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#### St. Ursula Church

205 Tweedsmuir Avenue West Mon-Fri:

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

OR: Visit our website at www.ccfp.dol.ca and our Facebook page at https://facebook.com/bssasusj

#### 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



Divine Mercy Sunday Service Sunday, April 28 St. Joseph Church 3 pm

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### Readings for May 5

Acts 5: 28-32, 40b-41. Revelation 5: 11-14. John 21: 1-19.

APRIL 28, 2019 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

## By Paul Turner

The Second Sunday of Easter is also called "Divine Mercy Sunday." When Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina in the jubilee year of 2000, he added the title to this day. In visions, Faustina heard Jesus request that the image of divine mercy be venerated on the Sunday after Easter, a day John Paul lovingly chose for Faustina's canonization.

Many communities display the image of Divine Mercy on this day. Jesus' penetrating, compassionate gaze reaches out to the viewer. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbols of blood and water—Eucharist and baptism. Many Catholics confess their sins or pray before the Blessed Sacrament in conjunction with this feast.

A priest may use the prayers from the votive Mass for Divine Mercy on any day when a stronger feast does not conflict. The Second Sunday of Easter has its own prayers and readings, so the votive Mass for Divine Mercy is never permitted on that day. Instead we observe the much older tradition of the octave day of Easter. The Gospel story of the doubting Thomas is heard every year on this day because Jesus appeared to him a week after the resurrection. The other texts for this Mass refer to the season and to baptism. This day used to be called *Dominica in albis*, the Sunday of white garments, because those baptized at the Easter Vigil wore their new vesture to conclude a week of catechesis about the sacraments.

Today the only change to this liturgy is its title: the Second Sunday of Easter, or Divine Mercy Sunday. The mercy of God may be proclaimed in the homily or the prayer of the faithful, but especially in the actions of believers, who extend God's mercy to all they meet.

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#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



The Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB, invites all married couples to attend this year's Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 2 at 3 pm at St. Peter's

Cathedral Basilica. This special annual Mass is a celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. All couples who register will receive a keepsake Certificate. To register please visit www.dol.ca/wedding-anniversary, or visit the Family of Parishes office to fill out a form.

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children from our Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes will be receiving the Holy Eucharist for the first time at all the Saturday and Sunday Masses on the following weekends: May 4/5; May 11/12 and May 18/19. There will be several family and friends joining them to celebrate.

Let us extend our welcome and hospitality to all by making room in the pews and offering the children our congratulations.



#### ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

This is your personal invitation to spend time with Our Lord in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



Adoration takes place at Blessed Sacrament Church on Friday, May 3 after 8:00 am Mass until 3:30 pm when there will be Benediction followed by the Sacrament of the Sick. If you cannot spend one hour, come and visit for as

long as you can.

#### **WEEKDAY READINGS**

Apr 29 Acts 4: 23-31. John 3: 1-8

Apr 30 Acts 4: 32-37. John 3: 7b-15

May 1 Acts 5: 17-26. John 3: 16-21

May 2 Acts 5: 27-33. John 3: 31-36

May 3 1 Corinthians 15: 1-8. John 14: 6-14

May 4 Acts 6: 1-7. John 6: 16-21

# DO YOU HAVE A LOVED ONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL, CONFINED TO THEIR HOME, IN A LONG TERM CARE FACILITY OR AT HOSPICE?

The only way we have of knowing when one of our parishioners is sick or infirmed is when a family member or friend tells us.

If you know of someone who is unable to get to Mass, and they would like a visit from a member of the Pastoral Team or to receive any of the Sacraments, please let Pastoral Minister Karen Robert know.

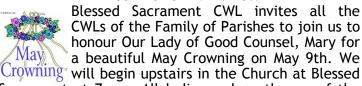
Before you call, remember to get the permission of your family member or friend as required by the Privacy Act.

Karen can be reached at 519-352-9483 ext. 27 or via email krobert@dol.ca.

#### K OF C NEWS **CWL NEWS**



#### **BLESSED SACRAMENT CWL**



Sacrament at 7 pm. All ladies and gentlemen of the are invited. Children most welcome. Reception to follow in the hall of the Church.

#### BLESSED SACRAMENT CWL

The Blessed Sacrament Catholic Women's League will be awarding a \$500 Bursary to a 4th year graduating secondary student. The successful candidate will be a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish and planning to pursue post secondary education in the 2019 - 2020 academic year.

Application forms and further information are available at the guidance departments at Ursuline College (The Pines) and Ecole Secondaire de Pain Court, or at the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes Office at St. Agnes Church (52 Croydon St.).

The application form and required documents must be submitted to the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes Office at St. Agnes Church by May 20, 2019.

#### ST. JOSEPH HARWICH CWL

The St. Joseph Harwich CWL will have a meeting on Monday, May 6 at 7 pm the home of Beth Eagen (11123 Fairview Line).

#### **BUTTER TART FUNDRAISER**

St. Joseph City CWL will be preparing butter tarts for to raise money for the Spirit and Life Centre project. Raisin or Pecan tarts will be available for \$6.00 for ½ dozen or \$10.00 for full dozen. Orders may be picked up on May 6 from 2 - 5 pm at the Spirit and Life Centre. Orders will be taken until May 3. To place an order please contact Beth at 519-352-7479.

#### THANK YOU



The Chatham Catholic Family of Parish s
Thank Knights of Columbus would like to thank all YOU \$\infty\$ parishioners and friends in supporting our events starting with Shrove Tuesday dinner and followed with Fish Fry's every Friday during

We also would like to thank the Catholic Women's League, Youth Groups and parishioners who helped the Knights with these functions.

#### RIGHT TO LIFE MAY BABY SHOWER

For the month of May we will have a playpen set up at all parish sites to fill with items for our "Right to Life" baby shower. These items are then donated to our Right to Life (Refuge) Kent office. 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. anything to help with a newborn.

#### **BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG**



Our Family of Parishes will again be participating in a fundraiser called the Baby Bottle Boomerang. On Mother's Day there will be bottles available to take home and fill with change, cash and/or

cheques. Parishioners will keep their bottles and bring them back on Father's Day. When you fill a bottle you will be helping REFUGE pregnancy resource centre provide help, hope and healing to women and men affected by an unplanned pregnancy. REFUGE saves lives of the unborn and changes the lives of women and men right here in our community. REFUGE is a registered division of Right to Life Kent. This fundraiser is sponsored by our CWL's and K of C's.

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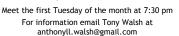
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Meet the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm For information call or email Steve Brent at 519-360-7814 or kofc1412@gmail.com

#### St. Joseph Council #10436

Meet the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm For information call Carl Evans at 519-359-7129

#### St. Ursula Council #9551



#### St. Agnes Council #8739

Meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm For information email stagnes@dol.ca

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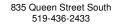
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#### Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes Mass Intentions Week of April 30 - May 3

Tuesday, April 30 ~ 12 noon ~ St. Joseph ~ Adrienne Verbeem ~ Harry Jenner ~ Raymond Hamel

Tuesday, April 30 ~ 7 pm ~ St. Ursula ~ Linda Diesbourg ~ Viola & Angelo Sullo ~ Luigi Magliaro

Wednesday, May 1 ~ 8 am ~ St. Agnes

~ Andrew Gaiswinkler ~ Manuel Soares

~ Victor Ferreira & grandparents

~ Intentions of Denis & Monique Boileau

Wednesday, May 1 ~ 12 noon - St. Joseph ~ Maria Qua Tran ~ Joseph Phan & Isave Nguyen ~ Jim Milner

Thursday, May 2 ~ 12 noon - St. Joseph ~ Marty Dales ~ Braedon Terrell ~ Norman Lachapelle

Thursday, May 2 - 7 pm - St. Ursula ~ George Aitken ~ Isave Nguyen ~ Armando DeMattia

Friday, May 3 - 8 am - Blessed Sacrament
- Carmela Follo - Christine Pinsonneault
- Mary Boogaart - Fr. Jack Devine & Family

Friday, May 3 - 12 noon - St. Joseph
- Jackie Mitchell - Maria Dinh
- Jim Eichenberg

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything they have.

#### **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

#### FLOWERS FOR THE TABERNACLE

The flowers on the tabernacle today at Blessed Sacrament are placed there to the glory of God by Shurley & Janet Cadotte in memory of Archie Girard.

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

The flowers on the tabernacle today at St. Joseph are placed there to the glory of God by the people of the parish.

The flowers on the tabernacle today at St. Ursula are placed there to the glory of God by their eight children and their families in thanksgiving on Marg Bossy's 90th birthday and in memory of Maurice Bossy.



#### DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to prayer for these Diocesan ministers: Rev. Bogdan Molenda, S.Ch.; Rev. Peter Keller; Rev. Benjamin Huyge; Rev. Zbigniew Rodzinka, C.S.M.A.; Rev. Thomas Janisse; Rev. Matthew Bedard; Rev. Daniel Bombardier.



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,
Marilyn Jarczak, Bob Kornacker,
Genesio Matteis, Tony Matteis,
Bernard Myers, Patrick Myers,
Gail Nicolai, Jeanette Pake,
Ivon Pinsonneault, Bill Reaume,
Verna Southgate, John (Jack) Ford Taylor
and Genny Wrotkowska.

God, grant them your peace.

"a time to die..."

Please remember in your prayers all deceased relatives and parishioners, especially Gerald Myers.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

# NEXT ALPHA CHATHAM CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question, and is designed to create conversation. No two Alphas look the same. They run in coffee shops, churches, bars, prisons, universities, schools and homes. There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge; it's just an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together.

Go to Tryalpha.ca for more info or; Better Yet! Talk to someone who attended our first Alpha.

- Starting Thursday afternoons May 2nd
- Blessed Sacrament Hall 1:00 2:30 pm
- Coffee, Tea and Dessert, Video, Conversations about life's important questions



 Contact Colleen at ckeane@dol.ca or 352-8530 for information. We look forward to meeting you!

#### INDIAN DINNER

Fr. Richard's 14th Annual Indian Dinner/Auction is being held in Alvinston on June 21. The cost of tickets are \$30 each. A bus has been booked and sponsored in part by the K of C and CWL of our Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes and a private donor. For tickets and a seat on the bus, please contact Rosalind and Norm at 519-354-0132.

Thank you to the SSVP and others who donated baskets for the auction. Now we need help filling them.



#### HELP US NAME OUR NEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL

One of the first and most important tasks of the North Chatham Catholic Elementary School Transition Committee is to recommend a name for our new school, which is currently under construction on McNaughton Avenue, West. To help select a name, the St. Clair Catholic District School Board is inviting participation from staff, students, parents and guardians of the three north Chatham Catholic elementary school communities, our parish partners and the Ursuline Sisters.

We are using the online tool *Thoughtexchange*, to ensure the broadest possible community consultation. *Thoughtexchange* was successfully used earlier this year to gather input for the development of a new Board strategic plan.

Thoughtexchange has three steps:

<u>Share</u> - first people share thoughts independently and confidentially;

<u>Star</u> - next everyone considers and rates the names shared by others;

<u>Discover</u> - and finally, everyone learns the names we most value as a community.

You can log on using either the link or the QR Code https://bit.ly/2G95rJe

**Thoughtexchange** will be open from April 10<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. Join the conversation - suggest a name you like and tell us why. Get started today!

#### **CFFC - MAY COLLECTION**



On the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of May at the weekend Masses at all of our Family of Parishes sites Canadian Food For Children-CK is collecting tooth brushes and tooth paste, bandages,

as well as pain relievers such as aspirin, Tylenol, etc which are very much in need. If anyone has a good used bicycle please let us know (519-352-6659). Bicycles have many uses and can even provide a means of employment to someone in a poor country. As a result of continued generosity of people in our area, we have been able to fill and send four large transports since January 2019. God bless you all.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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#### **NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2019**

On May 4th, join thousands of Catholics from around the world at the premier conference on the New Evangelization. The event will be held live in Ottawa and webcast to host sites across Canada, the US, the UK, and Australia. This year's Summit is once again featuring world-class Catholic speakers: Fr. James Mallon, Michael Dopp, Cardinal Gérald Lacroix, Michelle Moran, Fr. Jon Bielawski, and Michele Thompson. The NES has been designed to inspire Catholics and help them live out their personal call to evangelize. Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes is incredibly excited to be a host site for NES. This year, the Summit is FREE for all attendees! Be inspired, receive formation and connect with other Catholics.

There are limited tickets available. Registration is open on a first come first served basis so book NOW!



Register at www.newevangelization.ca

Where: Blessed Sacrament Church
When: Saturday, May 4, 2019

When: Saturday, May 4, 2019 Doors open at 8:00 am - Conference 8:45

Inspiring Catholics am-4:30 pm

Cost: FREE - Snacks and Lunch provided Further info contact Colleen Keane @ ckeane@dol.ca



### HOCKEY BLAST ROAD HOCKEY & SHOOT-OUT DAY

When: Saturday, May 11 from 11 am - 2 pm Where: St. Ursula Church Parking Lot

Activities: Shout-out Challenge; Road Hockey; Prizes Bring: Road hockey stick, parents, family & friends

Food: BBQ jumbo hotdogs & beverage for only \$3



Permission slips were given out at our Chatham Catholic Schools. If your child did not receive one and would like to participate, permissions forms are available

in either parish offices. Please complete the forms and return by Thursday, May 16.

This event will be hosted by St. Ursula Knights of Columbus partnered with Community Living.



#### **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 or you can view it on the Family of Parishes website at www.ccfp.dol.ca.



### St. Ursula CWL Garage Sale

The Meeting Room - St. Ursula Site 205 Tweedsmuir Ave W

Saturday, May 4 8 am until 12 noon



#### Donations Needed

CWL ladies are receiving donations for the Garage Sale at St. Ursula Meeting Room

#### **Drop Off Times**

Thursday, May 2 from 12 noon until 6 pm Friday, May 3 from 9 am until 5 pm

We would appreciate anything you wish to donate that are in good condition to help make our sale a success.

Anything such as clothing, knick-knacks, furniture, books, toys, tools, plants and small appliances in working order.

<u>Please no</u> tv's, mattresses or items over 25 pounds.



## DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SERVICE



On the second Sunday of Easter, April 28, we will be celebrating the Divine Mercy Service at St. Joseph Church at 3 pm. Please mark your calendars and join us for this wonderful celebration.

In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, we are offering everyone the opportunity to participate in the Divine Mercy Novena. This Novena begins on Good Friday and runs for

nine days through Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>. Pamphlets entitled Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet will be available at all four Family of Parishes sites. These pamphlets include the Divine Mercy Novena as it was given to St. Faustina by Jesus, the Prayer of the Divine Mercy, and simple illustrated instructions on how to recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

A plenary indulgence (forgiveness of all sins and purgatory) is granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession within 20 days, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Pope) to those who, on Divine Mercy Sunday, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy. One must also attend Mass and receive Communion on that day. The indulgence may also be applied to the souls in purgatory. More information can be found at http://www.divinemercysunday.com.



#### PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT (PAD)

Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes PAD agreement 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.dol.ca - Giving - Donate - CCFP Pre Authorized Debit 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 new form and attach VOID cheque and return to parish office. Please submit PAD form to the parish BEFORE the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month in order to take effect the NEXT month. Thank you.

#### MESSAGE FROM BISHOP FABBRO

Bishop Fabbro's Statement on Easter Sunday, April 21 "Along with the rest of the world, I learned this morning of the shocking and cruel terror attacks in Sri Lanka. Easter Sunday is our most holy day, a joyful day that has turned to tears for the innocents who have been injured and killed. These deliberate assaults were not just against our brothers and sisters but on everyone who values life, love, and peace. Together with Pope Francis, and on behalf of the faithful of the Diocese of London, I condemn these acts of hatred and express our sorrow for the victims and their families.

"These attacks were made on Easter Sunday, the day we proclaim Christ's victory over death and sin. Let us join in prayer with all believers and people of good will, asking God to deliver us from every evil. May God grant peace in our days, and may we redouble our efforts to live out Christ's commandment to love one another as He loved us."

#### **FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY**

The Feast of St. Anthony will be celebrated on Sunday, June 9. Mass will take place at St. Ursula Church at 11:30 am followed by a reception at the Polish Hall located at 281 Inshes Avenue. Doors will open at 1:00 pm and dinner will be at 1:30 pm with music to follow.



Tickets are \$25 each. You may reserve seating with a table of 10. For tickets contact Mary Anne 519-351-2444.

#### LITURGICAL SCHEDULES

The May to August Liturgical Schedules were recently emailed or put out for pick up at each church. Did you know that the schedules are always available on the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes website? You can access them anytime, from anywhere on www.ccfp.dol.ca. Click on Ministries and then choose the particular ministry you are looking for. There is usually a button on the home page (scroll down a bit) called Liturgical Schedules which will take you there as well. Please note, only schedules are placed on the website, not the list of names and phone numbers.



#### **CHURCH CHUCKLE**

Sunday School Teacher: Who were the twin boys in the Bible?

Student: That's easy. First and Second Samuel!