



Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes

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ST. MICHAEL | ST. THOMAS D'AQUIN

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
9:00am to 5:00pm

MAILING ADDRESS

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Sarnia ON N7T 5V9

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Sarnia ON N7V 1Z4

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Tue. 10am - 2pm; Wed. 1pm -
5pm; Fri. 2:30pm - 6:30pm

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1465 Lecaron Ave.
Sarnia ON N7V 3J4

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1011 Oak Ave.
Sarnia ON N7S 1J4

St. Joseph
293 Stuart St.
Sarnia ON N7T 3B9

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1920 Wildwood Dr.
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Wed. & Fri. 9:00am-12:00 pm

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895 Champlain Rd.
Sarnia ON N7V 2E9

In Case of a Pastoral Emergency, please call the parish office at 519-336-2653 EXT. 9 and leave a message. Voice messages will go to the parish email and will be checked.

Telephone: 519-336-2653

E-mail: sbrcfp@dol.ca Website: www.sarniacatholic.ca

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



New to our Family of Parishes?

If you are looking for:

- How to get involved
- Parish Ministries
- Becoming Catholic
- Resources

Click on the image or go to

www.sarniacatholic.ca to contact us and to

learn more about us or call the parish office at 519-336-2653.

**YOUTH MINISTRY
SUMMER EVENTS**

AUGUST 8TH & 10TH

Morning	Board and Video Games
Evening	Dodge Ball Tournament

Wins: Been Serving 50 Youth a week on average throughout July
Updates: Events run all through August

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor:

Rev. Brian Jane ex.222

Associate Pastors:

Rev. Dan Vere ex.224

Rev. Jan Burczyk C.S.M.A. ex.226

Rev. José Montepeque ex.225

Rev. Paul Kim ex.223

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Leonie Downie ex.228

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Deacons

Deacon Lyle Lalonde ex.236

Deacon Christopher Stoesser

Deacon David Cummings ex.235

Deacon David Kraemer ex.238

PASTORAL STAFF

Business Administrator

Louis Guimond ex.240

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Administrative Assistants

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Reflection ~ Deacon Christopher Stoesser

Tomatoes, cucumbers, corn. Canned, hot-house or frozen. That is one way to get these items but to get them fresh as they are available especially this time of year is the preferred option. I am thinking of tomatoes, cucumbers and corn.

There is basket of them sitting on the kitchen table. Red, round and filled with flavour. Fresh tomatoes this time of year are spectacular.

It good to grace a salad with a hint of summer in the middle of winter with a hot-house cucumber, but nothing compares with the largesse and richness in taste of the summer variety from the field.

The beginning of August always reminds me that corn season is upon us. Suddenly, it seems, corn is found in abundance in stores and stalls and stands. It is a sign that summer is in full bloom.

These are but a few of the abundant blessings this time of year brings. For these graces let our thanks be equally abundant. With joyful, thankful, and grateful hearts. Thanks be to God!

Réflexion ~ Diacre Christopher Stoesser

Tomates, concombres, maïs. En conserve, en serre ou surgelé. C'est une façon d'obtenir ces articles, mais les obtenir tout frais, car ils sont disponibles, en particulier à cette période de l'année, est l'option préférée. Je pense aux tomates, aux concombres et au maïs.

Il y a un panier sur la table de la cuisine. Rouge, rond et rempli de saveur. Les tomates fraîches à cette période de l'année sont spectaculaires.

Il est bon d'agrémenter une salade aux accents estivaux en plein hiver avec un concombre de serre, mais rien ne vaut la richesse gustative de la variété estivale des champs.

Le début du mois d'août me rappelle toujours que la saison du maïs est à nos portes. D'un coup, semble-t-il, le maïs se retrouve en abondance dans les magasins, les marchés et les étals de légumes en bord de route. C'est un signe que l'été est en pleine floraison.

Ce sont là que nous reconnaissons les bénédictions abondantes que cette période de l'année apporte.

Pour ces grâces, que nos remerciements soient également abondants.

Avec des cœurs joyeux et reconnaissants, merci Seigneur !

Reflexión ~ Deacon Christopher Stoesser

Enlatado, hot-house o congelado. Esta es una forma de obtener estos artículos, pero para obtenerlos frescos a medida que están disponibles, especialmente en esta época del año, es la opción preferida. Pienso en tomates, pepinos y maíz. Hay una canasta de ellos sentados en la mesa de la cocina. Rojo, redondo y lleno de sabor. Los tomates frescos en esta época del año son espectaculares!

Tambien es bueno adornar una ensalada con un toque de verano en medio del invierno con un pepino de invernadero, pero nada se compara con la generosidad y la riqueza en sabor de la variedad de productos de verano y del campo.

El comienzo del mes de Agosto siempre me recuerda que la temporada de maíz está sobre nosotros. De repente, al parecer, el maíz se encuentra en abundancia en las tiendas, los mercados de productos agrícolas y los puestos a la orilla de la carretera. Es una señal de que el verano está en plena floración.

Estas son sólo algunas de las bendiciones abundantes que trae esta época del año. Por todas estas gracias y bendiciones, deseo que nuestro agradecimiento sea igualmente abundante. Con corazones alegres, agradecidos y felices ¡Gracias a Dios!

Refleksja ~ Diakon Christopher Stoesser

W puszkach, z cieplarni lub mrożone. To jeden ze sposobów na zdobycie tych artykułów, ale upragnioną opcją jest uzyskanie ich świeżych, ponieważ są dostępne, szczególnie o tej porze roku. Myślę o pomidorach, ogórkach i kukurydzy. Kosz z nimi leży na stole w kuchni. Czerwone, okrągłe i pełne smaku. Świeże pomidory o tej porze roku są spektakularne. Sałatkę dobrze jest uświetnić nutą lata w środku zimy ogórkiem szklarniowym, ale nic nie może się równać z hojnością i bogactwem smaku letniej odmiany z pola. Początek sierpnia zawsze przypomina mi, że sezon kukurydziany nadchodzi. Nagle wydaje się, że w sklepach, na straganach i stoiskach można znaleźć pod dostatkiem kukurydzy. To znak, że lato jest w pełnym rozkwicie. To tylko kilka z obfitych błogosławieństw, jakie przynosi ta pora roku. Za te łaski niech nasze dziękczynienie będzie równie obfite. Z radosnym, wdzięcznym i szczerym sercem powiedzmy, Bogu niech będa dzięki!

Pray for Vocations: August 6 to August 13

Sunday: Rev. Michael Bechard

Monday: Deacon Morgan Treacy

Tuesday: Ms. Katherine Marsh, Pastoral Minister

Wednesday: Rev. Thomas Blondin

Thursday: Rev. Lawrence (Larry) Brunet

Friday: Deacon Alex Litt

Saturday: Mrs. Catherinanne George, Campus Minister

Please remember to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis

*We pray for all who have died
and for those who mourn their
passing.*

Annunziata (Nancy) DeSena

Patricia Donahue



EXCITING NEWS!

Children's Liturgy is returning in September 2022!!!

"Bring the little children unto me" - Matthew 19:14

But first... we are in need of Adult Leaders and Youth Volunteers (grade 7 and up) who enjoy working with children in this fulfilling ministry with our little ones on a rotating schedule.

Ideally the commitment would be once/month. For Youth Volunteers, we also sign off on Community Service Hours for this ministry.

Please contact Leonia Downie, Pastoral Minister at the Parish Office if you are interested in this ministry.

**Readings for
Sunday, August 7, 2022**

1st Reading:

Wisdom 18.6-9

2nd Reading:

Hebrews 11.1-2, 8-19

Gospel:

Luke 12.32-48

Please Pray For

Andy Courchesne

Johanne Fillion

Maurice Braet

Brian Winterton

Charlie O'Rae

Baby Kelton

Gerald Gillespie



CHARISMS ~ CALLED AND GIFTED

Experience your Greatest Happiness

by doing what

God has Uniquely Gifted

You to do!

**New workshops beginning
September 22nd**



**Scan QR code for details
and to register online
or call the parish office
519 336-2653**

ADORATION CHAPEL



Location:

Our Lady of Mercy Hall

Open:

7 days/week from 6am -10pm

Please call the parish office for
door code.

MOVING TO A RETIREMENT HOME, LONG TERM CARE FACILITY, NURSING HOME...

Please inform the parish office if you or family members have moved to a retirement home, long term care facility or nursing home so we can update our files and keep in touch.

Thank you



Countdown to Alpha... 44 days

New to Faith? Life long in the Faith? No problem. If you have questions, come to Alpha.

"A very pleasant experience. Awesome how people will share real life experiences both good and bad, and how they leaned on God"

Register Today

FOR THE NEXT SESSIONS TAKING PLACE AT
ST JOSEPH CHURCH, 293 STUART ST.
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 20TH

How to Register:

- ♦ Scan QR code below
- ♦ visit www.sarniacatholic.ca or
- ♦ email sarniacatholicalpha@gmail.com



August 2022

Youth & Family Office-
Diocese of London

LIVE OUT LOUD TEEN RETREAT

Build confidence, friendships &
faith before heading back to
High School!



MONDAY
AUGUST 22
FINGAL, ON



TUESDAY
AUGUST 23
OXLEY, ON



WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 24
DUBLIN, ON

Each day will run from 9am-7pm (lunch & dinner included) and will be full of confidence & faith building activities & fun! Open to teens in heading into high school or already in high school.

Monday, August 22nd at Pearce Williams Camp (Fingal ON)
Tuesday, August 23rd at Holy Family Retreat House (Oxley, ON)
Wednesday, August 24th at St. Patrick's Church (Dublin, ON)

Cost for the day: \$45- includes meals and materials.
Register before Monday, August 15 and receive \$5 off.

Each teen will receive a "Back to HS Survival Kit" on the day of retreat.

To register a group or your teen go to <https://dol.ca/live-out-loud>
or email Christine Coyle at ccoyle@dol.ca



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING

Wednesday, August 24 at 6:30pm
Sarnia Library Theatre Auditorium
124 Christina St. S.

Performances by:

Rachel Arseneau, Frank Brennan, Lily & Ruby
Konstantinou, Sarah Lecky, Leanne Moran

Admission is free with freewill donations accepted
at the door for the "Families Helping Families Aid
to the Ukrainian People" initiative.

ALL are WELCOME! Hope to see you there!

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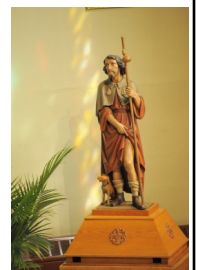
FEAST OF ST. ROCCO

Sunday, August 14th, the 50th anniversary of the
annual St. Rocco festival in Sarnia will be
celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church.

A Mass celebrated by Father Pio Beorchia at 10:30
AM will be followed by a delicious
Italian lunch in the parish hall.

Lunch is \$20 (antipasto, pasta &
meatballs, coffee/water)

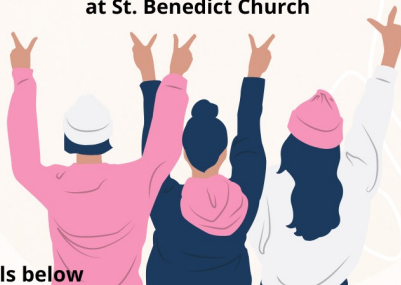
For more information please call the
parish office (519) 336-2653



An opportunity to share a meal & conversation
with our International students.

Happy to meet you!

Join us for a potluck dinner
Sunday August 28th following 6:30pm Mass
at St. Benedict Church



See details below

Pot-Luck Welcome Supper

Very soon, a new cohort of international students will arrive in Sarnia to attend Lambton College. Many of these students, as well as other newcomers to our city, will seek out our seven churches as a place for worship and also to meet new local friends. This is our chance to warmly welcome the new international students, and all newcomers to our parish community with a pot-luck supper.

Long-time local parishioners from all of our churches are invited to sign-up and bring your favourite dish to share. Keep it simple if you want. The main idea is to welcome a stranger who is just learning about our churches, our city, our country, and our culture(s), and to make them feel at home. Many arrive nervous and lonely, but we can break the ice with warm, local hospitality.

Scan QR code to register online for
the potluck or contact Jim Poore
at 519 542-0741
or email: jimmypoore@cogeco.ca



WEDDING BANNS FIRST PUBLICATION

The Catholic Diocese of NNEWI,
St. Cletus Parish NNEWI, Nigeria announce
marriage banns of Fabian Chukwuedozie Nwoji
and Augusta Chiamaka Ubah to be married at
St. Cletus Parish, Nnewi, Nigeria
on September 24, 2022

BIBLE DISCOVERIES

Brant Pitre explores the Jewish Roots of the
Papacy, the Seven Sacraments, Why we
Confess and St. Peter and the Three Stages
of Spiritual Life.

All sessions held at St. Michael Church Hall

Thursday evenings at 7PM

September 15, 22, 29 and October 6

The video series will be followed by a
discussion and question period.

Register online at sarniacatholic.ca or call
the parish office at (519) 336-2653



Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Par-
ishes is excited to introduce a new and conven-
ient way to donate.

Coming soon to all our parishes.

More details to come.

Everyone is Welcome!



Come and Enjoy Fellowship, Coffee,
Sweets, and our famous egg/English
muffin sandwiches immediately
following the 11 :00 Mass every week at
St. Joseph Church! Come, share, enjoy!



Please register your family so we can plan for
refreshments.

www.sarniacatholic.ca or call: (519) 336-2653

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

Sunday, August 7	• Coffee Sunday ~ St. Benedict – following 9am Mass • Coffee Social ~ Our lady of Mercy – following 8:30am Mass • Coffee & Conversation ~ St. Joseph – following 11am Mass
Monday, August 8	• Youth Ministry ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – grades 6-8; 10am – 12pm • Gospel of John Bible Study ~ St. Joseph – 10am • Youth Ministry ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – grades 6-8; 6pm–8pm
Tuesday, August 9	•
Wednesday, Aug. 10	• Eucharistic Adoration ~ St. Joseph – 10am • Youth Ministry ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – grades 9-12; 10am – 12pm • Youth Ministry ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – grades 9-12; 6pm – 8pm
Thursday, August 11	•
Friday, August 12	• Art Group ~ Our Lady of Mercy 1pm – 3pm; Drawing Room • Latin Mass ~ St. Joseph – 7pm • Outdoor Family Movie Night ~ Sacred Heart – 9pm
Saturday, August 13	

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Sunday, August 14	• Coffee Sunday ~ St. Benedict – following 9am Mass • St. Rocco Mass ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 10:30 AM (pasta lunch in church hall) • Coffee & Conversation ~ St. Joseph – following 11am Mass
Monday, August 15	• Youth Ministry ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – grades 6-8; 10am-12pm • Gospel of John Bible Study ~ St. Joseph – 10am • Youth Ministry ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – grades 6-8; 6pm-8pm
Tuesday, August 16	•
Wednesday, Aug 17	• Eucharistic Adoration ~ St. Joseph – 10am • Soup Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 12:30am • Youth Ministry ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – grades 9-12; 10am-12pm • Youth Ministry ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – grades 9-12; 6pm-8pm • Chevaliers de Colomb ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin–7pm
Thursday, August 18	• Meat Bingo ~ OLM – 7pm
Friday, August 19	• Art Group ~ Our Lady of Mercy 1pm – 3pm; Drawing Room
Saturday, August 20	• Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 4:30pm Mass • Coffee Social ~ Queen of Peace–following 5pm Mass

Weekday Mass Intentions - August 8 to August 14

Monday, August 8		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English Health & God's blessings for Rita Straatman, on her birthday ~ Helen God's blessings for Helen LaCroix, on her birthday ~ Friend	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Bertha Loosemore ~ Daughter Ethel Judy Klauke ~ Husband Rick Pat Donahue ~ Aurie Prendiville	6:30 PM St. Michael Domenico Iacobelli ~ Olga Maria Teresa Fanelli ~ Anna DeCarolus Adriana Kelders ~ The Kelders Family Vincenzo Orlando ~ The Family Trish Berg ~ George Stanko For the intentions of Pope Francis~ St. Michael CWL
Tuesday, August 9		
8:30 AM Sacred Heart Bernadette Gray ~ Larry Renaud Maxim Demerse ~ Theresa Bell Aunt Tess ~ Joe & Jackie Kennedy In Honour of St. Rocco ~ Fred Benacquista & Family 7:00 PM St. Thomas d'Aquin - French Laurette Haché ~ Leona & Mark Potvin	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Dora & Ed Chamberlain ~ Wayne & Susan Chamberlain Intention of Jason, Ann-Marie, Anna & Jake Naug ~ Mom Souls in Purgatory ~ Alexandrina Marta-Felix	6:30 PM St. Benedict Thelma Pay ~ Jim & Annetta Houston Veko Vukobratcic ~ Anna Maria 7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish O łaskę wiary dla dzieci i wnuków ~ Anna Dziękczynna za wszystkie otrzymane łaski ~ Rodzina
Wednesday August 10		
8:30 AM St. Michael Anna Fazio ~ Daughter, Rosanna & Dino DeCarolus & Family Ennio DeSena ~ Gisele & Family Sebastian Hubert ~ The Kelders Family Jerry Clendenning ~ St. Michael Quilting Group Prayers of Healing for Matha Knight ~ St. Michael Quilting Group	9:30 AM St. Joseph Terry & Iris Coates ~ Louis & Meena Machado Emeline Rideout ~ Dawn Hennessey Emeline Rideout ~ Marquita Knowles	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Gino Dottori ~ Mary Mary Hamilton ~ Tom Hamilton Intentions of Martin & Natalie Minten ~ Allan Mearns 7:00 PM St. Thomas d'Aquin Intentions of Bill McKnight ~ Grace Michaud
Thursday, August 11		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English God's blessings for Jurek ~ David Lang +Barry Bamburly ~ Marian & Mike Banovsky 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Pearl & Alex McDonald ~ Marie Houlahan Dr. Kingsley Mahon ~ Fr. Dan Vere Mary Lynne Shannon ~ Fr. Dan Vere	9:30 AM St. Benedict Clara Vennettilli ~ Mr. & Mrs. Honoro D'Angela Terence & Iris Coates	12:10 AM Our Lady of Mercy Assunta & Maria ~ Pierina Cimetta & Family Filomena & Domenico Pinelli ~ Daughter Maria & Family Special Intention Souls in Purgatory ~ Gerry McKeown

Friday, August 12		
8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - English Jeanne St.Pierre ~ Don & Claudette Sonier 12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Joe Seward ~ Wife Elsie Angelo Ferrari ~ Family	9:30 AM Sacred Heart Bryann Finn ~ Pat & Daughters	7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish Dziękczynna za szczęśliwy przebieg operacji ~ Anna Za Kapłanó
Saturday, August 13		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English All Souls in Purgatory ~ Irena 9:30 AM St. Joseph Terence & Iris Coates	8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - Bilingual Bertha Loosemore ~ Daughter, Ethel	8:30 AM St. Michael Bill & Mary Thomson ~ Marg & Steve Schwab Frank Tote ~ Maria Tote Domenico Iacobelli ~ Olga Nancy DeSena ~ Gisele DeSena Terence & Iris Coates

WEEKEND CONFESSION & MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Confessions

8:45 - 9:30am ~ Queen of Peace ~ Sacristy
9:15 - 10:00am ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin ~ Hall
9:15 - 10:00am ~ St. Michael ~ Hall
11:00am - 12:00pm ~ Our Lady of Mercy ~ Hall
Confessions are also available by appointment by calling the parish office.

Saturday Vigil Masses

4:00pm - Our Lady of Mercy
4:30pm - St. Benedict
5:00pm - Queen of Peace (English)
+Sabina & Danuta Dutkowska ~ David Lang
5:00pm - St. Michael, Bright's Grove
5:30pm - Sacred Heart

Sunday Masses

8:30am - Our Lady of Mercy
9:00am - Queen of Peace (English)
+Nancy Thomas ~ CWL
+Philip Machado ~ Louis & Meena Machado
9:00am - Sacred Heart
9:00am - St. Benedict
9:00am - St. Thomas d'Aquin (English)
10:30am - St. Michael, Bright's Grove
11:00am - Queen of Peace (Polish)
11:00am - Sacred Heart
11:00am - St. Joseph
11:00am - St. Thomas d'Aquin (French)
5:00pm - St. Thomas d'Aquin (Spanish)
6:30pm - St. Benedict

WELCOME SUPPER ~ STUDENTS & NEWCOMMERS TO SARNIA

Are you a new student at Lambton College? Are you new to Sarnia? Welcome to Sarnia! All newcomers are cordially invited to attend a welcome supper at St. Benedict Parish Hall. Come out and meet some local people from our Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes www.sarniacatholic.ca. Supper is on us provided by our parishioners. We just want to meet you and welcome you with open arms. Everyone is welcome to attend Holy Mass in the church after supper, if you like. Everyone is welcome, regardless of faith. We cannot wait to meet you and welcome you.

Please come **Sunday, August 28, 4:30 PM**, St. Benedict Parish Hall, 1011 Oak Avenue, Sarnia (entrance at big parking lot side). Mass will follow at 6:30 in the church, for those who wish to attend.

RENOVATIONS COMPLETE...WELCOME HOME ST. MICHEAL'S PARISHIONERS!



"FILL THE FLEET" *with FOOD for FAMILIES!* Saturday, August 13th 10am - 2pm



The Salvation Army & St Vincent de Paul are looking for
YOUR HELP to "Fill their Fleet" with **FOOD**



BBQ

10:30 - 1:30

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS

Giant Tiger (London Rd), **Metro & Giant Tiger** (Northgate)

Foodland (Brights Grove) & **No Frills** (Corunna)

Thank YOU for your support !



Ways to Make Donations to your Parish...

Interac e-Transfer now available at all parishes.

Interac e-Transfer is a quick and easy way to donate to your parish, or to pay for a mass intention. Please use the message field to ensure that your transfer goes to the appropriate parish fund (i.e. donation, SSVP, Mass intention, etc.)

Please use the following emails on your online banking platform when making your transfer to your respective parish. No need for a security question, as we are set up with Autodeposit.

Consider enrolling in Pre-Authorized Donations directly from your bank account. Please contact Lisa at ldesena@dol.ca or Cathy at ccimetta@dol.ca, or by calling 519-336-2653. They will be happy to assist you in the set-up.

Our Lady of Mercy	olm@dol.ca
St Benedict	saintbenedict@dol.ca
St Joseph	olm@dol.ca
St Michael	stmichaelbg@dol.ca
Sacred Heart	shsarnia@dol.ca
Queen of Peace	qofpeace@dol.ca
St Thomas d'Aquin	sta@dol.ca

All are welcome to join Fr. Paul Kim at Our Lady of the Rosary Diocesan Shrine to celebrate the Feast of the Queenship of Mary on Monday, August 22.

5773 10th Line, Merlin, ON N0P 1W0

10:35 AM -

- Pilgrims are invited to arrive (and write down their intentions).
- Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available outdoors.
- Store will be open for sale of religious items.

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

- Holy Mass
- The Angelus and Litany to Our Lady of Fatima.
- Lunch Break (free time to view trails)
- Rosary Procession (along the Rosary Trail)
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Reflection
- Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Benediction
- Holy Water will be provided and available daily after Mass

Pack a lunch and bring a lawn chair as we pray together as family in faith under the protection and intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary! For more information, please contact the parish office.

LIVESTREAMED MASS IN OUR CHURCHES

The Family of Parishes Sunday Mass recording from St. Benedict Church is also available on Cogeco channel 6 with all our Family of Parishes priests taking turns serving as the celebrant at this Mass.

Please note that some recorded Sunday masses on Cogeco may run longer so the Rosary prayed before the mass may need to be shortened to accommodate.

Daily Televised Masses...

If Cogeco is your provider:

Cogeco TV—channel 6(Sunday 12 noon)
EWTN—channel184
(contact Cogeco to have it set up)

VisionTV—channel24
(Mass times 8a.m. and 12 noon)
Salt & Light—channel 185

If Bell is your provider:

EWTN—channel 633
Vision TV—channel 261
(Mass times 8a.m. and 12 noon)

If you are on Shaw direct satellite:

Shaw direct advanced—EWTN channel 292
Shaw classic—EWTN channel 559
Shaw national—EWTN channel 28

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-J7SLof9enNCR6dwEM--uw>



**Gianna Home needs
House Mother
Volunteers!**



- assist the moms with their day to day,
 - prep and eat meals together,
 - discuss, and support.
- Mentor type role.

We will provide all necessary training.
Must be able to carry 25lbs.

A variety of days/times are needed.
Can be weekly, bi-weekly, occasional.
e-mail danielle@giannahome.ca or
phone 226-313-2342.





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St. Benedict, St. Joseph, St. Michael, St. Thomas d'Aquin*

Résultats financiers de la paroisse St Thomas d'Aquin 2021

Nous tenons à exprimer notre gratitude aux paroissiens de Saint-Thomas d'Aquin pour leur générosité, tant en temps qu'en dons, en ces temps difficiles de pandémie. Les effets de la réduction obligatoire de la capacité physique de nos églises et de la dispense de l'obligation dominicale ont eu un impact substantiel sur les collectes. Cela a été partiellement atténué par les dons en ligne et la généreuse contribution du gouvernement du Canada sous la forme de la Subvention salariale d'urgence du Canada (SSUC). Pour ajouter à nos défis financiers, l'évaluation diocésaine est revenue à ses 15% de collectes d'offertoires d'origine.

Pour 2021, nous rapportons un déficit du fonds de fonctionnement de 4 927 \$ qui a été atténué par une généreuse subvention gouvernementale COVID de 23 073 \$, comparativement à un surplus de 6 546 \$ pour 2020. Le fonds d'immobilisations paroissiale a connu un déficit de 9 450 \$ en 2021 comparativement à un surplus de 3 289 \$ en 2020. Ce manque à gagner était dû à des réparations urgentes de la toiture. Le total des liquidités a diminué de 14 377 \$ au cours de l'exercice pour terminer à 71 057 \$.

Un graphique montrant les recettes par rapport aux dépenses depuis 2019 est joint, illustrant que St Thomas d'Aquin dépense actuellement 4 000 \$ de plus que ce qui est collecté chaque mois. Cela est principalement dû à une forte baisse des dons mensuelles de 37 % depuis 2019.

En tant que membre de la Famille des Paroisses, St Thomas d'Aquin conserve toutes les recettes perçues mais partage certaines de ses dépenses avec les autres membres de la paroisse de la Famille. Comme première étape pour rétablir la viabilité de la Paroisse, nous prévoyons de réduire les dépenses mensuelles, allouées à la Paroisse, en réaffectant les services administratifs et les coûts du presbytère aux dépenses familiales partagées. Nous estimons que ces mesures généreront des économies mensuelles de 2 500 \$. Il y aura des impacts sur le niveau de service offert aux paroissiens, mais cela sera atténué en fournissant des heures de bureau paroissiales au révérend Paul et au diacre David.

Pour nous aider à relever nos défis financiers, nous avons initié un code QR (Quick Read) afin que toute personne possédant un téléphone intelligent puisse donner à tout moment, n'importe où, n'importe comment. De plus, sous la direction du père Brian, nous développons un modèle de leadership de service et un plan stratégique global qui rapprochera tous les paroissiens de la mission de l'église.

Le Conseil des finances a prévu des présentations en personne dans toutes les paroisses du 16 juillet au 4 septembre, qui seront suivies d'une assemblée publique financière à l'automne. Notre quatrième série de présentations aura lieu à Queen of Peace les 20 et 21 août, après les liturgies du week-end. Restez à l'écoute pour d'autres mises à jour et annonces de présentation.

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We would like to express our gratitude to St. Thomas d'Aquin's Parishioners for their generosity, both in time and donations, during these challenging pandemic times. The effects of the mandated reduction in physical capacity of our churches and the dispensation from the Sunday Obligation has had a substantial impact on collections. This was partially mitigated by online giving and the generous contribution of the Government of Canada in the form of the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS). To add to our financial challenges, the Diocesan assessment returned to its original 15% of offertory collections.

For 2021, we are reporting an operating fund deficit of \$4,927 that was mitigated by a generous COVID government subsidy of \$23,073, compared to a surplus of \$6,546 for 2020. The Parish capital fund experienced a deficit of \$9,450 in 2021 compared to a surplus of \$3,289 in 2020. This shortfall was due to emergency repairs to the roof. The total cash resources decreased by \$14,377 over the year to end at \$71,057.

A graph showing receipts vs expenditures since 2019 is attached, illustrating that St Thomas d'Aquin is currently spending \$4,000 more than is collected every month. This is mostly due to a large decrease in monthly receipts of 37% since 2019.

As a member of the Family of Parishes, St Thomas d'Aquin retains all receipts collected but do share some of its expenditures with the other parish members of the Family. As a first step to reinstate Parish viability, we are planning to reduce monthly expenses, allocated to the Parish, by reallocation administrative services and rectory costs to shared family expenses. We estimate these measures will generate monthly savings of \$2,500. There will be impacts on the level of service offered to parishioners, but this will be mitigated by providing Parish office hours for Rev. Paul and Deacon David.

To help us meet our financial challenges, we have initiated a QR (Quick Read) code so that anyone with a smart phone can give at anytime, anywhere, anyhow. In addition, under the leadership of Fr. Brian, we are developing a Servant Leadership model and a comprehensive strategic plan which will bring all parishioners closer to the mission of the church.

The Finance Council has planned in-person presentations at all Parishes from July 16 until September 4, to be followed by a financial townhall meeting in the Fall. Our fourth set of presentations will be at Queen of Peace on August 20-21, after the weekend liturgies. Stay tune for further updates and presentation announcements.

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