

Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes



Famille des Paroisses Catholiques Romaines de Sarnia Bluewater

*Welcoming Communities, Encountering Christ, Sharing Faith and Caring for All.
Accueillir les communautés, rencontrer le Christ, partager la foi et être bienveillants envers tous.*

OUR LADY OF MERCY | QUEEN OF PEACE | SACRED HEART | ST. BENEDICT
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9:00am to 5:00pm

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Sarnia ON N7T 3B9

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Sunday, September 22, 2024

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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If you are looking for:

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

Click on the image or go to sarniacatholic.ca
to contact us and to learn more about us
or call the parish office at 519-336-2653.



TRUNK or TREAT

SUNDAY OCTOBER 27th

DETAILS COMING SOON



PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor:

Rev. Brian Jane ex.222

Associate Pastors:

Rev. Jan Burczyk C.S.M.A. ex.226
Rev. José Montepeque ex.225
Rev. Joseph Oghenejabor ex.224
Rev. Edward Okorie ex.230

Lay Ecclesial Minister

Leonia Downie ex.228

Sacramental Catechist

Jenn Stewart ex. 229

Deacons

Deacon David Cummings ex.235
Deacon David Kraemer ex.238
Deacon Christopher Stoesser

PASTORAL STAFF

Business Administrator

Louis Guimond ex.240

Financial Administrators

Cathy Cimetta ex.241
Lisa DeSena ex.242

Administrative Assistants

Anna lafrate ex.200
Michelle Christie ex.201
Czeslawa Piechota ex.220

Communications Coordinator

Annie Ferrera ex.221

Custodial Staff

519-336-2653
Calls will be directed to
caretakers.

**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 and calls returned.**

**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 ~ Deacon Dave Kraemer

Retreat - Do I need one?

It's been awhile since I last went on a retreat, and I feel the need to go again. There is a dis-quiet in my heart, that things are out of balance. We can always argue that there is too much going on, that I can't take the time to get away. It is at these very busy times in our lives that we lose our sense of God, depending too much on my own plans and my control of situations.

Retreat is to step back from our busy-ness, to quiet ourselves and be able to hear what God has been trying to say to us over the din of our active minds and exhausted spirit.

Retreats take different forms. Silent retreats are held at a retreat house in places like Melrose (near London) or Washington Michigan or Guelph. It may be a preached retreat where a spiritual director gives a reflection 2-3 times thru the day. It may be a personal directed retreat where one meets one-on-one with a spiritual director to talk about our relationship with God by talking about our life issues or through reflection on passages of scripture.

There are also group retreats such as the "New Life Retreat weekends" offered here at OLM hall, where lay persons give talks about their own personal lives and how God was present in the events and struggles they encountered.

Perhaps God is calling you, to come away and be renewed in your relationship with Him.

Réflexion ~ Diacre Dave Kraemer

Retraite - En ai-je besoin ?

Cela fait un moment que je n'ai pas fait de retraite, et je ressens le besoin d'en refaire une. Je ressens une inquiétude dans mon cœur, un déséquilibre. On peut toujours dire qu'il y a trop de choses à faire, que je ne peux pas prendre le temps de m'évader. C'est dans ces moments très occupés de notre vie que nous perdons notre sens de Dieu, dépendant trop de mes propres plans et de mon contrôle des situations.

La retraite consiste à prendre du recul par rapport à nos occupations, à nous calmer et à être en mesure d'entendre ce que Dieu essaie de nous dire par-dessus le vacarme de nos esprits actifs et de nos esprits épuisés.

Les retraites prennent différentes formes. Les retraites silencieuses se déroulent dans une maison de retraite dans des endroits comme Melrose (près de London) ou Washington Michigan ou Guelph. Il peut s'agir d'une retraite prêchée où un directeur spirituel donne une réflexion deux ou trois fois par jour. Il peut s'agir d'une retraite personnelle où l'on rencontre individuellement un directeur spirituel pour parler de notre relation avec Dieu en évoquant nos problèmes de vie ou en réfléchissant à des passages de l'Écriture.

Il y a aussi des retraites en groupe, comme les « week-ends de retraite » proposés ici à Our Lady of Mercy, où des laïcs parlent de leur vie personnelle et de la façon dont Dieu a été présent dans les événements et les luttes qu'ils ont rencontrés.

Peut-être Dieu vous appelle-t-il à venir vous ressourcer dans votre relation avec Lui.

Odbicie ~ Diacon Dave Kraemer

Rekolekcje - czy ich potrzebuję?

Minęło trochę czasu, odkąd ostatni raz byłem na rekolekcjach i czuję potrzebę, żeby pojechać ponownie. Czuję niepokój w sercu, że brak mi wewnętrznej harmonii. Zawsze możemy udowodniać, że dzieje się za dużo, że nie możemy znaleźć czasu, żeby się oderwać. To właśnie w tych bardzo zabieganych momentach w naszym życiu tracimy poczucie Boga, zbyt mocno polegając na własnych planach i kontroli nad sytuacjami.

Rekolekcje mają na celu oderwanie się od naszego zabiegania, aby się wyciszyć i usłyszeć to co Bóg próbuje nam powiedzieć w tym zgiełku aktywności naszych umysłów i utrudzonego ducha.

Rekolekcje przybierają różne formy. Ciche rekolekcje odbywają się w domach rekolekcyjnych w takich miejscach jak Melrose (blisko Londynu) lub Washington Michigan lub Guelph. Mogą to być rekolekcje z konferencjami które rekolekjonista wygłasza 2-3 razy dziennie. Mogą to być osobiste, kierowane rekolekcje, podczas których spotykamy się sam na sam z kierownikiem duchowym, aby porozmawiać o naszej relacji z Bogiem o naszych życiowych problemach lub oddać się refleksji nad fragmentami Pisma Świętego.

Istnieją również grupowe rekolekcje, takie jak „Weekendy rekolekcji Nowego Życia” oferowane tutaj w OLM Hall, gdzie osoby świeckie dzielą się osobistym świadectwem ze swego życia i o tym, jak Bóg był obecny w wydarzeniach i zmaganiach, które napotkały.

Być może Bóg cię wzywa, abys poszedł i odnowił swoją relację z Nim.

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.



English as a Second Language

Classes on Tuesday and Thursday ~ 6PM-7:30PM

St. Thomas d'Aquin Parish Hall

All are welcome

Reflexión: Diacono Dave Kraemer

Retiro - ¿Necesito uno?

Ha pasado un tiempo desde la última vez que fui a un retiro y siento la necesidad de ir de nuevo. Hay una inquietud en mi corazón, de que las cosas están desequilibradas. Siempre podemos argumentar que están pasando demasiadas cosas, que no puedo tomarme el tiempo para escapar. Es en estos momentos tan ocupados de nuestras vidas que perdemos nuestro sentido de Dios, dependiendo demasiado de mis propios planes y de mi control de las situaciones. El retiro es dar un paso atrás de nuestro ajetreo, tranquilizarnos y ser capaces de escuchar lo que Dios ha estado tratando de decirnos por encima del estruendo de nuestras mentes activas y espíritu agotado.

Los retiros toman diferentes formas. Los retiros de silencio se llevan a cabo en una casa de retiros en lugares como Melrose (cerca de Londres) o Washington, Michigan o Guelph. Puede ser un retiro predicado donde un director espiritual da una reflexión 2-3 veces a lo largo del día. Puede ser un retiro personal dirigido donde uno se reúne cara a cara con un director espiritual para hablar sobre nuestra relación con Dios hablando de los problemas de nuestra vida o a través de la reflexión sobre pasajes de las Escrituras. También hay retiros grupales como los "Fines de semana de Retiro de Nueva Vida" que se ofrecen aquí en el salón OLM, donde los laicos dan charlas sobre sus propias vidas personales y cómo Dios estuvo presente en los eventos y luchas que encontraron.

Tal vez Dios te está llamando a alejarte y ser renovado en tu relación con él.



DEFENDING PEASANTS' RIGHTS

Although they feed the world and care for the Earth, peasant and rural communities around the world often live precariously and face many challenges. Undaunted, they organize and advocate for their rights.

With the *Reaping our Rights* campaign, we will stand in solidarity with peasants and small-scale farmers. We will help ensure that their rights are respected, by pushing for the adoption of strong mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation in Canada.

Join us for the *Reaping our Rights* national campaign launch webinar on September 28, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. ET.

[REGISTER FOR THE WEBINAR](#)

Feel free to attend a workshop in your area.

WINDSOR/ESSEX: Tuesday, Oct. 1 @ 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's Hall in Maidstone. For more information and to register go to [Windsor Workshop](#)

CHATHAM/KENT: Wednesday, Oct. 2 @ 6:30 p.m. St. Agnes Parish Hall in Chatham. For more information and to register go to [Chatham Workshop](#)

LONDON: Thursday, Oct. 3 @ 7:00 p.m. King's University College (Vitali Lounge) in London. For more information at to register, go to [London Workshop](#)

VIRTUAL: Tuesday, Oct. 8 @ 6:00 p.m. For more information and to register, go to [Virtual Workshop](#)



Life Chain 2024: Join fellow pro-lifers on Sunday, October 6 from 2:30 to 3:30 for the annual Life Chain. In order to stretch our chain on London Road and make it more consistent, you can choose from 2 locations for parking: either the Real Canadian Superstore or Giant Tiger. Let's be a witness to our community of the harsh reality that abortion kills. Help to bring the positive message of adoption, and that Jesus heals and forgives those who have had abortions and promoted it. Sponsored by Lambton Right-to-Life.

40 Days for Life: Take a stand against abortion this fall by getting involved with the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil! From September 25 to November 5, 7am to 7pm daily, pro-lifers will be gathered around Bluewater Health Hospital to pray for the end of abortion. This is prayer in action!

Please visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/sarnia> for more information and to sign up for prayer times. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Vigil Leader, John Lammers, at 519-490-3832, or johnnylammers62@outlook.com.

The Family of Parishes Homelessness & Affordable Housing Committee
invites you to a

"Community Forum on Housing and Homelessness"

to be held on Tuesday, September 24 from 7 - 9 pm at Dante Club.

Everyone welcome.

Pray for Vocations: September 22 to September 28

Sunday: Daniela Krizanova, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Monday: Rev. Daniel Morand

Tuesday: Deacon Brian Hanley

Wednesday: Alana Salminen, Baptism Coordinator

Thursday: Rev. Paul Duplessie, O.F.M. Cap.

Friday: Deacon Matt Sutton

Saturday: Rev. Christopher Pietraszko

Please remember to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis

**Readings for
Sunday, September 22, 2024**

1st Reading:

Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20

2nd Reading:

James 3: 16 - 4: 3

Gospel

Mark 9: 30-37

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 Barb Brenneck via the parish office at 519-336-2653

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

Robert John Bourque
Joan Wilson
Daphne Sheppard



Please Pray For

Maurice Braet

Bertha Priest

Mary Debus

Debbie O'Hagan

Phil Burns

Sandra Cabiddu

John VanWerde

Charlie O'Rae

Scot Blythe

Paulette Dozois

Priaya Marie Johnson

Doreen Ducharme

Tony Muir

Maria Margarida Pacheco

Tony Lavoratore

Martha Fracalanza

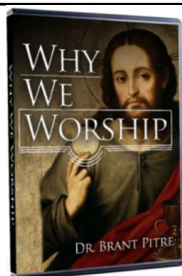
Madeleine Serratore

Lisa Fex

Audrey Heath

Sante (Peter) Tote

Warner French



BIBLE DISCOVERIES

**6 week study beginning Wednesday,
October 23rd**

Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall

6:30pm-8:30pm

No registration required

Many Catholics know what to do at Mass, but not why we do it. And many non-Catholics are confused by the rituals and words of the Mass. Some even think that most of the Mass is just 'made up' - a tradition of men. Nothing could be further from the truth.

If you've ever wondered about whether or not the Mass is biblical, then look no further: **Why We Worship** is the perfect resource for anyone who wants to understand what the Bible really says about the mystery and meaning of worship.

Liturgy of the Word for Children



Begins Sunday, September 22, 2024

For children in JK - Grade 2

St. Benedict @ 9 am

St. Joseph @ 11 am

Sacred Heart @ 9 am & 11 am

Our Lady of Mercy @ 8:30 am

St Michael @ 10:30 am

Looking forward to seeing all of you!



ALPHA FALL SESSION

Begins: Monday, September 16, 2024

Ends: Monday, December 2, 2024

St. Joseph Church

6:30PM - 8:30PM

Supper served at 6:30pm, followed by a video and small group discussion.

TRY ALPHA!

Register on the Family of Parishes website www.sarniacatholic.ca or scan the QR code, or call the Family of Parishes office 519-336-2653 or fill out a registration form found at your parish welcome desks

ALPHA provides a space to ask all your questions about life, faith and meaning in a friendly environment with people who are exploring their faith.



CHARISMS ~ CALLED AND GIFTED

Experience your Greatest Happiness
by doing what God has Uniquely Gifted
You to do!

New workshops beginning
October 1, 2024

Scan QR code for details
and to register online
or call the parish office
519.336.2653

This is what our Charisms participants have been saying after completing the workshop:

"I feel joy, fulfillment, growing excitement, awareness, sent".

Come and discover how God is working through you.

A new 10 week workshop begins Tuesday, October 1st, 7-9 at Sacred Heart Parish meeting room.

Please contact Christine if you have any questions christine.bresette@gmail.com



New Life Retreat

FALL RETREATS FOR WOMEN AND MEN

A free gift from the Family of Parishes, these weekend renewal retreats are open to all parishioners.

The "New Life Retreat" 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 the New Life Retreat!

The women's retreat is the weekend of September 28/29 and the men's retreat is the weekend of October 19/20.

To register, please call the parish office 519-336-2653.

Registration forms are also available at your parish welcome desks.

FIRST COMMUNION / FIRST RECONCILIATION REGISTRATIONS

Registrations for First Communion / First Reconciliation are now open.

The following PARENT ONLY, MANDATORY meeting dates are scheduled at the following locations:

- ♦ St. Michael Parish Hall: Monday, January 6, 2025; 6PM
- ♦ St. Benedict Parish Hall: Wednesday, January 8, 2025; 6PM
- ♦ Sacred Heart Parish Hall: Thursday, January 9, 2025; 6PM
- ♦ St. Thomas d'Aquin: Sunday, January 12, 2025; 4PM (Spanish)

The dates for preparation classes for children are as follows:

- ♦ St. Michael Parish Hall: Monday at 6PM : January 27, February 10 & 24, April 7 & 21, May 5
- ♦ St. Benedict Parish Hall: Tuesday at 6PM: January 28, February 11 & 25, April 8 & 22, May 6
- ♦ Sacred Heart Parish Hall: Thursday at 6PM: January 30, February 13 & 27, April 10 & 24, May 8
- ♦ St. Joseph Parish Hall: Saturday at 9AM: February 1 & 15, March 1, April 12 & 26, May 10
- ♦ St. Thomas d'Aquin: Sunday at 3PM: January 26, February 9 & 23, March 30, April 13 & 27 (Spanish)

Classes for children in grades 5 to 7 wishing to receive First Communion/Reconciliation will be held at:

- ♦ Sacred Heart Parish Hall: Thursday at 6PM January 30, February 13 & 27, April 10 & 24, May 8

To register, click on QR code or visit the Family of Parishes website
<https://sarniacatholic.ca/reconcilliation>.

The registrations deadline is November 15, 2024.

Please call Jenn Stewart, Sacramental Catechist, for more information:
jstewart@dol.ca; 519-336-2653



www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/pages/events/lambton-county

SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

10am - 4pm

Featuring St. Joseph Church

293 Stuart Street, Sarnia

**Explore our historical church with its
beautiful stained glass windows,
original marble altars and many statues.**



Glory Stories

Testimonies, Moments of Grace, and
Thanksgiving in our Family of Parishes

(The Proclamation of the Kingdom)

Jagged Little Jewels

Anyone who survives the desert
can exist in this land of tiny blessings.

Indeed, the curious smell you,
your fragrance of forgotten truth

Like remains of burn offering,
your bronzed face and shoulders

Bear embers from yesterday's
bonfire.

These motley invisibles reach out,
you crown them emperors, warriors,

creators of a piecemeal kingdom:
the raggy tags carried from place

to place, become a seamless garment
sewed with buttons from a jar.

When you come home to me,
I'll etch thorns on your brow

Ignore nagging dreams
of them bleeding.

those jagged little jewels they are.

a poem by Rhonda Melanson

Weekday Mass Intentions - September 23 to September 28

Monday, September 23

8:00 AM Queen of Peace - English

+Jim Persichetti ~ Soave Family
Thanksgiving for all graces
received through the intercession
of Padre Pio ~ NN
+Matgorzata Lang ~ Husband
+Bronia De Araujo ~
Helen & George Szober
+Adam & Marg Marut ~
D & L Andrews
+Jimmy Gillis ~ Archy Gillis

12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy

Anie Hvizdos ~ Sister Helen
Lino Soriano ~ Laureano Family
Joan Flegel ~ Karl, Shannon & Families
Rocky McKinnon ~ Ann Seehoye
Souls in Purgatory

6:30 PM St. Michael

Natalina & Pasqua D'Agostini ~ Olga
Jim Jordan ~
Colleen & David Naylor & Family
Fr. Iheanyi ~ Dorothy Wright
Mitchell Damchuk ~ Brian & Carol
Intentions of Marc & Stefanie
Hammond ~ Gen & Harold Kennedy
In Thanksgiving ~ Liliane

Tuesday, September 24

9:30 AM Sacred Heart

Kevin Kuindersma ~ The Family
Larry Scully ~
Rosemary & Warner French
Intentions of Abigail Roddy ~
Mom & Dad

9:45 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - French

Gérard Lagacé ~ Rose-Marie Shoniker
Intentions des Dames de Ste Anne

6:30 PM St. Benedict

Moises & Veronica Nartatez ~
Rey & Adel Quijalvo
Joao Cabral ~ Daughter Gabriela
Charlie Knight ~ St. Benedict CWL
Linda Di Bona-Sousa ~ Kelly, Michelle,
Dawn, Mandy, Amanda L. & Janice

12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy

Souls in Purgatory

7:00 PM Queen of Peace - Polish

+Bernice Rade ~ CWL
+Angela Tyczyński ~
Donna & Mark Jakubowski

Wednesday, September 25

8:30 AM St. Michael

Trevor Craig Kennedy ~
The Kennedy Family
Cecile O'Rae ~ Dorothy Wright

9:30 AM St. Joseph

Intentions of Kendra Bell ~
St. Joseph CWL
Michael Docherty ~ Mom, Dad & Family
Sister Marilyn Machado ~ Louis & Meena
Intentions of Chris & Theresa Doyle
(50th Wedding Anniversary) ~
Alex & Lauren Ferreira

12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy

Frank Power ~ Wife Kathie Power
Rocky McKinnon ~
Kelley & Curtis Cataford
Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, September 26

9:30 AM St. Benedict

Miguel Cabral ~ Maria Cabral
Ken Ladouceur ~ Louise & Family
Leonie Collette Thompson ~
Belinda Vargas & Family
Maria de Lurdes Cabral ~
Maria Amaral & Sons
Charlie Knight ~
Jim & Annetta Houston
Marie Cadotte ~
Jim & Annetta Houston

12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy

Madeline Dozois & Elaine Dozois
MacMillan ~ Larry Dozois
Rocky McKinnon ~ Brendan Fleming
Souls in Purgatory

6:30 PM Sacred Heart

Antonio Fracalanza ~ Carla & Family
Bertha Loosemore ~
Daughter, Ethel Dyck
Jamie Maczko ~ Joe & Anne Lobsinger
Rocky McKinnon ~ Mary Ann & Stewart
Regina ~ Daughter, Haizel

Friday, September 27		
8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - English Denise Beauchamp-Daamen ~ Patricia Lajoie-Sparks	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Intentions of John Joyce ~ Marie Mary Coley Souls in Purgatory Rocky McKinnon ~ Peter & Mary Stoesser Intentions of Pete & Shelley Aarssen ~ Peter & Mary Stoesser	7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish +Peter & Katarina Mrnik ~ Miriam Mrnik +Bronia De Araujo (2-ga rocznica śmierci) ~ Cz.
Saturday, September 28		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace - English +Jim Persichetti ~ Soave Family	9:30 AM St. Joseph Intentions of John Roberts ~ Mom & Dad In Honour of St. Lawrence Ruiz ~ Margarita & Frank Roberts Emilio Roncone ~ Wife & Family Tiberio Cordeiro & Deceased Members of the Cordeiro Family & Souls in Purgatory ~ John & Tiberia Souls in Purgatory	

WEEKEND CONFESSION & MASS SCHEDULE	
<u>Saturday Confessions</u> 8:45 - 9:30am ~ Queen of Peace 11:00am - 12:00pm ~ Our Lady of Mercy <i>Confessions are also available before or after weekday Mass by calling the parish office for an appointment.</i> <u>Saturday Vigil Masses</u> 4:00pm - Our Lady of Mercy 4:30pm - St. Thomas d'Aquin (English) 5:00pm - Queen of Peace (English)	<u>Sunday Masses</u> 8:30am - Our Lady of Mercy 9:00am - Queen of Peace (Polish/English) 9:00am - Sacred Heart 9:00am - St. Benedict 10:30am - St. Michael, Bright's Grove 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

St. Vincent de Paul News

The needy in our community need assistance and SSVP has always been there to help out. Whether it be for food, clothing or emergency funds, someone would be there. But the Covid pandemic and other factors have lowered the number of people willing to commit a few hours to helping out.

On September 22nd, at the St. Benedict Ministry Fair following the 9am Mass, there will be a chance to learn more about SSVP activities such as delivering donated food to the Foodbank, sorting and preparing food baskets at the Foodbank; helping to organize a food drive at your local elementary school; or just collecting money at the door of the church after Mass. Someone is needed a few hours each week to assist with interviewing the Foodbank/Help Centre clientele to find out how SVDP can help. Drivers are needed to pick up donated food from stores in Sarnia, and Christmas is always a busy time for SVDP. Perhaps you could represent your parish at SSVP meetings. There are many opportunities to help out without making a large time commitment.

Please give it some thought and consider volunteering.

Peter Westfall,

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

Sunday, Sept. 22	• Coffee Sunday ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 8:30am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ St. Benedict – following 9am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ St. Michael – following 10:30am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ St-Thomas d'Aquin – following 5pm Mass
Monday, Sept. 23	• The Chosen Film Study ~ St. Benedict – 10am • Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • ALPHA ~ St. Joseph – 6:30pm • Pratique de la Chorale ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm • Rosary in Spanish ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 7pm
Tuesday, Sept. 24	• Divine Mercy Store ~ St. Joseph – 11:30-2:30pm • English Classes ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm • 4th Degree Knights of Columbus meeting ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 7pm
Wednesday, Sept. 25	• Soup Wednesday ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 12:10pm Mass
Thursday, Sept. 26	• Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • English Classes ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm
Friday, Sept. 27	• Art Group ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm
Saturday, Sept. 28	• Coffee Sunday CANCELLED ~ Women's Retreat ~ Our Lady of Mercy • Queen of Peace Parish BBQ– Queen of Peace – following 5pm Mass • Bee Bop Café ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 7pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Sept. 29	• Coffee Sunday CANCELLED ~ Women's Retreat ~ Our Lady of Mercy • Coffee Sunday ~ St. Benedict – following 9am Mass • Feast of St. Michael ~ St. Michael – following 10:30am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ St-Thomas d'Aquin – following 5pm Mass
Monday, Sept. 30	• Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • ALPHA ~ St. Joseph – 6:30pm • Pratique de la Chorale ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm • Rosary in Spanish ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 7pm
Tuesday, October 1	• Divine Mercy Store ~ St. Joseph – 11:30-2:30pm • English Classes ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm • Charisms ~ Sacred Heart – 7pm • Knights of Columbus General Meeting ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 6pm • Knights of Columbus General Meeting ~ St. Benedict – 7:30pm • CWL Executive Meeting ~ St. Benedict – 7pm
Wednesday, October 2	• Soup Wednesday ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 12:10pm Mass
Thursday, October 3	• Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • English Classes ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm • Meat Bingo—Our Lady of Mercy – 7pm • St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity Secular Franciscan Order ~ St. Benedict – 6pm • St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of Pets ~ St. Benedict – 7pm
Friday, October 4	• Art Group ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm
Saturday, October 5	• CWL Meeting ~ St. Joseph – 10am • Lay Missionaries of Charity Meeting ~ St. Joseph – 11am • Line Dancing ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm



Join us for a night of laughter and fun at nightlight Sarnia's Comedy and Silent Auction event featuring the hilarious performance by Bob Cates, a 3-time entertainer of the year! Don't miss out on this great time! The event is taking place at the Sarnia Library Theatre on Fri Oct 4, 2024 at 7pm. Tickets are \$30. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Tickets can be purchased online at <https://nightlight.communibee.ca/share/2024-nightlight> or at nightlight Sarnia: 181 Christina St N, Sarnia Tues/Wed 6-9 pm, Thurs 1-4 pm.

The silent auction will be open on Sept 20, 2024 at 7 pm until Oct 4, 2024 at 8:30 pm. You can register and bid on auction items at <https://web.bidbeacon.com/share/auction.php?code=2024NIGHTLIGHT>. You can also view and manually bid on the auction and raffle items at the event from 6:30-7 pm and during a short intermission immediately after the comedy show.

nightlight Sarnia is a non-profit organization and charity. We have a drop-in centre in downtown Sarnia that addresses relational poverty by providing a safe place to build meaningful relationships, where we invite in anyone who wants to come in, including those who would normally be excluded.

We serve refreshments and provide a place for people to play games, chat, and build relationships.

All proceeds will go towards nightlight Sarnia. Thank you for supporting nightlight Sarnia and helping us provide hope and encouragement to those who are struggling in our community!

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KRÓLOWA POKOJU ~ QUEEN OF PEACE Announcements - Ogłoszenia parafialne

- ♦ Ladies Auxiliary, Rycerze Kolumba i Katolicka Liga Kobiet (CWL) organizują doroczne BBQ, w sobotę, 28 września o godzinie 6 pm, w naszej sali parafialnej. Bilety są sprzedawane po każdej Mszy św.

The Ladies Auxiliary, the Knights of Columbus and the CWL will be hosting an annual BBQ, on Saturday, September 28 at 6 pm at Queen of Peace Parish Hall. Tickets are on sale after each Mass.

- ♦ Doroczny „Łańcuch Życia”, odbywa się jednocześnie w około 300 miejscowościach Kanady. W tym roku, wydarzenie to, odbędzie się w pierwszą niedzielę października (6 października, w godzinach od 2 do 3: 30 pm. W Sarnia, zbieramy się wzdłuż ulicy London Road. Inicjatywa ta ma celu wyrażenie naszego poparcia dla godności życia ludzkiego.

The annual Life Chain is held simultaneously, in approximately 300 locations across Canada. This year, the event will take place on the first Sunday in October (October 6, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.). In Sarnia, we gather along London Road. This initiative is intended to express our support for the dignity of human life.

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

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**THURSDAY , OCTOBER 3rd
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Following the Transitus, from 7pm-8:30pm, in honour of St. Francis, parishioners are invited to bring their pets to the St. Benedict parking lot for a special blessing. Please have your pets on a leash or in a carrier or remain in your vehicles and someone will come to the vehicle to bless your pet.

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