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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



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Readings for August 19

Proverbs 9: 1-6. Ephesians 5: 15-20. John 6: 51-58

AUGUST 12, 2018

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



August 12th already and looking ahead it will soon be time to get back into normal routines and don't say it - school. It has been an interesting week. I had a meeting in London with the Catholic Family of Parishes of Norfolk. Rodger Luxton, our new Business Manager, accompanied me and we met with Fr. Al Dufraimont, the Pastor, Fr. Lucio Couto, the Associate Pastor and Deb Drinkwater, their Business Manager. They are our sister Pioneer Family. We met to discuss the ups and downs of forming a Family of Parishes and realized that we were very similar in our successes and our inadequacies in the process. We have met with our Bishops several times but we decided that it would be beneficial if we discussed among ourselves what is happening. The parishes that form the Family in Norfolk are: Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs in Delhi, St. Casimir in Delhi, St. Cecilia in Port Dover, St. Mary in Simcoe, St. Bernard of Clairvaux in Waterford. The difference existing between us is that they are a rural family of parishes and we are urban. We will be meeting in September with our Bishops as they prepare to name the next group of Families of Parishes.

After making an appearance at the Harwich CWL Broasted Chicken Dinner this afternoon I will be heading off to Grand Bend for a gathering of the Vocati - the group of priests who sang at the Bishop's Dinner in London and will prepare to sing for the Bishop's Dinner in Windsor. It will be good to be together and plot out the music that we will sing in Windsor.

This Wednesday is the Feast of the Assumption. Bishop Fabbro will be celebrating Mass at the Shrine in Merlin and all of us are invited to join in the celebration. Mass is at 11 am. I will be celebrating Mass at the Shrine on August 21st at 11 am. It would be great if you could consider attending this Mass with me at the Shrine.

Father Don is on "staycation" for another week. He is saying daily Mass but he is not around for appointments or for meetings. He has plans to occupy himself including some home renovations. Enjoy the week.



ANNIVERSARY



Congratulations to Mike and Ann Murphy who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary August 12.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Wishing Paula Vannieuwenhuyze a very happy birthday. She turned 90 on August 5.

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Registration for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes is open to children who are baptized and who are entering grade two in Fall 2018. Registration forms can be obtained from the parish website (www.ccfp.dol.ca) or the parish offices at St. Agnes or St. Ursula. Please return completed registrations to one of the parish offices as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Ali Chinnick at achinnick@dol.ca or call 519-352-9483.

*The deeds you do may be the only sermon
people will hear today.*

St. Francis of Assisi



*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, Jerome Lozon,
Genesio Matteis, Ralph Mays,
Rachel McCord, Paul McLaughlin,
Bernard Myers, Gerald Myers,
Marion Myers, Patrick Myers, Harris Oickle,
Jeanette Pake, Carlo Rota, Karl Smith,
Verna Southgate, and Genny Wrotkowska.



God, grant them your peace.

"a time to die..."

Please remember in your prayers all our deceased relatives and parishioners, especially Pauline Carley and William White.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

Weekday readings:

Aug 13 Ezekiel 1: 2-5,24-28c. Matthew 17: 22-27
Aug 14 Ezekiel 2:8-3:4. Matthew 18: 1-5,10,12-14
Aug 15 Rev 11: 19a-12:1-6a,10ab. Luke 1: 39-56
Aug 16 Ezekiel 12: 1-16. Matthew 18: 21-35---19:1
Aug 17 Ezekiel 16: 1-15, 60,63. Matthew 19: 3-12
Aug 18 Ezekiel 18: 1-10,13b,3-32. Matthew 19: 13-15

FLOWERS ON THE TABERNACLE

The flowers on the tabernacle today at Blessed Sacrament Church are placed there to the glory of God by Sheila M. Dejaegher in memory of Marshall Dejaegher (4th anniversary).



The flowers on the tabernacle today at St. Agnes Church are placed there to the glory of God by Gerry Dozois in memory of my wife Bernice Dozois.

ROSARY RALLIES

The monthly Rosary Rallies are scheduled outside, in front of the churches on Sundays at 3:00 pm as follows: August 12 at St. Agnes Church and September 9 at St. Joseph Church. Let us join together, praying for peace in our families and in our country, making reparation for our sins. Bring the family and friends. Questions? Call Liz at 519-360-9594.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES - ST. AGNES AND BLESSED SACRAMENT

The new schedules for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors have been emailed. If you do not have email, there are copies in the Sign-In Room for St. Agnes and on the Hospitality Desk for Blessed Sacrament.

E-BULLETIN

Are you interested in receiving the bulletin by email. If so, contact Maureen at the parish office at 519-352-8530 or by email stursula@dol.ca, or Michelle at the parish office at 519-352-9483 or by email at melgie@dol.ca.

CHURCH CHUCKLE



A priest was talking to people after mass, when he said, "I spend a lot of time these days thinking about the hereafter. I go into a room, or upstairs, and wonder, what am I here after?"

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please keep in your prayers the following diocesan ministers: Deacon Alex Litt; Mrs. Catherinanne George, Campus Minister; Mrs. Stephanie McGuire, Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Parish Secretaries of the Diocese of London; Rev. William Capitano; Mr. Gerard Leroux, Pastoral Minister/Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Rev. Richard (Dick) Cartier.

MERLIN WALKING PILGRIMAGE

Bishop Fabbro and Bishop Dabrowski invite the faithful to celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Diocesan Shrine of Our lady of the Rosary in Merlin on Wednesday, August 15, 2018. Bishop Fabbro will celebrate Mass at 11 am, followed by lunch. Prior to Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered. After lunch, a Rosary Procession will take place, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:15 pm.

The faithful can also join a walking pilgrimage to the Shrine. For more details contact either parish office.

BLESSED SACRAMENT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TURKEY DINNER

Sunday, September 30

Mark your calendar now for our upcoming Fall Turkey Dinner set to be held on Sunday, September 30, at the Spirit and Life Centre, 184 Wellington Street West. Tickets are \$15 each. Tickets are available starting Monday at both of the Family of Parishes offices or by calling Jim Earley at 519-354-1778. The funds raised from this dinner will enable the St. Vincent de Paul to help more people.



Jesus, help me to simplify my life by learning what you want me to be, and becoming that person.

St. Therese Lisieux

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**Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes
Mass Intentions
Week of August 14-17**

Tuesday, August 14 ~ 12:00 noon ~ St. Joseph
~ Millie Faraci ~ Intentions of Diane Teetzel
~ Harry Deryck

Tuesday, August 14 ~ 7:00 pm ~ St. Ursula
~ Clelia DeAngelis ~ Frank Brablec ~ Mario Corso

Wednesday, August 15 ~ 8:00 am ~ St. Agnes
~ Dianna Baert ~ Marcello Lucente & Lauren LeDonne
~ Rosa & Amedeo Colaizzi
~ Victor Ferreira & grandparents

Wednesday, August 15 ~ 12:00 noon ~ St. Joseph
~ In thanksgiving for God's blessings
~ Joseph Trung & Anna Hieu
~ In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 16 ~ 12:00 noon ~ St. Joseph
~ Intentions of Cathy & Steve Bottrill
~ In honour of St. Anthony ~ Rosemary Zimmer

Thursday, August 16 ~ 7:00 pm ~ St. Ursula
~ Robert Vanderiviere ~ Evelyn Marie & Terry Jubenville
~ Sr. Mary Catherine Horne

Friday, August 17 ~ 8:00 am ~ Blessed Sacrament
~ Craig & Mary Shaw ~ Eelco Van Minnen
~ Francine Ryken ~ Luc King
~ Mary Jane Ripley ~ Nellie Cadotte

Friday, August 17 ~ 12:00 noon ~ St. Joseph
~ Michael O'Hara ~ Mary Pear
~ Victoria Martins

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

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Sacrament of the Sick will take place (July, August & September) on First Fridays during 8:00 am Mass at Blessed Sacrament and on the Third Tuesday of the month during 7:00 pm Mass at St. Ursula.

REFLECTION

STRENGTHENED BY THE BREAD OF LIFE

Today we resume the "Bread of Life" discourse from John's Gospel that began two weeks ago. He makes reference to the Jews' ancestors who ate manna in the desert. These days we would think primarily of Israel wandering in the desert, but faithful Jews would also have known the story of Elijah that we hear today. Strengthened by food and drink in the desert, the angel of the Lord sends him on his forty-day and forty-night journey (the biblical number for a preparation time). Like the food given to Elijah in the desert, Jesus tells his listeners that he is bread for the life of the world. It is very important that we not stop listening to Jesus after his promise of eternal life—a marvelous promise, but this "reward" is not the only reason we feast on the Bread of Life. We also come to the table to be made strong for the journey of mission, that the whole world might have life in the fullness of Christ. We are compelled, if we have eaten of the bread of life, to go forth in service to all.

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GRIEFSHARE

If you need help and encouragement after the death of a family member or friend, please consider attending GriefShare. GriefShare is a support group that meets weekly for thirteen weeks. It is nondenominational and features Biblical concepts for healing from and coping with loss. The next begins **Thursday, September 13, 2018** at Gregory Drive Alliance Church from **6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**. For more information, please visit www.griefshare.org, or send an email to office@gregorydrive.com, or call the church office at 519-352-4580.

INTERNATIONAL PLOWING MATCH DISPLAY



In support of the IPM (International Ploughing Match) the parish of Blessed Sacrament is proud to be participating in the display competition. The scene in the front gardens depicts "The Angelus", also titled "Prayer over the Harvest", a famous painting by J.F. Millet. At one time it was common to see baskets distributed throughout the fields for the harvest in our farming community. The 2018 IPM theme is "We Feed the World". We thank you Lord for all the blessings found throughout Chatham Kent.

WELCOME!



It is with great joy that we welcome visitors and new parishioners to our parish family! New parishioners please fill out a registration form found at the main entrance of all sites. You may also call the offices (519-352-8530) or (519-352-9483) or better yet, come by either of the offices so we can meet you and welcome you personally!

Remember to welcome strangers in your homes

Hebrews 13: 2

WHEN THEY'RE TOO YOUNG TO UNDERSTAND IT, WHY BOTHER BRINGING KIDS TO MASS?



Asking what they can get out of it is the wrong question entirely.

Mass is boring for my toddler — less so when he's being bad, but it's extremely boring when he's being good and staying fairly still. It was boring for me too at that age. I have early memories of trying to entertain myself by getting lost in the wood grain of the pew in front of me. I don't think I could even see the altar, much less understand what was going on.

I think a lot of parents don't want to subject their child to a weekly hour of something he can't possibly understand, and they wonder why a little child — especially a loud, distracting one — should even come along to Mass. What could he possibly be getting out of it?

This question only makes sense if the Mass is essentially just a classroom, a place we go to learn about our faith. And yes, the Mass absolutely teaches us about our faith. It will be nourishing our understanding our whole lives, and its symbols, rituals, and prayers are so rich with meaning that a lifetime of study couldn't exhaust its perpetual newness. Even just a good homily, just the readings from the Bible, can teach you so much.

But the Mass is not some advanced weekly CCD class, and knowledge, thank goodness, is not a prerequisite for a relationship with Jesus. Mass is an encounter. It's worship. It's the sacrifice of Christ's death on the cross, offered for the forgiveness of sins. Liturgy IS the work of the Church; the Church doesn't exist for charity, ministries, or other things, with Mass being secondary. It's the other way around. Priests are ordained FOR the Mass.

But back to the simple teaching element. Even though he can't follow along, I can name a few things that Mass teaches my toddler: It shows him other people, people of every age and culture, participating in the same faith. It shows him that his family is not the only one who believes. It shows him that there's something special about Sundays. The music tells him we are celebrating. He gets familiar with an environment that, I can only hope, will be a place he spends countless hours throughout his life.

But even if it didn't teach him any of that, I'd still take him. God made human beings with bodies. That wasn't a mistake. Then, when he became man, he took on a physical body too. And that body is still with us, in our tabernacles, physically there. It's one of the greatest miracles of our faith that we can physically sit in the presence of our God. So how could it be a waste to bring my children as close to Him as possible?

When Christ commands his apostles to "let the little children come to me," he means it quite literally. "Let them come," because after all, "The kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." The rest of us, we may get into heaven, but heaven belongs to the children. An adult who gets in only does so by becoming like a child, Christ warns us. If anybody was going to be excluded (though nobody is) wouldn't it be us, the adults? We're the ones whose sin constantly tries to edge God out of our lives. Our little children haven't sinned, and in them, the grace of baptism is just as real as it is in us.

Asking "What does a little kid get out of Mass" is as silly as asking what an adult gets out of the Mass. Only God could answer-but in both cases, I think it's safe to say that we "get" more than we could possibly comprehend.

