



Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes



St. John the Baptist

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Parish Organizations

Pastoral Council Chair
Marc Prail

Finance Committee Chair
TBA

St. Vincent de Paul Help Line

Amherstburg - 519-984-7594
Harrow - 519-971-2095

Sacraments

Baptism

Contact Kim Bornais

Reconciliation

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

Holy Matrimony

Contact the parish office one year
prior to your wedding

St Anthony of Padua

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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”.

May 8, 2022

4th Sunday of Easter



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 pm

Office Hours

Monday ~ Closed
Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Closed for lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

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

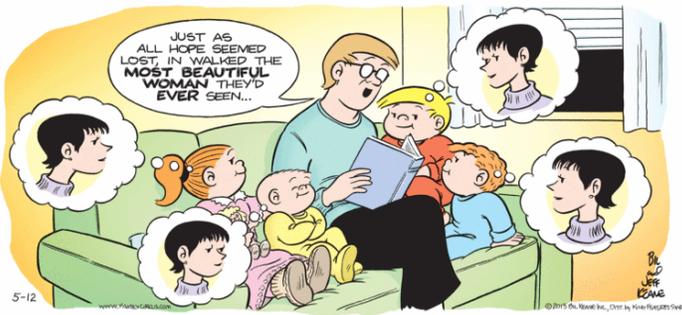
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**For Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**
at St. John the Baptist Church



Divine Mercy Hour
at St John the Baptist Church
Every Friday afternoon at 3pm
In the church proper.
Come and pray for mercy
on the whole world



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



Weekday Mass & Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 6pm St. Anthony
 † Cecile Shepley from her children
 † Catarina Alonso by Teresa Matos
 † Maria & Jose Pedro by Regina & Virato Carriera
 All Souls in Purgatory by Maria Teves
 Sp. Int by Karen Coyle

Wed. May 11, 2022 9am St. John the Baptist
 † Antonietta Rosati by Carmela Danese
 † Rosaire Reimmertz
 † James Ruston by Margy & John Laframboise
 † Felix Saura by Michelina Cristofaro
 † Antoina/Ninetta Sauro by Michelina Cristofaro
 Sp. Int. for all St. Vincent de Paul St. John the Baptist
 Conference Members

Thursday, May 12, 2022 9am St. Anthony
 † Evelina Pavao by Eduarda Cabral
 † Maria Cordeiro by Flora Fernandes
 † Gabriel Teves by Maria Teves
 † Valerie Pereira by Susie & Zacarias Braga
 In Thanksgiving for the Nascimento Family
 by Antonio Nascimento

Friday, May 13, 2022 9am St. John the Baptist
 † Ruth Ann Mae Fox
 † Patty Bastien by Cathy, Wanda & Karen
 † Rosalia D'Ascanio by AHCFOF
 † Camilla Scipione (Italy) by Anna & Gino Savo
 † Concetta DiClemente by Franco, Rina & Lidia D'Alimonte
 In Thanksgiving for Max Nascimento by the
 Nascimento Family

Happy Mother's Day



Parish Giving

St. John the Baptist Parish		St. Anthony of Padua Parish	
Regular Sunday Offertory	\$2,206.00	Regular Sunday Offertory	\$1,412.00
Debits / eTransfers	\$2,672.70	Debits / eTransfers	\$ 685.39
Dio. Assess (including Debits)	\$ 751.94	Dio. Assess (including Debits)	\$ 234.93
General Donations	\$ 105.00	General Donations	\$ 390.00
Special Collection - Easter	<u>\$ 575.00</u>	Special Collection - Easter	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
Total	\$6,310.64	Total	\$2,872.32
Average weekly budget	\$8,662.00	Average weekly budget	\$2,824.00
Shortfall / surplus	-\$2,351.36	Shortfall / surplus	\$ 48.32
Capital Funds including Debits	\$ 243.00	Capital Funds including Debits	\$ 51.23
Other:		Other: Rectory Rent	\$ 928.00

Thank you for your on going support . . .



Good Shepherd Sunday

This Sunday has traditionally been called, “Good Shepherd Sunday”. The World Day of Prayer for Vocations is observed on this day. The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord’s instruction to, “pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest” (Mt. 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray in a special way that more young men will hear and respond generously to the Lord’s call to the priesthood or young women the call to the consecrated religious life. You can find many resources to promote a culture of vocations on the Diocesan website www.dol.ca/vocations. As well, keep our diocesan vocations director, Fr. Danny Santos, in your prayers, as he strives to foster vocations in our diocese. Being vocations director is a challenging task, especially since, many times, the fruits of your labours do not appear for many years. I thank Fr. Danny for his hard work and the assistance he provides to men and women trying to discern a religious call from God. You may also wish to support the seminary in its mission to form and educate men and women for ministry in the Church through a donation.

Here is a prayer for vocations:

God our Father,
You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.
We ask that You inspire young people whom
you call to priesthood and consecrated life
to courageously follow Your will.
Send workers into Your great harvest
so that the Gospel is preached,
the poor are served with love,
the suffering are comforted,
and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Happy Mother’s Day

I want to wish all of our mothers a “Happy Mother’s Day” and to thank them for all the ways they give of themselves as they live out their call of motherhood.

Workshop #3 for all Pastoral Team and Staff members

The diocese has created a six workshop program for the staff of all Families of Parishes called “That They May Be One.” This series of workshops is designed to improve the organizational health of our parish staff which will increase our ability to serve the people of God in our care. Our third session will be this Thursday. As a result, our office will be closed all day Thursday and will reopen for 9am Friday. Please pray for your Family Pastoral Team and Staff.

Synod 2023

This past Thursday we had our last “listening session” for the 2023 Synod. I thank all those who attended one of our three sessions and for the sharing they offered. All of our responses are now being submitted to the diocese. Special thanks to Ann Wilson (and Murray) for taking the leadership for this project. As with most things with the Universal Church, this synodal process will take some time before we hear of any responses, but it is exciting to know that our input will be helping to shape the future direction of our Church.

Reminder about First Eucharist

Last weekend we began celebrating First Eucharist with our young children. Over the next few weeks, we can expect extra people in our churches and some reserved pews being put aside. Please be patient and understanding as we organize these celebrations. This is a very important moment for these children and their families. This is the beginning of these young disciples of Jesus being able to share in His special meal. As well, it is a reminder for each one of us how excited we should be each week when we get to receive the Body of Christ. The miracle of the bread and wine happens every Mass – how awesome!

Reminder about Donation Opportunity

Your on-going financial support through your envelopes or automatic deposits is essential to the well-being and survival of our parishes. COVID has been a challenge, but so far we have managed. One thing that helped us previously, was the Government programs that offered us some subsidies, which we no longer receive. Thus, your regular support is even more critical now.

However, sometimes people ask if there is something “extra” that they can donate to that is not reasonably part of the regular budget, but would be good or nice for the parish to have. If that is what you have been waiting for, then wait no longer! We need, a cope and five chasubles (priest vestments) for St. Anthony’s, a cope and a new funeral chasuble for St. John the Baptist, two new rose dalmatics (deacon vestments), and a new funeral pall (cloth that is placed on the casket during a funeral) for each church. Suggested donations range from \$500 for one of the chasubles to \$640 for one of the palls. Purchasing the vestments, for example, will make sure we are matching when we celebrate our liturgies. Donations can be made by individuals, families, groups of friends, in memoriam, etc. Please contact the office if you are interested or have any further questions.



TO THE MOMS WHO ARE. . .

To the Moms who teach, play, listen and nurture their children. To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy. To the Moms who are remembering children who have died and pregnancies that miscarried. To the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for the babies. To the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fiercely. To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility. To those who knew they never wanted kids and the ways they have contributed to our shared world. To those who mothered colleagues, mentees, neighborhood kids and anyone who needed it. To those remembering Moms no longer with us. To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for. Today is a day to honour the unyielding love and care for others we call “Motherhood,” wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.

Say YES! Come Holy Spirit

Save the Date: the Next **Ultreya** will be on **Friday, May 13, 2022**
7:30pm at **St. John the Baptist Church**, 225 Brock Street, Amherstburg, ON

Volunteer Cursillasta are needed to help set up and clean up.
If you can lend a hand, please contact Linda
at 519-736-7258 or lindated17@gmail.com

See you next Friday!

DeColores
Linda Jones
Ultreya Parish Representative



Travel Merchant Tours Presents a fully escorted tour which will depart on Monday, July 18 and includes Mass at St. Joseph's Oratory, with a presentation on Saint Brother Andre; Mass and devotions at the Shrine of Our Lady at Cap-de-la Madeleine; Mass and devotions at the Shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre; Mass and devotions at Notre Dame Basilica in Old Quebec City plus a stop for Mass and
Devotions at the Shrine of St. Kateri (pending)
From July 18 - 20, 2022.
Escorted by Fr. Chris Bourdeau
For more information please contact Lana at 519-969-2055.
Afternoons or evenings.

The Amherstburg CWL are currently accepting donations for our local St. Vincent de Paul Conference. 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 weeks suggestion:
School size fruit cups*

PARISHIONER DATABASE

—HAVE YOU MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER?

We are continually updating our parishioner database and often people forget to update the church when they are notifying others of their new address. Please let us know if you have moved or changed your email address or if you have cancelled your home phone and only use your cell phone. You can email Karen at ahcfop@dol.ca or call the office 519-736-5418. If you are NEW to our parish, WELCOME! Parish registration can be filled out on line from our website <https://ahcfop@dol.ca>.

Please be assured we NEVER share information from our database.

May is the Month of Mary

Upcoming Events:

Crowning of Mary:

**Thursday May 12 (9:00am Mass at St Anthony's) and Friday
May 13 (9:00am Mass at St John the Baptist Church):**

At the end of Mass, we will be crowning the statue of our Blessed Mother, in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.



Make and Pray a Rosary:

Wednesday May 18 at 6:30pm

Location TBA

Come and learn how to make your own rosary and enjoy some fellowship!

At the end of the evening, we will pray the rosary together.

Prices vary (max is \$5):

\$3-\$5: for wooden, glass or stone beads, with silver crucifix/ centerpiece

\$1: for plastic rosaries with plastic crucifix

For more information, please contact the office or Kim

Bornais at kbornais@dol.ca

Pre-registration is appreciated, at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/bjeEn4AtWsZAzC3z9>



All ages are welcome!



DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

WHAT IS THE DPC?

The Diocesan Pastoral Council is a consultative body made up of the Lay Faithful, including 2 lay parishioners from each deanery, that will act as an additional advisory council for the Bishop of the Diocese of London.

HOW WILL IT WORK?

The Diocesan Pastoral Council will meet at least four times a year prior to the meetings of the Council of Priests. The Bishop will be present at all meetings and a short period of each meeting will be given over to prayer and reflection on the Word of God in order to discern the movement and will of the Holy Spirit.

THE PURPOSE OF THE DPC

The role of the Council is to informally investigate and weigh matters bearing on pastoral activity and to communicate to the Bishop the lived reality of the people he shepherds.

DO YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Please join us at a Townhall Meeting

- May 24 at St. George, London
- May 25 at Precious Blood, Exeter
- May 26 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Windsor
- May 30 at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Delhi
- May 31 at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Chatham

All meetings start at 7:00 PM

Now with the move to a more synodal mode in the governance of the Church, as advocated so insistently by Pope Francis, the time has come to reinstate the Diocesan Pastoral Council, which is an authentic expression of synodality at the local level.

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 especially lay people....giving the laity a distinct role in this body and thus a prominent voice in the discernment of the future pastoral directions of our local Church.

Bishop Fabbro



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