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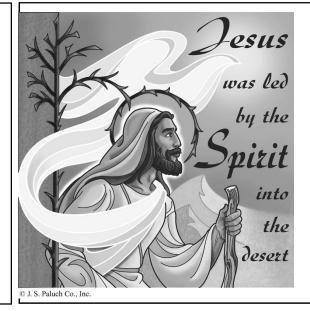
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#### SUNDAY MASSES

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



Jesus was led by the
Spirit into the
wilderness.
There he was
tempted.

uke 4: 1-13

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#### Readings for March 17

Genesis 15: 5-12,17-18. Philippians 3: 17-4: 1. Luke 9: 28b-36 MARCH 10, 2019 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



From the

A few parishioners have asked me where Puter the Black Books with Lenten reflections were hiding. Unfortunately due to budget restraints and the fact that many of the

books were taken without a donation being made we did not order the books for Lent. However if you wish to have the "Little Black Book" you can order it for yourself by going to https://littlebooks.org/seasonalbooks/lent and the cost is \$4.00 USD. Also if you would like to have an online devotional you can receive on your computer daily reflections from Matthew Kelly by subscribing for free - https:// dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever. These are daily video reflections and are very inspiring.

This Lent we are expanding our opportunities to pray communally the Stations of the Cross. On Tuesdays (March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9 and 16) Stations will be prayed at St. Ursula prior to Mass at 6:15 pm. Wednesdays (March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10 and 17) Stations will be prayed at St. Joseph prior to Mass at 11:15 am. On Thursdays (March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 and 11) Stations will be prayed at Blessed Sacrament at Noon. On Fridays (March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 and 12) Stations will be prayed at St. Agnes at 7 pm.

The Lenten reflections that are being offered this year is the devotion of Lectio Divina - a reflective time of prayer on the Scripture. Father Danny Santos of Good Shepherd Parish in Emeryville is leading these evenings. Dates for the talks are: March 11, 18, 25 and April 1 and all are at 7pm.

Make this Lent a special time and receive the wonderful graces that can be yours by entering into a spirit of renewal and change. Come and celebrate with us the days of Holy Week and make Easter 2019 a Feast of New Life!

#### NOW THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION

What is Development and Peace calling us to be a part of this Lent?

This Lent, show your solidarity with the 68.5 million migrants forced to flee their homes around the world. On Ash Wednesday, Development and Peace-Caritas Canada is launching its 2019 Share Lent fundraising campaign by delving into how we can all Share the Journey with forced migrants. The Share the Journey campaign focuses on the need to understand the root causes that force millions of people worldwide to flee their homes and promote a "culture of encounter."

During the period of Lent, a time conducive to sharing, Development and Peace asks Canadians to show their solidarity by making a contribution towards its programs which are helping communities create the conditions to live with dignity and justice.

"We're dealing with an alarming situation where, every minute, 31 people are forcibly displaced somewhere in the world. During this sacred time of introspection, transformation and sharing, each and every one of us must try to promote a culture of encounter, open ourselves up to others and imagine how they must feel when forced to flee and abandon their family or land," says Serge Langlois, Executive Director of Development and Peace - Caritas Canada. by Pope Francis Spearheaded and Internationalis, a confederation of 160 development and aid organizations that includes Development and Peace, the Share the Journey campaign aims to respond to the growing crisis of forced migration in the world today. While some people choose to displacement has been forced upon 68.5 million children, women and men worldwide who are threatened by conflict, climate change and the exploitation of natural resources. As Pope Francis reminded us at his General Audience on September 27, 2017: "Hope is the force that drives us 'to share the journey,' because the journey is made jointly: by those who come to our land, and by us who go towards their heart, to understand them, to understand their culture, their language."

Donations to Development and Peace may be made by calling 1-888-234-8533 or by visiting the organization's website at devp.org.



#### LECTIO DIVINA FOR LENT

Lectio Divina is a form of meditation rooted in our liturgical celebration, which dates back to the Benedictine order, in the early monastic community. It is a method practiced by the monks in their daily encounter with scripture, both as they prepared for the Eucharist, and as they prayed the Divine office or Liturgy of the Hours.

The Latin phrase "lectio divina" can be translated as divine reading. As one reads, one invites the Word to become that transforming lens, which brings the events of daily living into focus. We can then come to live a deeper spiritual life, finding God's presence readily in the events of daily life.

Lectio Divina follows a four step process:

- 1. Lectio (reading)
- 2. Meditation (meditation)
- 3. Contemplatio (contemplation)
- 4. Oratio (prayer)

We have the opportunity to have Fr. Danny Santos from Good Shepherd parish in Lakeshore, to lead us in Cardinal Tom Collins style of lectio.

I hope you will be able to join us at Blessed Sacrament Church on:

> Monday March 11 at 7 pm Monday March 18 at 7 pm Monday March 25 at 7 pm Monday April 1 at 7 pm

Come to our Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes Lenten series "Lectio Divina", enter into, and expand your prayer and spiritual horizons. I look forward to seeing you there.





#### ST. URSULA CWL

St. Ursula CWL General Meeting will be held at St. Ursula site in the Meeting room on March 12 at 7 pm. On the agenda will be the budget for 2019. Please make every effort to attend. If needing a ride contact Sandy Ritchie 519-354-4885 or Sandi Mailloux 519-354-1062.

#### BLESSED SACRAMENT CWL

Father Don Pumputis will be joining us on Thursday, March 14th in the Blessed Sacrament hall to tell us about his pilgrimage to Israel last year. Please come walk with him through his journey through the Holy Land. It will be a wonderful evening. The meeting begins at 7 pm. If you are able, we always pray the Rosary at 6:30 pm prior to the meeting. Hope to see you there; please bring a friend.

On **April 11th**, we will be having a special meeting. We will be having a movie night playing "Champions of the Rosary—The History and Heroes of a Spiritual Weapon" by Father Donald Calloway. Due to the length of the movie, doors will open at 6 pm with the movie starting promptly at 6:30 pm. Please mark your calendars; more info to follow.

#### **CWL GARAGE SALE**

The St. Joseph CWL's are having a Garage Sale on Saturday, March 30 at Spirit & Life Centre from 8:30 - 11:30 am. Donation of items accepted March 17 & 24 after 8 am and 12 noon Mass. Looking for kitchen items, sheets, towels, books, tools and toys. No TV's or large furniture. Call Beth at 519-352-7479. Tables are \$25 each or 2/\$40.

#### ST. URSULA K OF C COUNCIL BREAKFAST

St. Ursula Knights of Columbus will be holding a breakfast Sunday, March 17 from 9:30 am - 11:30 am at in the Meeting Room (St. Ursula site). The cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 years of age and \$20 for a family (immediate family only).

#### UPCOMING FISH FRY DATES

Join us at one or all of the Fish Fries that are being sponsored by three of our Knights of Columbus Councils at three of our churches during Lent.

<u>Time</u>: 5 pm to 6:30 pm <u>Cost</u>: \$18.00 per person \$7.00 children under 12



Friday, March 15 - St. Joseph (Pickerel/Perch)
Friday, March 22 - St. Ursula (Yellow Perch)
Friday, March 29 - Blessed Sacrament (Pickerel/Perch)
Friday, April 5 - St. Joseph (Pickerel/Perch)
Friday, April 12 - Blessed Sacrament (Pickerel/Perch)

Let's support the Knights in this effort and observe the ferial days of Lent.

Tickets are now available for all of the dinners at our two family of Parishes Offices St. Agnes - 52 Croydon St St. Ursula - 205 Tweedsmuir Ave W



#### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Congratulations to Louis & Clara Roesch who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 8, 2019.



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For information call Carl Evans at
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Meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm For information email Tony Walsh at anthonyll.walsh@gmail.com

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# Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes Mass Intentions Week of March 12 - 15

Tuesday, March 12 ~ 12 noon ~ St. Joseph ~ Joseph Trung & Anna Hieu ~ Maria Cresta ~ Intentions of Emily Raaymakers

Tuesday, March 12 ~ 7 pm ~ St. Ursula ~ Maria DeFeo ~ Jose Urbano & Maria Morais ~ James Richard Parent

Wednesday, March 13 ~ 8 am ~ St. Agnes

~ Andrew Gaiswinkler ~ George Lernout

~ Pierina & Severino Ricci ~ Angela O'Neil

Wednesday, March 13 ~ 12 noon - St. Joseph ~ All Souls in Purgatory ~ Carmine DeVito ~ Intentions of Rebecca Martin

Thursday, March 14 - 12 noon - St. Joseph
- Deceased members of the Nguyen Family
- Jim Horne - Jarmela Thibodeau

Thursday, March 14 ~ 7 pm - St. Ursula

~ Deceased family members of Luciano & Grace Magliaro

~ Intentions of Bob & Gloria Fenlon

~ Dennis Lindsay

Friday, March 15 ~ 8 am ~ Blessed Sacrament ~ Fr. Patrick Fuerth ~ Marcel Deturck ~ Michael Beuglet ~ Emilio Zimmerman

Friday, March 15 ~ 12 noon ~ St. Joseph ~ Fran Doyle ~ Louie Kohoutek ~ John & Georgette VanRaay

# The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart. Romans 10: 8

#### **BAPTISMS**

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

#### MARRIAGE

One year notice & preparation course is required

**CONFIRMATION** 2019 TBA at later date

#### **RECONCILIATION**

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

#### SAY YES MASSES

Just a reminder that there will be coffee and treats after the SAY YES Masses at Blessed Sacrament and St. Agnes next weekend.

#### CHECK IT OUT!

BRIDGE/PEPPER players are invited to the Meeting Room at St. Ursula Church from 1:00 - 3:00 pm every Monday, doors open at 12:45 pm. Cost is \$1 each week, no prizes, just an afternoon of fun playing cards. Lessons on how to play Pepper are also available.

#### DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to prayer for these Diocesan ministers: Mrs. Betty Hompoth, Pastoral Minister; Deacon Victor Salazar; Rev. Gerard Bedard; Rev. Joseph Kannath; Mrs. Alice Chinnick, Catechist; Rev. Russell Shantz; Sister Magdalena Vogt, C.P.S., Pastoral Minister.

#### MONTHLY ROSARY RALLY FOR PEACE

Today, March 10 from 2 - 3 pm at Our Lady of Victory Church in Chatham. Holy rosary and meditations. Praying for and healing in our families and in our

conversion and healing in our families and in our world. A Lay Apostolate Leadership Initiative. Everyone welcome. Inquiries? Call Colleen Sanson at 519-401-0376.

To Everything there is a Season...

"a time to be healed..."

Please pray for the sick of our parish family

Dan Attewell, Gordon (Jim) Baillargeon,
Eva Beausejour, Larry De Smit,
Lisa-Rae Desnoyers, Mario DeVito,
Dario Dodich, Olivia Formosa,
Rusty Houle, Marilyn Jarczak,
Bob Kornacker, Genesio Matteis,
Tony Matteis, Rachel McCord,
Bernard Myers, Gerald Myers,
Patrick Myers, Gail Nicolai, Jeanette Pake,

Ivon Pinsonneault, Bill Reaume, Verna Southgate, Betty Vink and Genny Wrotkowska.

God, grant them your peace.



#### **WEEKDAY READINGS**

Mar 11 Leviticus 19: 1-2,11-18. Matthew 25: 31-46

Mar 12 Isaiah 55: 10-11. Matthew 6: 7-15

Mar 13 Jonah 3: 1-10. Luke 11: 29-32

Mar 14 Esther 14: 1,3-5,12-14. Matthew 7: 7-12

Mar 15 Ezekiel 18: 21-28. Matthew 5: 20-26

Mar 16 Deuteronomy 26: 16-19. Matthew 5: 43-48

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Tuesdays at St. Ursula Church at 6:15 pm Wednesdays at St. Joseph Church at 11:15 am Thursdays at Blessed Sacrament Church at 12 noon Fridays at St. Agnes Church at 7 pm



#### **VOCATIONS**

Vocation Team is looking The volunteers to help with the Grade 4 Vocation Retreat on Monday, May 13. This

will be from approximately 9:30 am to 1:30 pm and you can join us for all or part of the day. This will be working directly with the children, helping with crafts, directing them through the stations and supporting our speakers. This has proven to be an informative and enjoyable day for all. If you would like help us, please contact Lori Arnold at 519-380-0098 or loriarn@gmail.com. Thanks!

#### BLESSED SACRAMENT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

January and February we were able to assist with 34 vouchers which supported 37 adults St. Vincent and 12 children, 4 adults were new to SVDP. de Paul Society This is thanks to the generosity of Blessed

Sacrament parishioners.

**VOLUNTEERS** 

#### JUST A REMINDER.....

Please DO NOT use offertory envelopes other than 2019. If you do, your donation could go to another person. Thank you!



#### MAKING DONATION

When making a donation to St Vincent de . . , Paul in the collection please make cheque payable to the parish NOT St. Vincent de Paul. At the end of the month the money is forwarded to St. Vincent de Paul.



#### COR 97 WEEKEND (Christ in Others Retreat)

A COR weekend will be held on March 29 - 31 at St. Michael Church, Ridgetown. It starts 7:00 pm on Friday night and ends Sunday afternoon. COR is a weekend for youth from Grade 9 to age 21. A COR weekend involves you in a new, exciting, and challenging approach to your Catholic faith and daily living. It is a combination of prayer, reflection, sharing, activities and fun! Young people who have made a COR weekend say that they will remember it for the rest of their lives. They have experienced an increase in faith and a renewed joy in their relationship with friends and family. information or an application, please contact Sara & Paul Taylor at taylor9141@gmail.com or @UCC Thomas Dula or Deacon Girard or @ESPC Jamie Souiliere.

#### LIGHTHOUSE KIOSK SPOTLIGHT

Looking to grow deeper in your faith and relationship with God this Lent? Then stop by the LightHouse Kiosk at the rear of the church after Mass. Here is a sample of some of the books currently available:

Praying with a Pen - Mary Beth Wisenburger Nudging Conversions: A Practical Guide to Bringing Those You Love Back to the Church - Carrie Gress A Map of Life - Frank Sheed

Abandonment to Divine Providence - Fr. Jean Pierre de Caussade, S.J.

Your Questions, God's Answers - Dr. Peter Kreeft

There are also a variety of CDs, other books and booklet titles designed to strengthen and nourish your faith.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 11	RCIA	6:00 PM	BS Meeting Room
March 11	Lectio Divina Lenten Series	7:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament Church
March 12	Stations of the Cross	6:15 pm	St. Ursula Church
March 12	St. Ursula CWL General Meeting	7:30 pm	St. Ursula Meeting Room
March 13	Stations of the Cross	11:15 am	St. Joseph Church
March 13	K of C 4th Degree Dinner	5:00 pm	St. Agnes hall
March 13	Alpha	6:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament hall
March 13	SA CWL General Meeting	7:00 pm	St. Agnes Trinity Room
March 14	Stations of the Cross	12:00 noon	Blessed Sacrament Church
March 14	BS CWL General Meeting	6:30 pm	Blessed Sacrament hall
March 14	St. Joseph K of C General Meeting	7:30 pm	Spirit & Life Centre
March 15	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm	St. Agnes Church

#### Lenten Series Ministry to the Dying

To be held at St. Ursula Parish

## Thursday, March 21, 2019: Wills & Estates

11:00 am – 12:30 pm 12:30 pm – Lunch 1:15 – 3:00 pm

## Wills & Estates & P.O.A. Financials with Mark MacKew

RSVP by March 13, 2019



# Thursday, March 28, 2019: Caring for the Dying

11:00 am – 12:30 pm 12:30 pm – Lunch 1:15 – 3:00 pm

## Dying at Home and Nursing Home with Rose Peseski

**Hospice** with Steve Cartier

Sacrament of the Sick with Fr. Don Pumputis

RSVP by March 20, 2019



#### Thursday, April 4, 2019: Celebration of Life

11:00 am – 12:30 pm 12:30 pm – Lunch 1:15 – 3:00 pm

Funeral Planning with Ron Peseski

**Funeral Celebration** with Fr. Don Pumputis

RSVP by March 27, 2019

## LENTEN SERIES MINISTRY TO THE DYING

We hope that you will come out and attend these workshops. Please RSVP by either contacting Deacon Steve Cartier at 519-352-9483 Ext. 29 or Karen Robert at 519-352-9483 at the parish office.



#### 35th ANNUAL BELGIAN DUTCH FIESTA

Dinner - Dance Saturday, April 6 St. Mary Hall in Blenheim Doors open at 5:30 pm Dinner at 6:30 pm Tickets: \$35 per person (advance tickets only)

Tickets available at: Lasting Memories Flowers (519-676-0530), St. Mary Parish Office (519-676-2025), Annie (519-360-7444) or Kathy (519-676-2905)

#### **SUNDAY FRIENDS**

There will be no Sunday Friends at St. Joseph Church and St. Ursula Church on Sunday, March 17. They will return on Sunday, March 24.

#### ST. AGNES ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul's advice of 400 years ago still holds true for our parish community. His advice: Proceed quietly, society pray a great deal and act together.

Together this month our parish has served 13 adults and 3 children. We have provided food vouchers, store vouchers, food bags and tokens. May God continue to bless all those who journey with us.

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble Psalm 91

#### **CHURCH CHUCKLE**



#### FLOWERS AND DÉCOR FOR EASTER

One way to remember a loved one or if you are celebrating a special occasion during Easter is to fill out the form below and submit to your parish. Please include \$25. A list of all names will be published in our Easter bulletin.

Flowers and Décor for Easter		
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Blessed Sacrament St. Agnes St. Joseph St. Ursula		
\$25		

#### **HELPERS NEEDED!**

Leaders and Helpers are needed for Blessed Sacrament Sunday Friends for the 2019/2020 season which begins in September 2019. If you are interested, adult or student, please email Kathy at llieno@sympatico.ca.

#### IN HOSPITAL

If you have a family member in hospital who wishes to see a priest, please let the nurses station know and they will get the priest on call to come see them.

#### **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR RESULTS**

Thank you to all who took part in or otherwise supported NeighbourLink's third annual Coldest Night of the Year walk on February 23. Because of you we exceeded our goal of \$25,000 by \$2,000 for a total of \$27,168. The funds raised will go toward our work with those in need in Chatham-Kent. This couldn't have been done without the great and collective effort of the community and we at NeighbourLink are grateful for your participation.

#### LIFE IN MOTION PRESENTS....

Are laws allowing euthanasia and assisted suicide leading society down a dangerous path?

Please join us on Sunday, April 14 from 2 - 5 pm to watch the movie "Fatal Flaws, Legalizing Assisted Death". The movie will be shown in the hall at Blessed Sacrament Church. Introduction to the movie will be by Alex Schadenberg, Executive Producer of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. There will be a question and answer period to follow the movie. Any questions please call Jo at 519-352-3611.

#### ALTAR SERVERS HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS SIGN UP

All currently active and formerly active youth Altar Servers are invited to sign up for any or all of the Holy Week celebrations, including

- The Mass of the Lord's Supper which will begin at 7:00 pm at the St. Ursula site on Holy Thursday
- The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord which will begin at 11 am at St. Joseph and 3:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament, St. Agnes, St. Joseph and St. Ursula
- The Easter Vigil which will begin at 8:00 pm on Holy Saturday at Blessed Sacrament site, and
- The Easter Sunday Masses which is the Regular Mass schedule
  - 8:00 am St. Joseph
  - 9:00 am Blessed Sacrament
  - 10:00 am St. Ursula
  - 11:00 am St. Agnes
  - 12:00 noon St. Joseph

Sign up sheets are available in the Sacristy at Blessed Sacrament, St. Agnes and St. Ursula and in the Vestry at St. Joseph Church.



#### PRAYER FOR LENT

Heavenly Father,
As I enter my Lenten journey,
guide me to the path that leads to you.
Fill my heart with gratitude, patience,
strength, and peace as I strive to become
the-best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting
my shortcomings and sins.

As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart.

Give me rest in you.

Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment.

Stay with me through Lent and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you.

Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving, and come closer to you through prayer this Lent.

In your name I pray, Amen