, please contact the Parish Office at St. Agnes (352-9483) or St. Ursula (352-8530) and a pastoral staff member will be happy to help you.