



# Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes



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#### Pastor

Rev. Matthew Kucharski

**Deacon** Leonard Tetreault

**Deacon** Matthew Sutton

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#### Pastoral Minister

Kim Bornais

**Family and Youth Ministry**

Lisa Mullins

### Parish Staff

#### Bookkeeper

Shelly Bondy

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#### Custodians

Matt Sutton - Amherstburg

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### Parish Organizations

**Pastoral Council Chair**

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**St. Vincent de Paul Help Line**

Amherstburg - 519-984-7594

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### Sacraments

#### Baptism

Contact Kim Bornais 519-736-5418

kbornais@dol.ca

#### Reconciliation

Saturday - Amherstburg 11am - 12noon

by appointment 519-736-5418

#### Holy Matrimony

Contact the parish office one year

prior to your wedding

### Bulletin Notices

All submissions must be in writing or  
emailed no later than Tuesday at 4:00 pm

**April 25, 2021**  
**4th Sunday of Easter**  
**World Day for Prayer for Vocations**



### Regular Mass Times and Location

**All public Masses and Prayer Services have been suspended**  
**Our Masses will be live streamed Tuesday - Friday at 9am and Saturday 5pm**  
**on Facebook: Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes.**  
**You can also view later once it is posted to our Facebook page.**

**Our office is closed**  
**due to Covid restrictions.**  
**Phone messages will be answered**  
**in a timely fashion**

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**Weekday Mass & Mass Intentions**

**Tuesday, April 27, 2021 9am**

- † Joe Fernandes by Maria Carreira
- † Maria Fernandes by Maria Carreira
- † Fernando Fernandes by Maria Carreira
- † Maria Vieira by Maria Carreira
- † Jose Carreira by Maria Carreira
- † Anselmo Carvalho by Elda Mands
- Sp. Int. Fr. Matt Kucharski's 25th Anniversary of  
Ordination by the staff of AHCFOF

**Wednesday, April 28, 2021 9am**

- † Percy Bezaire by the Bezaire Family
- † Marilyn McLean by Dorothy & David Thrasher
- † Beatrice Parent by Madge & Wayne Moore
- † Sandra Parent by Madge & Wayne Moore
- † Delores Specht by Madge & Wayne Moore
- † Giustino D'Ascanio (1st Ann.)  
by the D'Ascanio Family

**Thursday, April 29, 2021 9am**

- † Maria Carreira by Ilda Mendes
- † Gabriel Teves by Carlos Teves
- † Dennis Young by the Hertel & Tymchyshyn Families
- † Irene Deneau by Karen & Pat Coyle

**Friday April 30, 2021 9am**

- † Gloria Bondy by the AHCFOF
- † Mario Rosati by the AHCFOF
- † Pietro DiPasquale by Mary & Vince Scipione
- † Theresa Bertrand by the Amherstburg CWL
- † Linda Cote by the Amherstburg CWL
- † Nahil Boutilier by Theresa Bezaire

**Weekday Mass & Mass Intentions**

**Tuesday, May 4, 2021 9am**

- † Maria Vieira by the Lourenco Family
- † Jose Carreira by Ilda Mendes
- † Virginia Wolf by the AHCFOF
- † Gabriel Teves by Maria & Antonio Tavares
- † Anselmo Carvalho by the AHCFOF
- Sp. Int. Fr. John Lemire's 25th Anniversary of  
Ordination by Lisa Mullins

**Wednesday, May 5, 2021 9am**

- † Pietro DiPasquale by Maria & Donato Menna
- † Irene Deneau by Carole Jones & Family
- † Ruth Ann "Mae" Fox by Nancy & Dave Fox
- Sp. Int. for the Vandermuren Family by Drina

**Thursday, May 6, 2021 9am**

- † Maria Carreira by Ilda Mendes
- † Fernando Martins by Alda Martins

**Friday May 7, 2021 9am**

- † Barb Mayville by Bob Mayville
- † Delores Specht by Pat & Richard Prieur

Time is a concept I hate when I'm 20 minutes into my run on the treadmill and I look down and the timer says 43 seconds! My doctor told me to start my exercise program very gradually. Today I drove past a store that sells sweat pants. Sweating while you shop counts as exercise right?

**Sunday Chuckle**

**April 18, 2021**

**St. John the Baptist Parish**

Regular Sunday Offertory	\$2,490.00
Capital Account	\$ 198.25
eTransfer for March	\$3,055.00
Easter	\$ 620.00
Good Friday	\$ 30.00
Share Lent	\$ 100.00
Pre-Authorized Payments: (PAP)	
Regular Sunday Offertory	\$2,205.42
Regular Sunday Offertory	\$687.50
Capital Account	\$ 815.08
Capital Account	\$ 53.72
Fund Raiser Gift Card Profit YTD	\$ 525.50

**St. Anthony of Padua Parish**

Regular Sunday Offertory	\$ 922.00
eTransfer for March	\$ 20.00
Pre-Authorized Payments: (PAP)	

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## 25 Years of Priesthood

I find it hard to believe, but this Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, will be the 25th Anniversary of my ordination to the Priesthood by Bishop Sherlock. There have been challenges over the years, but never greater than the love and support that I have received from our amazing God, my family and friends, and the many parishioners I have had the privilege to serve. It is hard to express the joy I have each day of being able to celebrate Mass and in being that instrument that God has called me to be to minister to and with His people. Over twenty-five years, I feel that I have grown in my priesthood and my faith in some awesome ways. As much I am called to be Shepherd (as we celebrate The Good Shepherd this weekend), so many of the faithful have also “shepherded” me (for which I am humbled and very grateful). How exciting is that! Please pray for me and for all priestly and religious vocations – prayer is the source of strength I depend upon each day to try and be faithful to the Father’s will and to battle the Evil One. As well, be assured of my prayers for you.

## Saying Good-bye to Seminarian Matthew

We knew this day would come, but it seems to have come faster than we anticipated. As part of Matthew’s on-going formation, he is participating in a CPE course at a hospital in London at the beginning of May which lasts for three months. So within the next week he will be departing from Amherstburg. With all the challenges of COVID, this has been a very different pastoral year placement and we have not had the opportunity to get to know him as well as we normally would have. However, despite that, he has become a special part of our family and will be missed (the rectory will not be the same as I will be “flying solo” once again). I am sure you have come to appreciate him through his reflections at Mass, his leading of the Consecration to St. Joseph and all the little ways he has shared his faith. Please keep him in your prayers as he continues his journey of formation and discernment. We enjoyed having you Matthew, and know God has a special plan for you!

## Reminder Regarding the Latest COVID Restrictions

As we know, we continue to be in the “stay at home” lockdown so we will not be celebrating any public Masses but we will be livestreaming our Masses during the week (Tuesday through Friday) at 9:00am and on Saturday at 5:00pm. All Masses will be available to watch live (or later) on our Facebook page. Please watch our Facebook page and website for further details. This is not what we desire, but we recognize that such measures are being put into place to help protect us. Please be patient with us as we keep trying to adapt to the new restrictions. Just a reminder, that the Bishop has extended the dispensation regarding attending Mass until Pentecost.

## Offices are Closed

Just a reminder that our offices are closed during the lockdown and all of our office staff are working from home. They are still accessing their voicemail in a “timely” fashion, but returning calls may take a little longer than usual. As well, for the next few weeks we are only going to be producing the bulletin every two weeks. With the current lockdown and our level of activity decreasing somewhat, we have decided to move to a two week bulletin (which will also lighten the load for Karen working at home).

## How can I Financially Support my Parish?

Some have been asking how they can support their parish in 2021 with the continuing restrictions caused by COVID. One way is to **drop off a cheque** (preferred over cash) at either St. John the Baptist (225 Brock St., Amherstburg) or at St. Anthony of Padua (120 Munger St., Harrow). Both sites have a mail slot so your envelope goes into the “office” and is not left outside in an “open” mailbox. At St. John’s, it is in the entrance area of the office in the wall and at St. Anthony’s a mail slot has been installed in the office door. You can also **mail a cheque** for either parish to our Family of Parishes office at 225 Brock St., Amherstburg, ON, N9V 2H3. Clearly mark on your check which church you would like the donations to be applied to. Another option is to do an **E-Transfer**. This involves transferring electronically your donation from your bank account into the parish’s bank account. You go to your online banking website or app and add the parish you wish to donate to using the parish donation email account. For St. John the Baptist donations, it is [stjohnb@dol.ca](mailto:stjohnb@dol.ca) and for St. Anthony of Padua donations, it is [stanthonyp@dol.ca](mailto:stanthonyp@dol.ca). No password is needed as the parishes are set up for auto-deposit. Lastly is the **use of PAD (Pre-Authorized Debit)**. With PAD you never have to worry about remembering to bring your envelope to Mass or be concerned that you can’t donate because you can’t attend Mass. There is a form available on our website ([ahcfop.ca](http://ahcfop.ca)) that you can print off and fill in. Then you bring, or send, the completed form to the Family of Parishes Office (225 Brock St.) with a void cheque. This will set up an automatic re-occurring withdrawal from your bank account to the parish of your choice each month (contact Karen, 519-736-5418, for further details of the frequency options for your donation(s) and the various donations, i.e. Sunday offertory, Easter, Christmas, Thanksgiving, etc. that you can make).

## Goodbye Seminarian Matthew



In the Book of the Prophet Isaiah it is written; "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

This passage was always kind of anecdotal for me, I never really applied it to my life, it just seemed like a passage you quoted to impatient people, to comfort them in their anxiety. Then this year happened. In my time at the Seminary preparing for this year, I had thoughts and dreams of how this year could go, like all of us I thought the past year would be different than how it turned out. Boy, were we in for a surprise!

This year has been a challenge for us all and has caused us to grow and adapt in every aspect of our lives. That being said, I wouldn't have traded it for anything in the world. As my formation year comes to a close, I am sorry to say that it is time for me to move on, and I will be moving to London at the beginning of May to begin a hospital ministry course that will continue for the rest of the summer.

This is not how I wanted to say goodbye, but the health and safety of those around us has to take priority. There are many people I have to thank for my time here; first of all, thank you Lord for calling me to discern serving you in the priesthood! Thank you to Father Matt for agreeing to take on a Seminarian this year, for your wisdom and advice, and for sharing your home with me. Thank you to the pastoral team and staff of our family, the people of Amherstburg and Harrow are in good hands. Thank you to the members of my Formation Committee for their help to discern my calling and helping me become the man God is calling me to be. Finally, thank you to each and every one of the parishioners of our family, you have all been incredibly welcoming this year, I loved my time with you and I will miss you all very much.

Although our time together was short, I have made memories here and made friendships here that will last a lifetime. Know that you will be in my prayers and please keep me in yours. By the grace of God, we will see each other again, hopefully with fewer covid restrictions.

In the peace of Christ,

Matthew Sawyer  
Seminarian

## Hello Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes Cursillistas!

Let me introduce myself. I am Linda Jones and I attended Cursillo in 1979 in Windsor. I am our new Amherstburg-Harrow Parish Ultreya representative. I would like you to know that the Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes will be the host for the next upcoming Ultreya.



SAVE THE DATE; Friday, May 14, 2021 Time: 7:30 p.m. VIA Zoom due to covid.

You will be contacted the week of Ultreya by e-mail, giving you the link for the Ultreya. It is important your e-mail and phone numbers are up to date. Please contact me at (519) 736-7258 or lindated17@gmail.com so I can be sure our list is accurate.

Let's show how alive the Holy Spirit is in our Family of Parishes and support our speakers.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth.

*DeColores - Linda Jones*



GREETINGS . . . . . from your Pastoral Minister

Dear parishioners,

As we are in the middle of another stay-at-home order, I want you to know that I continue to keep you and your loved ones in my thoughts and prayers. This is a difficult time for many people, and we are all experiencing it in different ways. Let us remember that Jesus is always with us and he never leaves our side.

**Prayer**

Prayer sustains us and strengthens us.

We have a private Facebook group for our family of parishes (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1586611011490080>), where you can post any prayer intentions you may have either for yourself or a loved one. If you are not on Facebook, no worries, just contact me and I can post your prayer intention for you!



**Volunteer Appreciation Week (April 18-24)**

I would like to take this time to thank all of our volunteers who help and support our parish in many ways. Please know your efforts are deeply appreciated. May God bless you!

Do you feel called to share your time or your gifts? In spite of the restrictions, there are still ways you can help out and minister to others. Please contact me (519-816-8154 or [kbornais@dol.ca](mailto:kbornais@dol.ca)). If you have an idea you would like to share, I would love to hear it.

**Marriage Preparation**

This weekend, we are hosting 6 couples for a virtual marriage prep weekend. Please keep these men and women in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate the sacrament of marriage.



**RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation**

**RCIA**  
*A Journey In Faith*

We currently have 4 candidates in our RCIA program. I ask that you please keep each of them, as well as their sponsors and team, in your prayers. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Church, please contact me.

Lord, we pray for those who journey to you  
Strengthen their faith  
Open their hearts to the fullness of Your love  
Deepen their understanding  
Set their hearts on fire for the Kingdom of God  
We ask this through Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life  
Amen

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