

ERIE TRI-COUNTY CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES



ST. MARY'S - ST. MICHAEL'S - SACRED HEART

### Erie Tri-County Catholic Family of Parishes Clergy

**Pastor** - Rev. Ben Huyge

**Associate Pastor** - Rev. Thomas Kuriacko

Deacon Andre DeDecker

Deacon Jack Grim

Deacon Brian Hanley

**Pastoral Minister** - Colleen Hanley

**Domestic Church and Youth Ministry Coordinator** - Leigh Duckworth

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**Tillsonburg Office** (519) 842-3224

**Langton Office** (519) 875-4438

For Updates on COVID-19 Directives, Online Mass, Homilies,  
Family Resources, Diocesan Resources and more, visit our

**website:** [www.etcfp.dol.ca](http://www.etcfp.dol.ca) or our **Facebook page:** [Erie Tri-County Catholic Family of Parishes](https://www.facebook.com/ErieTriCountyCatholicFamilyofParishes)

### Mass Intentions (St. Mary's, Sacred Heart & St. Michael's)

To schedule a Mass Intention, please call either office, St Mary's  
519-842-3224 or Sacred Heart 519-875-4438 and leave a message,  
OR e-mail us at [etcfp@dol.ca](mailto:etcfp@dol.ca).

#### **Monday March 1, 2021**

**St. Mary's (9:00 am)**

Gaston Geysens

**Sacred Heart**

No Mass

#### **Tuesday March 2, 2021**

**St. Mary's (9:00 am)**

Mark Ruffolo

**Sacred Heart (9:30 am)**

Clarence DeVos

Norman Amirault

#### **Wednesday March 3, 2021**

**St. Mary's (9:00 am)**

Olga Patterson

**Sacred Heart (9:30 am)**

Anne DeCoene

**Adoration (10:00am-10:30am)**

#### **Thursday March 4, 2021**

**St. Mary's (9:00 am)**

Marcel Demaree

Steve Mayorcsak

**St. Michael's (10:00 am)**

Konstanty & Wanda Hamulecki

#### **Friday March 5 2021**

**St. Mary's (9:00 am)**

Gerard Vanexem

Robert Cerna

**Adoration (9:30am-11:00am)**

**Sacred Heart**

No Mass

### Livestream Information

**We will be livestreaming weekend Mass every Saturday at 5PM  
from St. Mary's, and every Sunday at 10:30AM from Sacred  
Heart Langton.**

Click to view the livestream event on our [website](http://www.etcfp.dol.ca) or [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/ErieTriCountyCatholicFamilyofParishes).

Livestreamed Masses will also be posted to our website and

[YouTube page](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) after Mass has concluded.

### Office Information

Both of our offices are currently closed to the  
public. We will respond to e-mails and check  
phone messages.

[Click Here](#) for this weekend's Sunday  
Reflection by Fr. Thomas.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration,  
concluding with Benediction, every Friday  
morning following Mass, from  
**9:30AM—11AM at St. Mary's Tillsonburg**  
Or  
Wednesday March 3, 2021 following Mass  
from **10AM—10:30AM at**  
**Sacred Heart Langton**

### Printed Bulletins

Printed bulletins are available at both St. Mary's (by  
the office door) and Sacred Heart (by the church  
door) for those who cannot access the bulletin  
online. They will be available from Monday - Friday  
only.

### CHANGES TO MASS BOOKING

#### PROCEDURE

We are encouraging parishioners to book  
seats for weekend Masses via Online  
Registration through our [website](http://www.etcfp.dol.ca). It will open  
on Sunday nights at 7 pm and remain open  
until Wednesday mornings at 9am. Depending  
if there is still space at Masses after  
registration has closed, we will continue to  
take bookings over the phone from  
1pm - 4pm on Wednesdays. Please visit our  
website to watch our "How - To" video.

## Lenten Services 2021

This year, Lenten services will be online for people to view beginning on Wednesday February 17, 2021 running through until Wednesday March 24, 2021. Please check out the Tillsonburg Christian Ministerial Association [YouTube page](#) to view the services each week.

The theme for this year is "My Hope is Built".



### Speaker Schedule

<b>February 17, 2021:</b>	Carl Walters
<b>February 24, 2021:</b>	Ryan McNamara
<b>March 3, 2021:</b>	Karen Hodges
<b>March 10, 2021:</b>	Andre DeDecker
<b>March 17, 2021:</b>	Harold Winter
<b>March 24, 2021:</b>	Osita Oluigbo

## Lent Baby Bottle Drive

### WAYS TO GIVE

#### Online



visit our website  
[www.fsms.ca/babybottledrive](http://www.fsms.ca/babybottledrive)

#### E-Transfer



send an e-transfer to  
[financials@fsms.ca](mailto:financials@fsms.ca)

#### Facebook



visit our facebook page

#### By Mail



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118 Centre St., St. Thomas, ON  
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[Click Here](#) to view the Baby Bottle Website for more information.

## Stations of the Cross

This year, Stations of the Cross and the Divine Mercy will be recorded and uploaded to our website each Friday. Check it out on the [Lent Page](#) of our website.

Congratulations to those who are celebrating the sacrament of First Reconciliation this weekend!  
Please pray for them, and their families.

**Olivia Deconinck; Aric Vermeersch; Chase LaForge;  
Jaxon Byczyk; Bentley Paglioroli; Owen Stephenson;  
Brady Smith; Makenna Balazs; Dylan Townsend;  
Ellia Gillespie**



**First  
Reconciliation**

## Knights of Columbus - ALL WIN February Winners!

Janet Guralski; Andrea Harley; Martin Theissler; Mike Dean

Please pray for the deceased:

**John Vandewiel**



### Follow Us On Our Social Media!

**Instagram:** [@etcfpyouth](#)

**Spotify:** [Erie Tri-County Youth](#)

**YouTube:** [Erie Tri-County](#)

### Share Love, Share Lent Campaign - Double your Impact

Thanks to a group of generous religious communities, from Ash Wednesday (February 17, 2021) to Pentecost (May 23, 2021), new donors who sign up for monthly contributions will see their contributions matched for a year, dollar-for-dollar, up to a maximum of \$130,000. This means that your monthly donations will have DOUBLE the impact for our partners in the Global South!  
Visit [www.devp.org/shareyearround](http://www.devp.org/shareyearround) to join the Share Year-Round program.

### Parish Phone Ministry

Our Erie Tri-county Family of Catholic Parishes has organized a team of over 50 parishioners who have, with the blessing of Fr. Ben and Fr. Thomas, accepted the opportunity of forming the **Parish Phone Ministry**. During lent this year, they will phone most of the regular church attendees and have a phone visit with them. The phone visit will end with an offer of saying a prayer to St. Joseph, the patron of the Catholic Church.

**The Phone Ministry Volunteers** have taken an oath of confidentiality to keep confidential any personal information which they acquire while carrying out a phone visit. They will only share this information with the pastoral team if that is agreed to by the parishioners that they have called. We trust that God will bless this parish effort to grow together as members of the parishes of St. Michael's, Sacred Heart and St. Mary's.

### Phone Ministry Prayer

Members of our **Parish Phone Ministry** ask to say a prayer with each of the parishioners that they call. That prayer is particularly appropriate and Deacon Andre hopes that it will become a prayer for many people in our family of Catholic Parishes. It is called "**The Memorare to St. Joseph**" we pray it for the restoration of our parish life.

*Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly to you, my spiritual father, and beg your protection. O foster father of the Redeemer, despise not my petitions, but in your goodness hear and answer me. Amen.*

**To the parishioners of Sacred Heart/St. Michael's and the Erie Tri-County Catholic Family of Parishes:**

While I know what I am about to write would not be deemed necessary or even wanted for the person for which is about; however, I believe it very important to offer these words of gratitude for our retiring Cemetery Manager and Caretaker at Sacred Heat Langton, and St. Michael's Walsh; Alton Hayek.

Alton has been a pillar for Sacred Heart for nearly 23 years now. He has responded to every need and matter with the upmost of care and dedication. He has been there whenever needed, and has given his all in caring and serving the needs of the families at Sacred Heart and St. Michael's in recent years.

I was blessed to get to know Alton when I was a Seminarian, and never thought I would be there as the Pastor of the Family of Parishes for his retirement. Alton has always been for me the ideal of a church caretaker.

There is great comfort in knowing that Alton was around to see to the necessary maintenance and cleanliness of our churches. Many resources were saved over the years, because of Alton's ability to keep things in order, and even construct things that have been necessary over the years. I never knew the possibilities for a Farmall 140 until I witnessed what Alton did with the one that is used at Sacred Heart.

Alton responded even in these past months with great wisdom and ability to see that everything is in place for maintaining our protocols and safety during the pandemic. His gifts and talents even allowed us to get the small loft at St. Michael's open again, by building and forming a proper railing to meet the safety codes for its use. Every spot we can find for our people to be safely situated in our churches counts, and Alton continually found the way for us to do so.

His leadership, knowledge and on-call flexibility for the Sacred Heart Cemetery is unmatched.

His retirement will form a gap that will be difficult for us to adjust to, but at the same time we are supportive and congratulate him on a well-deserved retirement. February 27th, will be Alton's last day working with us.

The Cemetery Board, under the leadership of Mary DeCloet, has found someone to care for the cemetery as far as preparing the plots for burials and maintaining its aesthetics (cutting and trimming the grass, etc.). The gentleman's name is Teunis Penning and he comes highly recommended by those who are responsible for St. Ladislaus Cemetery. He will be working on contract directly with the Cemetery Board, and I thank the Board for putting into place a smooth transition. Teunis has already been doing some training with Alton before his departure.

The administrative needs of Sacred Heart Cemetery such as the sale of plots, and other business will be handled by Teena Stetler-Mendonca the Business Administrator for our Family of Parishes.

The indoor cleaning of the churches themselves will be handled by Pierre Doneff who is the current custodian at St. Mary's in Tillsonburg. He will now split his time between all three of our church buildings during the week to clean.

I want to thank Bryan Cairns for agreeing to maintain the lawn around Sacred Heart Church and its specific property as separate from the Cemetery.

We have other matters to address, and I will not deny I am sure that some will be identified once Alton departs that we have not properly accounted for. These next months, like so many of the months that have passed since September, remain transition months. For example, we still have to address snow removal around Sacred Heart for the next winter season (whatever snow fall we get in March that requires the Sacred Heart's parking lot to be cleaned, has already been looked after). We will find solutions, and given the situation we are in the pandemic, we are trying to ensure that those solutions are the most economic as possible at the same time wanting the job done right.

One of the things I was looking forward to when I was named Pastor of what is now the Erie Tri-County Catholic Family of Parishes was to be serving and working with Alton. While that time was shorter than I expected, I am thankful for these last months, and took such comfort in knowing whatever was asked would be done, and done beyond our expectations. Alton, to say your presence will be missed is an understatement which exceeds the full meaning of the word understatement itself.

Alton, as I mentioned at the start of these words, you do not believe them necessary, and I know you made clear that you do not want any undue attention drawn to this change and transition that we are all experiencing. Like many a hero in an old Western movie, you want to "fade into the sunset." I, and the many who know you, understand that. However, the things you created, built, and repaired over the years at Sacred Heart/St. Michael's are so much the better for what you have done. We have been blessed to harvest the fruits of your gifts, talents, and toil. Know from the depth of our hearts our gratitude for them, and ultimately our gratitude for yourself.

God's Blessings be upon you Alton, and your family. Know always the home you have with us, and we know that what transpires now is not a goodbye, but simply a "so long".

I ask the parishioners of the Erie Tri-County Catholic Family of Parishes to pray for Alton and his family as he begins his retirement from Sacred Heart/St. Michael's, but we know he will still keep busy doing other things!

In Christ,



Rev. Ben Huyge

Pastor, Erie Tri-County Catholic Family of Parishes