



# CHATHAM CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

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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



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He dragged the  
net ashore full of  
one hundred and  
fifty-three large  
fish.  
John 21:10

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## Readings for May 12

Acts 13: 14,43-52. Revelation 7: 9,14b-17.  
John 10: 27-30

**MAY 5, 2019**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**



Greetings in the Risen Lord! Yes we continue in the celebration of Easter until Pentecost. Fifty days of celebrating the central mystery of our faith - Resurrection. We continue to rejoice and sing boldly our Alleluia's. Make this time a reason for rejoicing by announcing your faith to others and share your joy in good works for others.

Tomorrow - May 6<sup>th</sup> - the Bishops and the Personnel Committee for Priests will announce that there are major changes happening. Father Don Pumputis is going to become a Pastor and will be leaving us. He will become the Pastor of St. John the Divine Parish in London. I recommended this to the Bishop in light of Father Don's leadership abilities and the realization that he will be nominated to become a Pastor of a Family of Parishes. This appointment will allow Father Don to get the hang of being the Pastor and move easily into the expanded role of being a Pastor of a Family.

Replacing Father Don will be a new priest to the Diocese - Father Jude Ogbenna, a priest of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (C.S.Sp.). He is presently the Associate Pastor at Holy Trinity in Woodstock and will be serving our Family of Parishes as Associate Pastor. Father Jude was born September 8, 1954 and was ordained on July 6, 1985. Father Jude comes from Nigeria and has served in various ministries as Superior of his Order and Rector of their Seminary as well as an Educator.

Also coming to the Family of Parishes is the replacement for Our Lady of Victory - Father Peter Amszej. Father Peter was recently the Pastor of St. Francis, Tilbury and presently the Associate Pastor at Holy Family in London. Father Peter served as a Professor at St. Peter's Seminary in London. Father Peter will take over the needs of the Polish speaking community at Our Lady of Victory and work with me and Father Jude in caring for the Family of Parishes.

We will organize Meet and Greet Gatherings to say thank you to Father Don in June.



**Congratulations to Fr. Jim who is celebrating his anniversary of Ordination on May 10.**

*May you continue to be sustained  
by His grace,  
and may your life in God's  
service always be filled with joy!*



## 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](http://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 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.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Charlie and Alice Opavsky who celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary May 8.



## WEEKDAY READINGS

May 6 2 Timothy 4: 1-5. John 10: 11-16.  
May 7 Acts 7: 51-8: 1a. John 6: 30-35  
May 8 Acts 8: 1b-8. John 6: 35-40  
May 9 Acts 8: 26-40. John 6: 44-51  
May 10 Acts 9: 1-20. John 6: 52-59  
May 11 Acts 9: 31-42. John 6: 53,60-69

## 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](mailto:krobert@dol.ca).

## Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes

### Mass Intentions Week of May 7 - 10

**Tuesday, May 7 ~ 12 noon ~ St. Joseph**  
~ Dominic Nguyen ~ Maria Cresta ~ Abel Urbano

**Tuesday, May 7 ~ 7 pm ~ St. Ursula**  
~ Celeste da Silva ~ Dominic & Maria Nguyen  
~ James Horne

**Wednesday, May 8 ~ 8 am ~ St. Agnes**  
~ George Lernout ~ Marcello Lucente ~  
Valsesio DiSante ~ Lynn Kosik

**Wednesday, May 8 ~ 12 noon - St. Joseph**  
~ Rosemary Zimmer ~ In thanksgiving to the Holy Family  
~ Mr. & Mrs. Martin & Julia Gazarek

**Thursday, May 9 ~ 12 noon - St. Joseph**  
~ Fran Doyle ~ Carmino DeVito ~ Jim Milner

**Thursday, May 9 - 7 pm - St. Ursula**  
~ Carmela & Giovanni DeMattia ~ Catello Vincenza  
~ Joseph Benoit

**Friday, May 10 - 8 am - Blessed Sacrament**  
~ Licia Dodok ~ Oscar Leclair  
~ Salvatore Melillo ~ Chris Gutteridge

**Friday, May 10 - 12 noon - St. Joseph**  
~ Maria Qua Tran ~ Ryan VanKerkhoven ~  
Sylvio Letourneau



### BAPTISMS

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

### MARRIAGE

One year notice & preparation course is required

### CONFIRMATION

December 14/15 2019 at all Sunday Masses

### 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 Papa & Grandma, on the occasion of Ashlynn Thomas's First Communion.



The flowers on the tabernacle today at St. Agnes are placed there to the glory of God by Mike, Lee & Shelley on the occasion of Ivan Bechard's 90th birthday May 11th.

The flowers on the tabernacle today at St. Joseph are placed there to the glory of God by Guy & Anne Foster in memory of Don & Fran Doyle.



The flowers on the tabernacle today at St. Ursula are placed there to the glory of God in celebration of Don and Jan Brosseau's 35th wedding anniversary.



## DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to prayer for these Diocesan ministers: Rev. Richard Bester; Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood; Rev. Gary Ducharme; Rev. James Mockler; Rev. Gerry Campeau; Rev. Terrence McNamara; Brothers of St. Louis.



*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, Ruth Nagle,  
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 Ida Hill, Doug Harvey, William Blackwell and Mary Vida.

*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](http://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](mailto:ckeane@dol.ca) or 352-8530 for information. We look forward to meeting you!



## ST. AGNES SOUP KITCHEN THANKS YOU!



On April 14 after 11:00 am Mass at St. Agnes we, the volunteers of the St. Agnes Community Soup Kitchen, hosted our Annual Soup Sampler. This is our only fundraising event and thanks to our family of parishes it was a huge success. Not only were we able to raise over \$900.00 but the sense of community that was seen and felt at this gathering made our hearts so very happy. All of this inspires and aids us to continue our work to help feed those less fortunate than ourselves. We want to extend a sincere thank you to all our cooks, and I am sure you realize our family of parishes is blessed with many great cooks. We also want to thank everyone who attended and so generously offered a donation. Your gifts and kindness are appreciated by the volunteers as well as those whom we serve. Of course we also thank all our volunteers who planned and prepared and cleaned for this day. Thank you and God bless 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.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

Seventeen vouchers which supported 20 adults and 18 children were given out for the month of April for the purchase of food, clothing and furniture. This is possible through the generosity of Blessed Sacrament Parishioners. A total of 59 SVDP envelopes were used in April. Thank you.



Congratulations to  
**Rylee Raspburg  
and Brycen Raspburg**  
who joined our parish family  
through the Sacrament of Baptism  
during the month of April.

Congratulations to **Tammy Barrant,  
Jaden Barrant and Raegan Barrant**, who  
were welcomed into the Catholic Church  
at the Easter Vigil.

*May they always live out their call to  
discipleship.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 6	BS CWL Cards	12:30 pm	Blessed Sacrament Hall
May 6	St. Ursula Cards	1:00 pm	Meeting Room - SU
May 6	RCIA	6:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament Meeting Room
May 6	St. Joseph Harwich CWL Meeting	7:00 pm	11123 Fairview Line
May 7	St. Joseph City CWL Meeting	1:00 pm	Spirit and Life Centre
May 7	St. Ursula K of C General Meeting	7:30 pm	Meeting Room - SU
May 8	SA CWL General Meeting	7:00 pm	St. Agnes Trinity Room
May 9	Alpha	1:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament Hall
May 9	BS CWL May Crowning	7:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament Church & Hall
May 9	St. Joseph K of C Meeting	7:30 pm	Spirit and Life Centre
May 9	Sunday Readings Reflection Group	7:30 pm	Counters Room - SU



## ABUNDANCE

Abundance: a night of prayer, adoration, and worship with Katie Prejean-McGrady will be held on Friday, May 10 at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Tilbury. Katie is a dynamic, international speaker, educator and author who was a delegate at the recent Synod on Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment in Rome. She will be the keynote speaker for this event that will be appropriate for all ages, but particularly geared to youth and young adults. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door and can be purchased online at [dol.ca/abundance](http://dol.ca/abundance) or at a variety of churches listed on the webpage.

## 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.

## ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL FOR ST. PETER'S SEMINARY

This weekend in your bulletin you will find a flyer and for the 2018 St. Peter's Seminary Appeal. Please find envelopes for this appeal in each church.

Parishioners at all parishes have an envelope in their offertory box of envelopes that can be used for this appeal. Please make cheques payable to your home parish and the final amount will be turned over to the diocese when appeal is completed.

If you choose to use the envelope provided in the church your donation will go directly to St. Peter's Seminary (cheque made out to them) and you will receive mailings each year directly to you from St. Peter's Seminary.



## Church Chuckle

God is talking to one of his angels and says, "Do you know what I have just done? I have just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth. Isn't that good?"

The angel says, "Yes, but what will you do now?"

God says, "I think I will call it a day"!

## 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](http://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.

## FLOWERS FOR THE TABERNACLE

To remember a loved one or if you are celebrating a special occasion, there are flowers on the tabernacle that you can book for each weekend. Just place your request along with \$25 in an envelope marked Flowers. If the weekend you request is not available we will work with you to get one as close as possible to your request. There are also special weekends we take names and list in the bulletin, such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. See the form below.

Here are the weekend dates left for tabernacle flowers at Blessed Sacrament: May 26, June 2, July 7, 21, 28, Aug 11, Sept 1, 8, Oct 20, 27, Nov 3, 17, 24, Dec 15, 29.

Weekend dates left for tabernacle flowers at St. Agnes: June 2, 9, 30, July 14, 21, 28, Aug 4, 11, 18, 25, Sept 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov 3, 17, 24, Dec 1, 15, 22, 29

For dates left at St. Joseph or St. Ursula please contact Maureen at 519-352-8530 or fill out the form.

Date: _____
Father's Day : June 16 _____ Thanksgiving: _____ Christmas _____
Name: _____
Phone #: _____
In Memory of _____ _____
OR On the occasion of _____ _____
Blessed Sacrament _____ St. Agnes _____ St. Joseph _____ St. Ursula _____
\$25 _____

**SAVE THE DATE  
UPCOMING EVENTS**

Please put these dates on your calendar for some upcoming events. More information to follow on these events.

**CWL Tea ~ Sunday, June 2**  
**Parish Picnic ~ Sunday, July 21**  
**Outreach for Hunger Food Collection ~ July 21**  
**Canadian Food For Children Collection ~ August 4**

**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.

**CCFP WEBSITE**

Did you know the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes has a website? Take a look at [www.ccfp.dol.ca](http://www.ccfp.dol.ca). Wish to read the current or past bulletins? Looking for info on upcoming activities? Curious when the sacraments for your children are taking place? Wondering how to donate? Looking for Mass times for our parishes? Lost your Liturgical Ministry schedule? Need prayers? Would like to volunteer in one of our many ministries? Need to contact one of our staff members? Our website has the answer to many questions - check it out!

**HELP NEEDED - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL STORE**

We are in need of a warehouse worker/driver. Qualifications are: driver's license. Some lifting involved. Work 35 hours a week, with every other Saturday off, \$16 an hour. Please call St. Vincent de Paul store at 519-354-0410 and ask for Maria.

**To the parents of our young children,  
may we suggest.....**

Rules? God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome.

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of other's heads.

Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priests, altar servers, choirs etc.

Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behaviour by copying you.

If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Remember that the way we welcome in church directly affects the way we respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

**To the members of our parish...**

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our parish is growing.

Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

**MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION**

Please join us for a Special  
Mother's Day celebration  
In honour of Our Lady of Fatima  
on Sunday, May 12 at 3:00 pm  
at  
St. Joseph Church, Chatham  
Immediately following Mass, you are invited  
to join us in celebrating all Mothers  
at  
Chatham Portuguese Canadian Club  
for Potluck Luncheon/Dinner  
All are welcome!





## CWL NEWS

### BLESSED SACRAMENT CWL

Blessed Sacrament CWL invites all the CWLs of the Family of Parishes to join us to honour Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mary for a beautiful May Crowning on May 9th. We will begin upstairs in the Church at Blessed Sacrament at 7 pm. All ladies and gentlemen of the Church 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).



## K OF C NEWS



### ST. URSULA K OF C

**Tuesday, May 7**  
**Social 6:00 pm**  
**Dinner 6:30 pm**  
**Meeting 7:00 pm**

Gentlemen - this is a notice to remind you that Tuesday, May 7 is the K of C 9551 Election Night. Sorry to say but we will not be having a Steak BBQ this year. This year we will instead be having a Pizza Night. Cost will be \$10.00 and this will cover pizza, wings and refreshment. We hope to have this event well attended because it is important that we selected an Executive that will thrive with new ideas. This council has grown very active the last few years and we have become more active in the Church, the Community, with the youth and with our Brother Councils under the directions of the Grand Knights we have been selecting. We cannot do this without help from our members.

### HOCKEY BLAST

#### ROAD HOCKEY & SHOOT-OUT DAY

When: Saturday, **May 18** 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.

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Blessed Sacrament**

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

Insurance Agent: Sangemino Agency  
855-803-0448 sonny.sangemino@kofc.org

**St. Ursula  
Council #9551**

Meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm  
For information email Tony Walsh at  
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Council #8739**

Meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm  
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# CHATHAM CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES YEARLY 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT



The individual Parish 2018 Year End Financial Reports have been looked at and released by the Diocese.

I have previously mentioned in past monthly bulletin statements the comparisons will be somewhat skewed due to the Family of Parishes being formed and change of Mass times and financial allocations that need to be shared by all.

Examples being, Rectory at Blessed Sacrament, office costs, common Pastoral costs for programs such as RCIA, Youth Programs and adult ministry programs such as Alpha.

All expenses that are unique to an individual site are paid for by that site.

Just for clarification we also hold funds that are included in our accounts for other groups.

St. Ursula—St. Anthony Funds - \$7,326.50

St. Agnes—Soup Kitchen - \$3,641.99  
- Refugee Account - \$25,470.81

These amounts show in our cash assets, but they do not belong to the Parish.

Our Lady of Victory will be joining the four parishes in July. We welcome them to our Family of Parishes.

The financial statements going forward after the July date will once again change somewhat for the five parishes as they did for the four when they came together.

The parishes will still be responsible for their own finances at their particular site but the joint family expenses will change somewhat now that all five will be together.

Thank you to you, the parishioners, and the individual groups within the parishes for your financial support and thank you to the volunteers that provide their gifts of time and talents.

Rodger Luxton  
Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes



**ST. AGNES PARISH – CHATHAM**  
**2018 Finance Report**

	2018 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2019 Budget
Total Receipts	339,798.96	352,429.29	342,423.00
Total Expenditures	<u>387,662.36</u>	<u>367,928.46</u>	<u>378,775.00</u>
Surplus/Deficit	- 47,863.40	-15,499.17	- 36,352.00
Loan Fund on Deposit	148,740.33		
Average # Envelopes	152		
Average # PAD's	50		
Registered Parishioners	872		
Sacramental Stats			
	Baptisms	20	
	Confirmations	42	
	First Communion	15	
	First Reconciliation	0	
	Marriages	2	
	Funerals	28	

**BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH – CHATHAM**  
**2018 Finance Report**

	2018 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2019 Budget
Total Receipts	458,837.88	456,307.78	461,185.00
Total Expenditures	<u>412,634.46</u>	<u>457,647.92</u>	<u>415,435.00</u>
Surplus/Deficit	46,203.42	-1,340.14	45,750.00
Loan Fund Payable	9,022.52		
Average # Envelopes	198		
Average # PAD's	84		
Registered Parishioners	1,147		
Sacramental Stats			
	Baptisms	37	
	Confirmations	82	
	First Communion	61	
	First Reconciliation	104	
	Marriages	7	
	Funerals	22	

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH – CHATHAM**  
**2018 Finance Report**

	2018 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2019 Budget
Total Receipts	545,875.29	585,671.99	566,977.00
Total Expenditures	<u>537,625.35</u>	<u>478,983.71</u>	<u>567,933.00</u>
Surplus/Deficit	8,249.94	106,688.28	-956.00
Loan Fund on Deposit	507,051.91	151,051.52	
Average # Envelopes	208		
Average # PAD's	55		
Registered Parishioners	1136		
Sacramental Stats			
	Baptisms	38	
	Confirmations	61	
	First Communion	33	
	First Reconciliation	1	
	Marriages	8	
	Funerals	31	

**ST. URSULA PARISH – CHATHAM**  
**2018 Finance Report**

	2018 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2019 Budget
Total Receipts	432,556.19	484,234.47	439,727.00
Total Expenditures	<u>394,246.52</u>	<u>437,938.34</u>	<u>402,859.00</u>
Surplus/Deficit	38,309.67	46,296.13	36,868.00
Loan Fund on Deposit	312,713.03	267,270.75	
Average # Envelopes	185		
Average # PAD's	41		
Registered Parishioners	954		
Sacramental Stats			
	Baptisms	19	
	Confirmations	50	
	First Communion	33	
	First Reconciliation	0	
	Marriages	0	
	Funerals	19	

### NOTE FROM RODGER

Some time ago I read a book called “*Everyone Leads*” by Chris Lowney, a one time Jesuit seminarian and former managing director of JP Morgan. He is chair of one of America’s largest hospital systems, Catholic Health Initiatives.

He puts forward that changes that might delight one Catholic tribe may dismay another. Such divisions are our church’s agony.

He mentions “*the time comes to stop dissipating energies in internecine strife and rally around goals that can unite them*”.

Thankfully, our compelling vision already exists and always has: “*the Person of Jesus*”.

Did you hear about the priest that asked all tithers to stand so he could give them a blessing on their finances.

It was followed up by all non tithers to stand so they could be led in prayer of repentance.

### DEACONS

Paul Turner

When deacons first appeared in our sanctuaries in the late 1960s, it seemed like another new-fangled idea. Actually, it’s a rather old-fangled idea that originated only a few years after Jesus died. You can find their story in Acts of the Apostles 6, where a racial dispute over unequal food rations for women convinced the apostles there had to be a better way to do business. By the time Paul wrote to Timothy and Titus, deacons were firmly established.

Deacons have three missions: charitable works, preaching the Gospel, and assisting in the liturgy. It’s been that way from the beginning.

In the early church, the deacons instructed the faithful when to sit, stand, kneel, and leave. Because they assisted with baptisms when candidates came naked to the font, deaconesses helped the women catechumens. In time, deacons wore two vestments of liturgical colors: a stole worn diagonally, and an exterior garment called a dalmatic—very much like the chasuble, the large outer vestment of the priest, but with sleeves.

Through centuries of clericalism, the office of deacon fell into disuse except for those pursuing priesthood. But they still assisted at the liturgy. You’re bound to find someone in your community who still remembers the old Good Friday service when a minister sang out, “*Flectamus genua*,” waited a few moments, and then sang, “*Levate*.” That’s a quintessential deacon job: Tell people when to kneel and when to stand.

Today, of course, we’re familiar with deacons who proclaim the Gospel, instruct us to offer the sign of peace, and dismiss us from the service. They preach, baptize, witness marriage, bless people and articles, bury the dead, and use the priest’s liturgical greetings (e.g., “The Lord be with you.”) The difference is that these guys are not on their way to becoming priests. Their call is to be deacons.

At Mass, the priest invites us to prayer (“Let us pray.”) The deacon invites us to action (“Let’s offer the sign of peace.”) How dramatic then that the deacon proclaims the Gospel. He’s not just reading a story—he’s giving us instructions on what to do next. He invites us to live the Gospel we hear.