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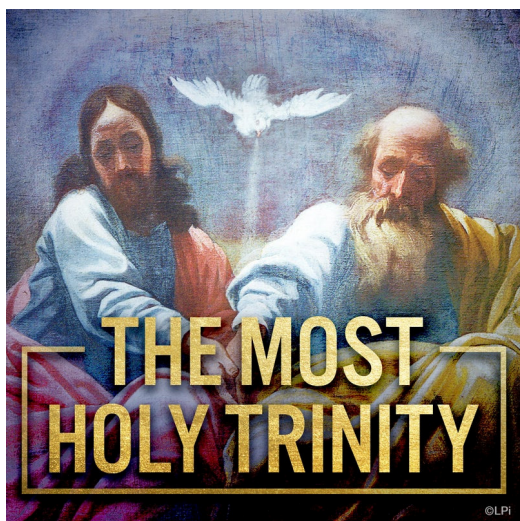
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Our parish office is located at St. Agnes Church
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Our parish office is closed.

Please call and leave a message and we will return your call.



Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

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

Matthew 28: 18-20

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Readings for June 6
Exodus 24: 3-8. Hebrews 9: 11-15.
Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26.

MAY 30, 2021
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

DEACON'S PEN

Tired?

I have missed so many services
in the past 15 months of my 75 years:
Christmas Masses full to overflowing,
Ascension of our Lord to heaven,
Good Friday filled to capacity
while students perform the passion -
youth willingly involved in church
and taking part in spiritual wonder;
and Pentecost or Holy Trinity Sunday.
Now we sit at home and watch TV -
when I was young we had 10 servers
at each Mass - now we have none.

But we must be strong and have hope;
worse times have done humans wrong -
our age has never experienced this before
by some extra grace we have missed
famine, sickness, war and insurrection,
and have not had church closed before;
here in Canada we have escaped hurt
and atrocities that shut others down.

We need to be strong and be happy -
know this too shall end and go away
and make us better and stronger
and know that prayer does work.
For God is always with us for strength
to bolster sad hearts and lost souls,
He has unending patience and love
and heals our spirits, if we let Him.

What we do sometimes becomes habit -
grows on us and can't be changed;
but change can be positive - a new way
to worship, to pray, to do penance,
to grow in personal strength and care.
And too this might slow us all down
we live so fast, travel, spend, demand -
maybe this will slow down the endless
need to do things that maybe aren't
so necessary but are a greedy need;
and just give more to others we meet
and to the world we owe so much to,
and to just be with Jesus and know
He is our Saviour, now and forever, Amen.

Chris J. Masterson, May 2021



CHATHAM CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES STUDENT SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (Through the Canada Summer Jobs Program)

Position:

Summer Intern & Digital Ministry Development

Posting Date: May 11, 2021

Closing Date: June 4, 2021

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist in the development of the family of parishes social media strategy
- Assist in the improvement of live-streaming and the development and production of online content
- Support the development of various in person and online ministries and programs
- Assist in various office duties and tasks when needed
- Assist staff members in completing various tasks, duties and responsibilities

Qualifications:

- Creative skills - being able to use basic audio/video editing software and graphic design (Canva)
- Proficient using multi-social posting and management programs (Hootsuite)
- Ability to work with social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter
- Good communications skills
- A willingness to learn and develop new skills

Notes:

- Forward Cover Letter, Resume, three references including one Pastoral Reference to: ckeane@dol.ca
- Include the following reflections:
 1. An experience you have had of working as part of a team.
 2. Initiatives have you taken to engage in the faith life of your parish? your school? your community?

You can also visit our website (ccfp.dol.ca) to view the job posting.



UPDATE FROM BISHOP FABBRO

Please note that as of May 11, Bishop Fabbro extended the dispensation from the Sunday obligation up to and including Sunday, September 5, 2021.

Throughout the duration of the Stay-at-Home order, all churches will be closed. All activities, including Mass, are cancelled.

**Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes
Weekday Mass Intentions - May 31 - June 5**

*Please note since our Churches are closed
due to the covid-19 pandemic,
these Mass Intentions will be celebrated
privately on the specified date by our priests.*

Monday, May 31 - Our Lady of Victory intentions
~ People of the parish

Tuesday, June 1 - St. Agnes intentions
~ People of the parish

Tuesday, June 1 - St. Ursula intentions
~ Intentions of the Michaud & Letourneau families
~ Angela Pranovi
~ Klara Pajek

Wednesday, June 2 - Blessed Sacrament intentions
~ People of the parish

Wednesday, June 2 - St. Joseph intentions
~ People of the parish

Wednesday, June 2 - Our Lady of Victory intentions
~ Intentions of Benek Kaminski

Thursday, June 3 - St. Agnes intentions
~ Donald Kenny

Thursday, June 3 - St. Ursula intentions
~ People of the parish

Friday, June 4 - Blessed Sacrament intentions
~ People of the parish

Friday, June 4 - St. Joseph intentions
~ People of the parish

Saturday, June 5 - Our Lady of Victory intentions
~ People of the parish

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

Please pray for those who are currently sick in our parish family especially Wayne Lachine and Eva Beausejour.

"a time to die..."

Please remember in your prayers all deceased relatives and parishioners especially Rachel Reaume, Ralph Baker, Marisa Devolder and Janet Schoupe.

Eternal rest grant unto thee.



DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to pray for these Diocesan ministers: Rev. Michael Prieur; Mr. Christopher Lepain, Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Deacon David Robertson; Rev. Abraham Sebastian, C.S.T.; Deacon Rudy Terpstra; Rev. José Lopez, F.M.M.; Parish Business Managers in the Diocese of London.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

May 31 Zephaniah 3: 14-18. Luke 1: 39-56.

June 1 Tobit 2: 9-14, 3: 1. Mark 12: 13-17.

June 2 Tobit 3: 1-6a, 7-10a, 11-13, 15b-17a.
Mark 12: 18-27.

June 3 Tobit 4: 20-4: 6, 10-11b - 7: 1, 9-16, 8: 1, 4-9.
Mark 12: 28-34.

June 4 Tobit 11: 5-15. Mark 12: 35-37.

June 5 Tobit 12: 1-20. Mark 12: 38-44.



**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
Signs of God's love**

Reading I Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40
(proofs of God's love)

Reading II Romans 8: 14-17
(sons of God through adoption)

Gospel Matthew 28: 16-20
(commission of the Apostles)

Key Passage: Moses said the people, "For ask now about former ages, long before your own, ever since the day that God created human beings on the earth; ask from one end of heaven to the other: has anything so great as this ever happened or has its like ever been heard of?" (Deuteronomy 4: 32)

Adult: What signs of God's love have you witnessed in your life?

Child: How can you be a sign of God's love to others this week?

**For those who
are led by the
Spirit of God
are children
of God.**

Romans 8:14



Celebrating Your Faith at Home

Masses are live streamed each Sunday and Thursday at 9 am on our YouTube channel. Visit the parish website (www.ccfp.dol.ca) and click on the link provided or you can go to youtube.com and search Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes.

Next live streamed Masses:

Thursday, May 27 at 9 am

Sunday, May 30 at 9 am and at 10 am (Polish)

MASS VIA PHONE

Good news, you can listen to Mass or pray the Rosary from St. George Parish in London by calling 1-226-781-7977 and following the prompts.

VIRTUAL BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG 2021

Once again this year's BBB Campaign is virtual due to COVID-19 restrictions. The campaign runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day, however, if you wish to donate at any time the link is active. Your charitable receipt will be processed by canadahelps.org.

If you are not comfortable donating online, please mail a cheque (made out to Refuge) and mail directly their office located at:

39 Grand Avenue West
Chatham ON N7L 1B4

If you have any questions or concerns please call their office at 519-352-3611. They are considered an essential service and have been very busy and appreciate any and all donations. Thank you for your support!

Here is the BBB 2021 fundraiser

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/49216/donation>



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Let God be who God is. This is often one of the hardest things to do. Rather than allowing the mystery of being created in the image and likeness of God unfold and take root in our lives, we change the dynamic. We want to be the creators who want to make God into the image and likeness we need God to be. We have a hard-enough time letting the people in our lives be who they are. We struggle even

more so with God. It is almost as if we want God to be our imaginary friend who is not only with us whenever we need but becomes the Being we need God to be. Who is it that we want God to be today? A protector, disciplinarian, champion for justice, healer, advocate for our cause, grantor of prayers, guardian of my life, or the avenger? Our prayers tell an interesting story. When you pray, what does God look like?

Recently, a young woman who was feeling invisible, overlooked, ignored, and misunderstood by her husband struggled to make her feelings known and get his attention. Finally, she screamed, "Listen to me!" Thus, birth was given to a renewed and healthier relationship. We spend so much time storming heaven with our agenda and trying to make God into a "god" of our desires that we do not hear God saying, "Listen to me!" God is desperately trying to get our attention. God is saying, I am here among you as not one but three, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many people seldom notice God's presence because they are so caught up with other spiritual cares and concerns. And, when the "god" they fashion and create doesn't produce as they desire, they shake the dust from their feet and move on. "I tried," they exclaim, "but God didn't listen."

Healthy relationships aren't built on making someone be who we need them to be. Healthy relationships are built on encounters of persons and the development of an appreciation of someone solely for who they are. Deeper relationships can even be found with two people marveling at each other and almost experiencing a childlike joy and giddiness when they see the other coming. Do you ever have these feelings about God? Believe it or not, God does for you! There is a joyful laughter that gives rise to and connects all three members of the Holy Trinity. It is this laughter, flowing from the very depths of the Godhead that not only keeps the Trinity in joyful unity but spills over into the creation of all beings and things. It is an expression of Divine Delight! Have you ever taken time away from your agenda to experience the Divine Joyfulness of God?

We can reach a connection of Presence wherein even the smallest of creatures suddenly radiate the fullness of God: the wonderful creation of their being, the innocence and playfulness of their movements, and the sustaining life breath that flows through their veins. The same God who created the heavens and the earth is the same God who wants you to call him 'Dad' and the same God who preserves your life and has all things in His care.

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CONFIRMATION

We are not able to set dates for celebrating Confirmation yet. However, we can get students registered and prepared so we are ready when the time comes to set the dates. We will do this via an online/virtual process with parents, sponsors and students, in Gr. 8 or above:

- Go to our webpage at www.ccfp.dol.ca
Under the Sacrament tab go to Confirmation for all the info and links.
- Fill out the Confirmation Request Form (save it and email to ckeane@dol.ca).
- Complete the Sponsor and Interview Forms; email these to Colleen Keane.
- Once these steps are completed, Colleen Keane will communicate with you regarding the video series we are using to prepare.
- Questions? Connect with Colleen at ckeane@dol.ca or 352-9483 ext. 225.

CHATHAM CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

We are now taking intentions for Blessed Sacrament, St. Agnes, St. Joseph, St. Ursula and Our Lady of Victory for July.

We will only be able to accept two Mass Intentions per household for this time frame. Anything above this we can certainly take and send on to the Diocese of London, which are then forwarded to priests that do not have Mass Intentions. We appreciate your cooperation with this. By using this method, the Mass Intentions you request will be said in a more expedient way.

GLOBAL PRAYER MARATHON

Pope Francis has put his support behind an initiative urging Catholics throughout the world to dedicate the month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic. His wish is that it will "encourage the faithful, individuals, families and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic." Each day will see Vatican News broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 12 noon (6 pm in Rome) from 30 Shrines in various parts of the world. Pope Francis will open the month on May 1 with a Rosary broadcast, as well as end with the Rosary on May 31.

The broadcast will be available on all Vatican Media platforms - Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. You can also visit their YouTube channel by searching "Vatican News."

K OF C - Blessed Sacrament #1412

50/50 Online Raffle

Draw date: June 30, 2021

100 tickets - \$40 40 tickets - \$20

15 tickets - \$10

June 4 at 9:00 am

1st draw for \$500, 2nd draw for \$250

3rd draw for \$250

To purchase your tickets from Council #1412 please visit www.kofcontario5050.com.

When asked for what organization
"Chatham Blessed Sacrament 1412"



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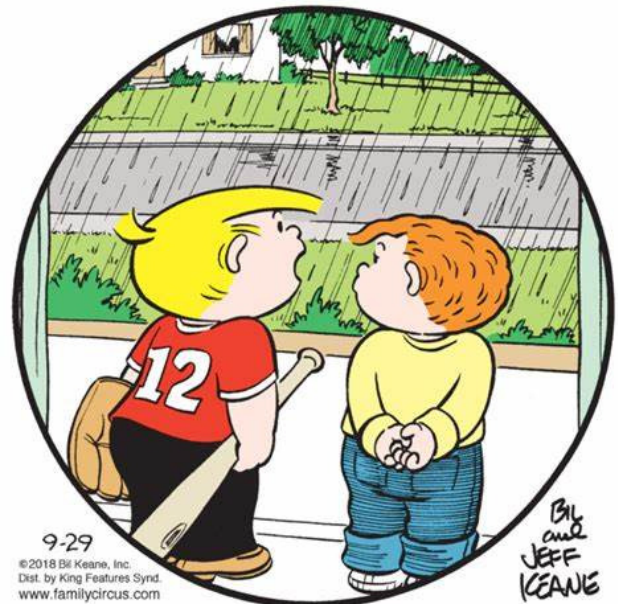
PRAYER CHAIN

We have people who want to pray for whatever request comes to them. If you need prayers, please contact Maureen at the parish office at 519-352-8530 or 519-352-9483 or by email at mfoster@dol.ca.

*I call on you, my God, for you will answer me;
turn your ear to me and hear my prayers.*

Psalm 17:6

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**"I wish God wouldn't wash the world
on Saturdays."**

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