



Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes

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Sarnia ON N7V 3J4

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1011 Oak Ave.
Sarnia ON N7S 1J4

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293 Stuart St.
Sarnia ON N7T 3B9

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1920 Wildwood Dr. Brights Grove
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SUNDAY, April 23, 2023
Third Sunday of Easter



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If you are looking for:

- How to get involved
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- Becoming Catholic
- Parish Ministries

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.

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En cas d'urgence pastorale, veuillez appeler le bureau paroissial au 519-336-2653 EXT. 9 et laisser un message.
Les messages vocaux iront au courrier électronique de la paroisse et seront vérifiés et les appels seront retournés.

Reflection ~ AJ Barrows ~ Family and Youth Minister

"Were our hearts not burning in us" reminds us of the power and presence of Jesus in our lives. The passage recounts the journey of two disciples walking with Jesus on the road to Emmaus, where He explained the Scriptures to them. Despite not recognizing Jesus initially, when He broke bread with them, their eyes opened and they realized who He was. The disciples' hearts burned within them as Jesus spoke to them, reflecting the passion and intensity with which Jesus connects with us, revealing the truth of God's Word in our hearts. So many of Jesus' followers left Him during and after His Crucifixion, because of the fear of the unknown.

This passage teaches us to seek Jesus, listen to His voice and allow our hearts to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is that power that gives us the strength to overcome any fear even the fear of the unknown.

Réflexion ~ AJ Barrows ~ Family and Youth Minister

"Nos cœurs ne brûlaient-ils pas en nous" nous rappelle la puissance et la présence de Jésus dans nos vies. Le passage raconte le voyage de deux disciples marchant avec Jésus sur le chemin d'Emmaüs, où il leur expliqua les Écritures. Bien qu'ils n'aient pas reconnu Jésus au départ, lorsqu'il a rompu le pain avec eux, leurs yeux se sont ouverts et ils ont réalisé qui il était. Les cœurs des disciples brûlaient en eux lorsque Jésus leur parlait, reflétant la passion et l'intensité avec lesquelles Jésus se connecte avec nous, révélant la vérité de la Parole de Dieu dans nos cœurs. Tant de disciples de Jésus l'ont quitté pendant et après sa crucifixion, à cause de la peur de l'inconnu.

Ce passage nous dirige à chercher Jésus, à écouter sa voix et à permettre à nos cœurs d'être transformés par la puissance du Saint-Esprit. C'est ce pouvoir qui nous donne la force de surmonter toute peur, même la peur de l'inconnu.

Odbicie ~ AJ Barrows ~ Family and Youth Minister

„Czy serca nasze nie pały w nas”- przypomina to nam o mocy i obecności Jezusa w naszym życiu. Fragment ten opowiada o drodze dwóch uczniów idących z Jezusem drogą do Emaus, gdzie Jezus wyjaśniał im Pismo Święte. Mimo że nie rozpoznali Jezusa początkowo, to ich oczy otworzyły się, kiedy Jezus łamał się z nimi chlebem i uświadomili sobie wtedy, kim On jest. Serca uczniów płonęły w nich, gdy Jezus do nich przemawiał, okazując pasję i intensywność, podobnie Jezus łączy się z nami, objawiając nam prawdę Słowa Bożego w naszych sercach. Tak wielu naśladowców Jezusa opuściło Go podczas i po ukrzyżowaniu z powodu strachu przed nieznanym.

Ten fragment uczy nas szukać Jezusa, słuchać Jego głosu i pozwolić, by nasze serca zostały przemienione przez moc Ducha Świętego. To jest ta moc, która daje nam siłę do pokonania każdego strachu, nawet od strach przed tym co jeszcze jest nam nieznanne.

Reflexión ~ AJ Barrows ~ Family and Youth Minister

"No ardieron nuestros corazones en nosotros" nos recuerda el poder y la presencia de Jesús en nuestras vidas. El pasaje relata el viaje de los discípulos caminando con Jesús en el camino a Emaús, donde les explicó las Escrituras. A pesar de no reconocer a Jesús inicialmente, cuando partió el pan con ellos, sus ojos se abrieron y se dieron cuenta de quién era Él. Los corazones de los discípulos ardían dentro de ellos cuando Jesús les habló, reflejando la pasión y la intensidad con las que Jesús revelando la verdad de la Palabra de Dios en nuestros corazones. Muchos de los seguidores de Jesús se conectan con nosotros, lo dejaron durante y después de su crucifixión, debido al temor a lo desconocido.

Este pasaje nos enseña a buscar a Jesús, escuchar Su voz y permitir que nuestros corazones sean transformados por el poder del Espíritu Santo. Es ese poder el que nos da la fuerza para superar cualquier miedo, incluso el miedo a lo desconocido.

Updates on Bishop Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A.

Bishop Joseph will be installed as Bishop of Charlottetown on Thursday, 29 June 2023, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, at St. Dunstan's Cathedral in Charlottetown. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for his installation. Here in the Diocese of London, Bishop Fabbro will celebrate a farewell Mass for Bishop Joseph on Friday, 12 May 2023, at St. Michael's parish in London at 7:00 p.m.

A light reception will follow. All are welcome.

Pray for Vocations: April 23 to April 29

Sunday: Rev. David Furlonger, C.Ss.R.

Monday: Rev. David Butler

Tuesday: Mrs. Jacqueline Rowe, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Wednesday: Rev. Matthew Kucharski

Thursday: Deacon Dennis Kosokowsky

Friday: Rev. Christian Omogu

Saturday: Rev. Peter Keller

Please remember to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis



If you know someone who has fallen on hard times please call the parish office at 519-336-2653 or SSVP Foodbank and Help Center at 5193371058.

God Bless

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

Helen Marcy

Neil McCahill

Margaret Greenaway

Peggy Smith

Gina Rotondi

Kay Williams

Arcangela (Giuseppa) Benacquista



Readings for Sunday, April 23, 2023

1st Reading:

Acts 2.14,22b-28

2nd Reading:

1 Peter 1.17-21

Gospel

Luke 24.13-35

Please Pray For

Michael Genovy
Maurice Braet
Doreen Ducharme
Bertha Priest
Margaret & Jim Brough
Maria Margarida Pacheco
Lee Williams
Jennifer Ennett
Jay Peckham
Ginette Villemaire



FAMILY CATECHISM

Please join us at St. Patrick's High School from 3:00 to 5:00 PM

on the following Sunday afternoons:

Apr. 23

Register at info@famfi.ca or email Tara and Terry Costain at sarniacatechism@gmail.com



Interviews with our clergy, pastoral team and lay leaders.

Watch on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@sarniabluewaterrcfamilyofp8554/videos>

The rosary is prayed before weekday Mass, at Our Lady of Mercy, Sacred Heart and St. Michael.

The rosary is prayed before all weekday & weekend Masses at Queen of Peace parish.

Le chapelet est récité tous les dimanches à 10h30 avant la messe de 11h.



The rosary is prayed before the 9am mass on Sunday at St. Thomas d'Aquin.

Please return any pyx you are no longer using to bring communion to parishioners.



Thank you.

Leonia Downie, Lay Ecclesial Minister

Our Lady of Fatima



All are welcome to please join us Saturday, May 13th for a special celebration for Our Lady of Fatima at Sacred Heart Church. We will begin at 5:15 pm with the Crowning of Mary followed by Mass at 5:30 pm. Immediately following Mass, we will have a procession around the church.

A special invitation is being extended to all First Communion children and their families to participate in this beautiful celebration.

Flowers for Our Lady

We are looking for donations to put towards flowers during the month of May for Our Lady. Please contact Ana Maria at 519-344-2992 ext. 253. Thank you for your support.





*Serving the Parishes of Our Lady of Mercy,
Queen of Peace, Sacred Heart, St. Benedict,
St. Joseph, St. Michael, St. Thomas d'Aquin*

Welcoming Communities, Encountering Christ, Sharing Faith, Caring for All

After much prayer and consultation with the Family of Parishes Pastoral Council, Pastoral Staff, and parishioners through town hall meetings, a new Mass schedule has been developed for our Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. Change is difficult and we know that this will be challenging for some, but we are hopeful that the reduction of Masses will reduce the stress on our clergy, allow for more vibrant liturgies, and facilitate stronger parish communities. Thank you for your prayers and patience during this transition.

The new schedule will begin the weekend of June 3/4.

Please refer to the bulletin for complete details.

Fr. Brian Jane
Pastor

CHURCH	# MASSES	SATURDAY VIGIL	SUNDAY
St. Joseph	1		11AM
Our Lady of Mercy	2	4PM	8:30AM
St. Benedict	2		9AM; 6:30PM
Queen of Peace	2	5PM (Eng)	9AM(Pol.)
St. Thomas d'Aquin	3	4:30PM (Eng)	11AM(Fr.); 5PM(Sp.)
Sacred Heart	2		9AM; 11AM
St. Michael	1		10:30AM



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 21-25

Grades 1-6

Details coming soon

SOUP WEDNESDAYS AT OUR LADY OF MERCY

Join us every Wednesday, after the noon Mass in the Our Lady of Mercy hall, for a bowl of homemade soup and bread. Come for a bowl of soup and a chance to meet new people from across our Bluewater Family of Parishes.



"We're gathering to build a more friendly faith community, one delicious bowl at a time."

Weekday Mass Intentions - April 24 to April 30

	Monday, April 24	
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English -God’s blessings for Elizabeth ~ Sister +Irma Persichetti ~ Zofia & Shane Bennett & Family 5:00 PM Queen of Peace – English CWL - Diocesan Convention Opening Mass	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Samantha Jane Knowles ~ Maria Pacheco Juanito Rosario ~ Family Special Intention of McKinnon & Pietre Families ~ Elaine Lathem & Family	6:30 PM St. Michael Nancy A. DeSena ~ Anna DeCarolis Trish Berg ~ George Stanko Marion Quinn ~ Bert & Laverne Phills Bjorn Andersen ~ Melissa & Nathan Latour Neil McCahill ~ Jenny Waters

Tuesday, April 25

8:30 AM Sacred Heart Irma Persichetti ~ Maria D’Andrea Thomas Simpson ~ The Gallagher Family Kevin Kuindersma ~ Marg Ecker Intentions of John & Siobhan ~ Marie	9:45 AM St. Thomas d’Aquín - French MASS CANCELLED 12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Intention of Frank Roberts ~ Family Special Intentions 7:00 PM Queen of Peace — Polish +Władysław Jachymiak W pewnej Intencji	6:30 PM St. Benedict Intention of Leona Evers ~ Jacquie Courchesne Francesco D’Angela ~ Domenica & Family Maria de Lourdes Vidipo Almeida ~ Cinara Albertino DaSilva ~ Wife, Maria Fatima Ortins ~ Goreti Veiga
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Wednesday April 26

8:30 AM St. Michael Marie Schell ~ St. Michael Caring & Sharing Gertie Paiement ~ Jo & Henry Kulik Intentions of Fleurette Forbes ~ St. Michael Caring & Sharing	9:30 AM St. Joseph Maria Jose Reigno ~ Maria Margarida Teixeira Special Intentions Michael Docherty ~ Cathy McNulty & Family 7:00 PM St. Thomas d'Aquin - French Repos de l'âme des familles Leblanc, Connor & Cole ~ Des Connors	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Karol Bartos ~ Helen In Thanksgiving & Special Intention for Ed & Holly Rosario ~ Family Intention of Mike & Vicki Whelan & Family ~ Pete & Shelley Aarssen Special Intention of McKinnon & Pitre Families ~ Elaine Lathem & Family
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Thursday, April 27

8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English Blessings for Zoey Davis ~ Bernice Rade +Irma Persichetti ~ John & Giannina Reznik & Frank Petrilli Special Intention ~ Archy Gillis 12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Mrs. Irma Persichetti - Ben & Rachel Intention of Terry Moynihan ~ Sue Delsnyder & Family	9:30 AM St. Benedict Miguel Cabral ~ Maria Cabral Friends & Neighbours ~ Jacquie Courchesne Intention of Rey Quijalvo ~ Marcel & Estela Leblanc John Petko ~ St. Benedict CWL Margaret Hobin ~ Carole Waddell & Family	6:30 PM Sacred Heart Gerry, Bill & Tony Hall ~ The Family Basil Kuiack ~ Mary Ann Barcroft Jerry MacPherson & Family ~ Rosie Richards Intentions of Joe & Mary Theriault Intentions of Onorio & Pasqualina Cicchini ~ Onorio & Pasqualina All Saints ~ Onorio & Pasqualina
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Friday, April 28		
8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - English John Petko ~ Frank & Monica Vautour	9:30 AM Sacred Heart Bertha Loosemore ~ Daughter, Ethel Dyck Ernie Scully ~ Larry Renaud Basil Kuiack ~ Cathy McNulty & Family John Mahoney ~ Ana Maria & Family Intentions of Margaret Potter ~ Phyllis Scully Intentions of David Akuchie ~ The Family	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy <i>No Intentions</i> 7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish Zmarli z rodziny Polak ~ Rodzina
Saturday, April 29		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English +Roy, Adam Doris, Roman, Galyna & Yuri ~ M & M Andrews Irma Persichetti ~ Jim Oersichetti Health, wisdom & God's blessings for Adaś Koziol on his Birthday and blessings for His Family ~ Mother	8:30 AM St. Michael <i>No Intentions</i> 8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin Jean-Marc Bourassa ~ Monique DesRoches	9:30 AM St. Joseph Special Intention Ray Quijalvo ~ Marcel & Estella Leblanc Tiberio Cordeiro & Deceased Members of Cordeiro Family & Souls in Purgatory ~ John & Tiberia

WEEKEND CONFESSION & MASS SCHEDULE

<u>Saturday Confessions</u> 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 <i>Confessions are also available by appointment by calling the parish office.</i> <u>Saturday Vigil Masses</u> 4:00pm - Our Lady of Mercy 4:30pm - St. Benedict 5:00pm - Queen of Peace (English) +Marguerite & Nanette Smyth ~ Jackie & Gerard Prentice +Rosemary Poyser ~ Pat & Gerry O'Neil +Jeff Rose ~ Cz.P 5:00pm - St. Michael, Bright's Grove 5:30pm - Sacred Heart	<u>Sunday Masses</u> 8:30am - Our Lady of Mercy 9:00am - Queen of Peace (English) +Hazel & Roger Cataford ~ Helen & George Szober +Eleanor Mulligan ~ Archy Gillis 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
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Our Family of Parishes realizes that many people have developed a sensitivity to scented products such as perfumes, hairspray and deodorant. These can trigger reactions that include respiratory distress and headaches. We ask that you please refrain from wearing scented products when attending Mass, meetings or group gatherings.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

BOOK-CLUB. Would you be interested in participating in a "Book-Club"?

It will consist of reading one book once a month, gathering, as a group once a week every Monday at 7:00 pm in different parishes to discuss the content of chapters, sharing ideas, concepts and reflections; and also sharing time for short social time.

A list of title-books will be suggested - although the participants may also suggest a book mainly books of religious and faith-formation content, but it requires consistency for the participants on the reading and participation.

The first sessions will take place at Our Lady of Mercy parish hall (drawing room) beginning Monday, June 5th.

Anyone interested in taking part in this Book Club, please contact Father Jose Montepeque at the Family of Parishes office (Saint Benedict) 519-336-2653 ext. 225. Thank you.



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Thank you for your kind consideration.

The CHOSEN



WHEN: Wednesday April 26, 2023, to Wednesday June 14, 2023

TIME: 10AM to 12PM

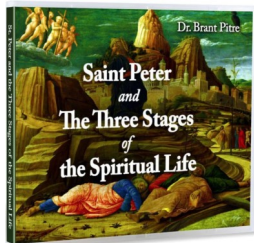
WHERE: St. Benedict Church Hall

Register online at www.sbrcfp.dol.ca or by calling the Family of Parishes office at **519-336-2653**

BIBLE DISCOVERIES: VIDEO & DISCUSSION SERIES

Thursday May 11, 18, 25 and June 1 ~ 7pm

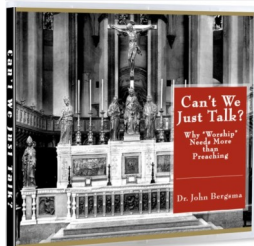
St. Joseph Parish Hall ~ Registration not required



St. Peter and the Three Stages of the Spiritual Life

Have you ever wondered how to make progress in the spiritual life? Ever feel like your faults and failings have you just going in circles? You're not alone. In this illuminating Bible study, Dr. Brant Pitre looks at the spiritual life of Saint Peter through the lens of the three traditional stages or 'ages' of the spiritual life:

- The Purgative Way
- The Illuminative Way
- The Unitive Way



Can't We Just talk?

What is Biblical worship? Some would say it centers on a long sermon. Others believe "worship" is mostly singing, perhaps with some prayer sprinkled in.

What does God's Word have to say on this issue? In this presentation given at the **2010 Word of God Conference**, Dr. Bergsma, a former Protestant pastor and currently Professor of Theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, surveys the Bible in an attempt to discover: What is the heart of true worship?



Sarnia Bluewater
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STEUBENVILLE YOUTH SUMMER TRIP

- For all 9th - 12th Graders
- The trip is in mid-July
- Thousands of students coming together across North America
- Space is limited



Questions, Email:
ajbarrows@dol.ca

Trip Information Meetings

APRIL 28TH @ ST. THOMAS D'QUINS
6:30PM - 8:00PM

APRIL 30TH @ ST. BENEDICT PARISH
5:00PM - 6:30PM

MAY 1ST @ ST. BENEDICT PARISH
7:00PM - 8:30PM

Inviting high-schoolers into a
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STEUBENVILLE
CONFERENCES

An outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville



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OF STEUBENVILLE

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

Sunday, April 23	• Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 8:30am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ St. Benedict – following 9am Mass • Coffee Social ~ St. Michael – following 10:30 Mass • Coffee & Conversation ~ St. Joseph – following 11am Mass • Coffee Social ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – following 5pm Mass
Monday, April 24	• Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • Knitting & Crocheting Group ~ Sacred Heart – 1pm • CWL Diocesan Convention Opening Mass ~ Queen of Peace – 5pm • Chorale (pratique) ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 18h30
Tuesday, April 25	• 9:45am St. Thomas d'Aquin Mass ~ CANCELLED • Sharing Faith Group ~ Sacred Heart – 1pm • CWL Diocesan Convention Mass ~ Sacred Heart – 5pm • Youth Ministry 6-8 graders ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm
Wednesday, April 26	• The Chosen – Season 2 ~ St. Benedict – 10am • Soup Wednesdays ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm-4pm • Dames de Ste Anne general meeting ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 7pm
Thursday, April 27	• Quilting Group ~ St. Michael – 9:30am • Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • Sacramental Prep ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm
Friday, April 28	• Art Group ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • Youth Ministry 9-12graders ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm
Saturday, April. 29	• Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy—following 4:30pm Mass

SARNIA BLUEWATER ROMAN CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES NURSING HOME COMMUNION LITURGIES

1st Monday of the Month

Marshall Gowland Manor ~ 9:30AM Trillium Villa ~ 10:30AM

1st Wednesday of the Month

Twin Lakes Terrace ~ 9:30AM Afton Park Place ~ 10:30AM Vision Nursing Home ~ 11:15AM

If you have questions or queries regarding these services feel free to contact me, Deacon Christopher, by leaving a message at the parish office or via email cstoesser@dol.ca

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 ensure you are included in the Communion Liturgies and we can update our files and keep in touch.

FAIRWINDS RESIDENTS: Please call the parish office, 519-336-2653, to let us know where you have moved to so we can update our files and keep in touch.



Congratulations

Joe & Mary Theriault on their 60th Wedding Anniversary, April 27th.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Sunday, April 30	• Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 8:30am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ St. Benedict – following 9am Mass • Coffee Social ~ St. Michael – following 10:30 Mass • Coffee & Conversation ~ St. Joseph – following 11am Mass • Coffee Social ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – following 5pm Mass
Monday, May 1	• Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • Knitting & Crocheting Group ~ Sacred Heart – 1pm • Chorale (pratique) ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 18h30
Tuesday, May 2	• Frist Tuesday Muffins & Coffee – Sacred Heart following 8:30am Mass • Sharing Faith Group ~ Sacred Heart – 1pm • Confirmation Session #7 ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm • CWL Executive Meeting ~ St. Benedict – 7pm • KofC General Meeting ~ St. Benedict – 7pm
Wednesday, May 3	• The Chosen—Season 2 ~ St. Benedict – 10am • Soup Wednesdays ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm-4pm
Thursday, May 4	• Quilting Group ~ St. Michael – 9:30am • Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • Sacramental Prep ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm • Catholic Girls League ~ St. Benedict – 6pm • Meat Bingo ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 7pm
Friday, May 5	• Christ Renews His Parish Men's Retreat ~ Our Lady of Mercy • Holy Hour ~ Sacred Heart – 8:30am • Holy Hour ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 11am • Art Group ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • Confirmation Session #7 ~ St. Joseph – 6:30pm
Saturday, May 6	• Christ Renews His Parish Men's Retreat ~ Our Lady of Mercy • CWL Meeting ~ St. Joseph – 10am • Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 4:30pm Mass



Mother's Day Coffee

All are invited to join us in the Sacred Heart meeting room after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses on Sunday, May 14th for a Mother's Day Social. Come and celebrate Mom. Please contact Ana Maria at 519-344-2992 ext. 253 to donate a treat to share with others for our celebration. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.



Christ Renews His Parish

Men's Retreat
Saturday May 6,
to Sunday May 7, 2023

A free gift from the Family of Parishes, this men's weekend renewal is open to all parishioners.

The "Christ Renews His Parish" weekend is a break from our busy schedule of personal, business and family obligations so that we can refresh ourselves spiritually.

Consider joining us for this weekend and experience the power of *Christ Renews His Parish*!

For information on signing up please call or email Fr. Brian: 519-3362653; bjane@dol.ca.



CATHOLIC
and **LIVING IT!**

Catholic Women's League of Canada, London Diocese Celebrates Its 103rd Annual Meeting of Members

Sarnia/Lambton Catholic Women's Leagues of Canada are pleased to welcome our sisters in the League to the Sunbridge Hotel and Conference Centre for our 103rd annual meeting from April 24 to 26, 2023. We are excited to be hosting this first in-person conference since 2019.

We invite all parishioners in our deanery to join us for one or both evening masses. Our opening mass takes place on Monday, April 24 at 5pm at Queen of Peace Church. The second mass is our Gala Mass and takes place at Sacred Heart Church at 5pm on Tuesday, April 25. We are pleased to welcome to this mass Bishop Fabbro, Bishop Dabrowski and all spiritual advisors in our diocese.

Please pray for us as we come together to pray, work and play as sisters in the Catholic Women's League of Canada.



St. Joseph Church Divine Mercy Free Store Spring & Summer Clothing Drive

The Divine Mercy Store provides families in our community with clothing, free of charge, allowing them to use their resources on food, rent, utilities and other basic needs. Our mission is to serve our brothers and sisters in need with dignity and compassion.

We are seeking new or clean gently used spring and summer clothing, footwear, and toiletries for adults and children. Donations will be gratefully accepted at the Divine Mercy Free Store on Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. or on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays after Mass.

For additional information please contact Bill Nelson at 519-918-1131

bnelson1959@yahoo.ca or Lori Hoekstra at 519-333-9451 hoekstralori5@gmail.com

When Catholics serve others, they give witness to Jesus Christ. As acts of love that help us care for the needs of others, the Works of Mercy are an opportunity for us to give witness to Christ. Jesus entrusted his followers the responsibility of caring for others and one way we can fulfill this responsibility is by performing Works of Mercy.

St. Benedict's Catholic Women's League Education Bursary

This bursary is open to graduating students from St. Patrick's High School who attend St. Benedict Church and will be attending college or university this coming September.

Application forms can be found in the pamphlet racks at the parking lot entrance.

Completed forms must be submitted by May 21st and dropped off at the church office.

Please mark the envelope as follows: **Attention: St. Benedict's CWL Bursary (Josephine)**

Awards will be presented on June 5th.

KRÓLOWA POKOJU ~ QUEEN OF PEACE

- ♦ W dniach 24- 26 kwietnia, br. Katolicka Liga Kobiet (CWL), z okręgu Sarnia/ Lambton, będzie miała doroczne spotkanie w Sarnia. W naszym kościele (Królowa Pokoju), odbędzie się uroczysta msza św., 24 kwietnia o godzinie 5 pm.
The Catholic Women's League of Sarnia/ Lambton will held the Annual Convention. Solemn Mass will be on April 24, 2023, at 5 pm in Queen of Peace church in Sarnia.
- ♦ W przyszłym tygodniu rozpoczyna się miesiąc maj, poświęcony Matce Bożej. W tym miesiącu będziemy mieli tradycyjnie, nabożeństwa majowe ze śpiewaniem Litanii Loretańskiej. Szczegóły na ten temat, w następnym tygodniu.
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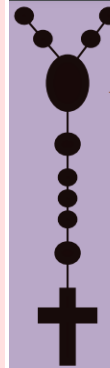
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