



Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes



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Sacraments

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Contact Kim Bornais

Reconciliation

Saturday - Amherstburg 9:45am - 10:30am
by appointment 519-736-5418

Holy Matrimony

Contact the parish office one year
prior to your wedding

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Our Mission Statement

“Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are a welcoming, Eucharistic community, rooted in love and service, leading all to an encounter with Christ”.

March 6, 2022
First Sunday of Lent



Regular Mass Times and Location

Weekday

Tuesday 6pm - Harrow

Wednesday 9am - Amherstburg

Thursday 9am - Harrow

Friday 9am - Amherstburg

Weekend

Saturday 5pm - Amherstburg

Sunday 9am - Harrow

Sunday 11am - Amherstburg

Bulletin Notices

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

Parish Office Hours

Monday ~ Closed

Tuesday ~Friday 9am - 4:30pm

Closed for lunch 12noon - 1pm

Our Masses will be live streamed Tuesday at 6pm, Wednesday - Friday at 9am and Saturday 5pm and on Sunday at 9am on Facebook: Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes. You can also view later once it is posted to our Website and Facebook page

**For Everything there is a season. . . .
"a time to be healed. . ."**

Please pray for those in our parish family who are sick and chronically ill.

"a time to die. . ."

Please remember in your prayers all deceased relatives and parishioners who have past away in the month of February . . . especially. . . Mary Anne Jephson, Lena Gumierato, Antonia Sauro, Madeleine Bouffard, Mona Nelson, Joe McGorisk, Valerie Pereira, Alda Sousa.

Please welcome into our family of faith for the month of January through the sacrament of baptism the following children:



Molly Lecours	Daniel Espinal
Hunter Boucher	Rosalina Ross
Jaxon Tooley	Grayson LaPorte
Kaden Burke	Giana Savo
Hallie & Layne Gyori	

Let us pray for these children and for their families.

Weekday Mass & Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 6pm St. Anthony

- † Alda Martins by the Martins Family
- † Joaquim Pedro by Regina & Virato Carariera
- † Maria Pedro by Delphia & Jose Pereira
- † Evelina Pavao by Fern & Joe Nascimento
- † Manuel C. Gomes (19th Ann) by Maria Gomes
- † Patrick Durocher (Birthday) by Ann Durocher

Wed. March 9, 2022 9am St. John the Baptist

- † Virginia Nye by AHCFOF
- † Antonietta Rosati my Mike Fiorito
- † Helen Dupuis by Lloyd Dupuis & Family
- † Bonnie Palmer by Sara & Jonathan Palmer
- Sp. Int. Bruce Delisle by Joyce Jubenville

Thursday, March 10, 2022 9am St. Anthony

- † Ducilia Romao by Colleen Marcuzzi
- † Maria Cordeiro by Cindy Avelar
- † Anselmo Carvalho by Laurind Carvalho
- † Gabriel Teves by Maria Teves
- † Mike Bezaire by Colleen Marcuzzi
- † Peter Mendez by Antonio & Maria Nascimento

Friday, March 11, 2022 9am St. John the Baptist

- † Ignazio Galvan—AHCFOF
- † Filomeno Pacitti
- † Marcello DeLuca by Robert DiLuca
- † Antonia Sauro by Michelina Cristofaro
- † Mae Ward by Bernadette & Michael O'Mahony

Financial Report for the Week of February 27, 2022

St. John the Baptist Parish

Regular Sunday Offertory	\$3,392.00
Capital Fund (including Debits)	\$5,373.00
eTransfers	\$ 150.00
Other Donations	\$ 300.00
Assessment including Debits	\$ 521.93
Debits (weekly average)	\$2,162.70

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Regular Sunday Offertory	\$ 712.00
Capital Fund (including Debits)	\$ 51.23
eTransfers	\$ 20.00
Other Donations	\$ 928.00
Assessment including Debits	\$ 109.93
Debits (weekly average)	\$ 685.39



Food for Thought. . . The Legacy of Help and Hope

One of the simplest ways to make a planned gift to your parish is to include St. John the Baptist Parish or St. Anthony of Padua Parish in your will or trust. This is called a **bequest gift** and can be easily made. To include St. John the Baptist or St. Anthony of Padua as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy, all you have to do is request a beneficiary designation form from your plan administrator. You complete the form and name either parish as a beneficiary. You can name your parish as the full beneficiary or as partial beneficiary which allows you to include other charities as well.



Diocesan Pastoral Council

The Bishop sent out a letter this week regarding the Diocesan Pastoral Council (<https://dol.ca/documents/2022/3/2022%2003%2001%20Letter%20to%20the%20Faithful%20Introducing%20Diocesan%20Pastoral%20Council.pdf>). He notes that, “After a period of consultation and deliberation at various levels and following the recommendation of the Council of Priests, I am pleased to announce my decision to reactivate the Diocesan Pastoral Council. This consultative body, which has been in abeyance for several years, will have an important role within our diocesan governance structure. The Diocesan Pastoral Council is an advisory body to the Bishop... It falls under the authority of the Bishop, and its function is to study and weigh those matters which concern the pastoral works of the diocese and to propose practical conclusions concerning them (Canon 511).... The Diocesan Pastoral Council is not a lay council as opposed to the Council of Priests but a council that is composed of representative members of all the faithful: priests, permanent deacons, religious men and women and lay people.... To learn more about the Diocesan Pastoral Council, I invite you to visit the Diocese of London website at www.dol.ca/dpc.”

Change in Saturday Reconciliation Times

Perhaps it has just been an unusual coincidence, but I have noticed that a number of Saturdays since the beginning of the year we have had a funeral Mass. As a result, regrettably, I have had to cancel the sacrament of reconciliation on those days. To alleviate this, I am proposing that we try and change the time for reconciliation to 9:45 – 10:30am on Saturdays. This way we can still celebrate a funeral at 11:00am if we need to. Let us experiment with this for a while and see how it works. As well we will be moving back to the “proper” confessional in the church rather than using the sacristy.

Situation in Ukraine

We have all seen in recent days the terrible and tragic invasion of Ukraine by Russia. Nearly a million people have become refugees seeking safety in neighbouring European countries. A man in tears came up to me this week thanking “me” (because of my Polish name and my possible connection to people in Poland) for what the Polish people were doing for those who were fleeing the war. There are so many who are responding with great sacrifice and generosity throughout the world. As Bishop Fabbro shared, “we call for a stop to all hostile activities in Ukraine immediately to prevent the needless loss of innocent lives and unnecessary destruction, and we appeal to all leaders to respect Ukraine’s sovereignty as a nation.” He further encouraged any of the faithful who want to financially support those in need to send donations to the Canadian branch of the Papal charity called the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). You can do so at <https://cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/ukraine/>

Reminder about Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent at 6:30pm we will be celebrating the Stations of the Cross. Each week they will be led by a different group from our parish. We will alternate between the two parish churches – at St. John the Baptist on March 4,18, April 1; at St. Anthony of Padua March 11,25, April 8. Please join us for this meaningful devotion of walking the final steps of Jesus during this Lenten Season.

Clarification Regarding the Reception of Communion

The diocese has informed us that at the time of Communion, communicants should be directed to come up the aisle, as they did in pre-COVID times with appropriate distance. The usual dialogue will take place between the minister and the communicant. The communicant will receive the Host, step aside, remove his/her mask from one side, place the Host in her/his mouth, replace the mask, then return to his/her place in the pew. There will still be need for space and time after a communicant receives the Host before returning to the pew.

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Communion in the hand is strongly encouraged at this time. If Communion were to be received on the tongue, there would be concern of transmission of the virus through saliva or breath on the fingers of the minister of Communion. The minister of Communion would be vulnerable in this situation. Although not recommended at this time, those who wish, however, may ask to receive Communion on the tongue if the following protocols are adhered to: they are to come to the priest at the end of the procession to receive after other communicants. The priest must sanitize his hands after giving Communion to each and every person who receives on the tongue. I do not anticipate that this requirement will be active for very long. So perhaps for now, we can all continue to receive in the hand, as we have been doing during COVID, to keep everyone safe and to avoid the awkwardness of these protocols.

Reminder about COVID-19 Update

Also included in last week's bulletin was the latest update regarding COVID restrictions. The changes took place Tuesday, March 1, 2022. I encourage you to read the Bishop's letter on the diocesan webpage (www.dol.ca), but a few of the highlights are:

1. Contact tracing and physical distancing are no longer required. Thus, we will no longer have any "taped off" pews and we no longer have to register people for Mass.
2. Holy Water fonts may be used again.
3. Music ministry may be started, including choirs (with some distancing restrictions still required).
4. Altar servers may assist at Mass.
5. No Communion from the cup.
6. No children's liturgy.
7. Meetings spaces and offices to be opened with no COVID capacity restrictions.

ONE KEY RESTRICTION THAT HAS NOT BEEN LIFTED YET IS THE REQUIREMENT FOR ALL PARISHIONERS TO WEAR A MASK AT ALL TIMES IN THE CHURCH EXCEPT IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD OR RECEIVING COMMUNION. However, it may not be too much longer... patience please.

Prayer for Lent

Heavenly Father,
As I enter my Lenten journey,
Guide me to the path that leads to you.
Fill my heart with gratitude, patience,
strength, and peace as I strive to become
the-best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting
my shortcomings and sins.
As I renew my resolve each day to become a better
person, let me hear your voice
in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you.
Help me to accept others, showing them your great
love instead of casting judgement.
Stay with me through Lent and remind me that when
I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you.
Help me develop discipline and generosity through
fasting and almsgiving and come closer to you
Through prayer this Lent.
In your name I pray,
Amen

Development and Peace: a movement of solidarity

Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

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To learn more about and to join our movement, visit devp.org.



The Amherstburg CWL are currently accepting donations for our local St. Vincent de Paul. We have undertaken a project to help build up our St Vincent de Paul cupboards. This project will end at the end of June. We are asking all of our parishioners to contribute to their cupboard by bringing to church items we will list each week. A box will be left at the back of the church for all donations.



This week we are asking for Canned Stew

Sunday Chuckle

When my daughter, Trinity was five years old, she went to spend time with her great-grandmother. During their visit Great Grandma put on an old black-and-white Shirley Temple movie for Trinity to watch. When my daughter came home, she told me about the film she'd watched. Looking up at me, she asked, "Mom, were you alive when the world was only black and white?"

Marriage ~ Annulment

Are you hoping to get married in the Catholic Church or to have a new union blessed? Or are you simply looking for some closure after a painful divorce? If so, consider applying for a Declaration of Nullity ("annulment") from the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of London. The process is free of charge. We re here to help.

If you want to start the process, or if you just have some questions about obtaining a Declaration of Nullity, feel free to call us at 519-439-1553 or Toll Free at 1-866-603-4317, or email tribunal@dol.ca

Volunteer Help Needed

Holy Family Retreat House (Oxley) is looking to build its list of volunteers with anyone who has time and talents they are willing to share in service to Jesus and His Church. Talents could include lawn, garden, snow maintenance, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, general repairs, retreat reception and office help. Any amount of time or talent is encouraged by individuals or groups. Email or call Director David Ducharme to let us know what area you are able to help with or if you want more info: hfrh@dol.ca, 519-738-6136.

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