



# Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes



## St. John the Baptist

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### Pastoral Team

#### Pastor

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#### Pastoral Minister

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Deacon Leonard Tetreault

Deacon Matthew Sutton

### Parish Staff

Bookkeeper / Pastoral Worker  
Shelly Bondy

#### Secretary

Karen McGuire

#### Custodians

Matt Sutton - Amherstburg  
Romy Mayea—Harrow

### Parish Organizations

Pastoral Council Chair  
Marc Prall

Finance Committee Chair  
Ted Gorski

#### 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

120 Munger Avenue West Harrow, ON N0R 1G0

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Website - www.ahcfop.ca



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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”.*

January 8, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord



### 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 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. . ."*

Remember in prayer all deceased relatives and parishioners who have past away in the month of December . . .especially

. . . Vilma Musyj, Richard Meharry, Julie Probyn, Nellie Durand, Joan French, Luigi DiPierdomenico, Pauline Parks, Rose Wuertz, Theresa Jobagy



Congratulations to Wanda and Larry Buchanan who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this Sunday January 8, 2023 at St. Anthony of Padua Church

**Weekday Mass & Mass Intentions**

**Tues., January 10, 2023 6pm St. Anthony**

† Valerie Pereira by Kathy & Al Gomes  
 † Gabriel Teves by Maria Teves  
 † Gilda Cacilhas by Maria Cacilhas  
 † Kay Jones & Family  
 by Doug Market & Lynn Cincurak  
 Sp. Int. for the Cacilhas Family by Maria Cacilhas

**Wed., January 11, 2023 9am St. John the Baptist**

† Donato DiNardo by Nicoletta Mancini  
 † Severino DiPierdomenico by the Family  
 † Les Thrasher by Catherine & Leonard Bondy  
 † Pauline Lucier by Ricconolo Recine  
 Sp. Int. Marilyn & Pat by Vicki Lackovic  
 Sp. Int. Carolyn Thrasher  
 by Catherine & Leonard Bondy

**Thurs., January 12, 2023 9am St. Anthony**

† Manuel Silva by Zelia & Manuel Silva  
 † Wendy Lumley (Shepley) by Colleen Marcuzzi  
 † Elsee Carpena by Colleen Marcuzzi

**Fri., January 13, 2023 9am St. John the Baptist**

† Theresa Bezaire by Karen & Pat Coyle  
 † Julie Probyn by Rose Anne & Garnet Berthiaume  
 † Anna Rosso by Anna Ricciuti  
 † Chris Pettypiece by Chris Berthiaume  
 † Lynn Paquette by Jeannie & Gaetan Therien  
 Sp. Int. by Carmelina Fiorito

**Financial Report for the Week of January 1, 2023**

**St. John the Baptist Parish**

Regular Sunday Offertory	\$3,907.30
Debits / eTransfers	\$3,938.00
Dio. Assess (including Debits)	\$10,067.62
Christmas	\$25,809.80
Initial Collection	\$ 385.00
Mary Mother of God Collection	<u>\$2,219.00</u>
Total	\$46,326.42
Average weekly budget 2022	\$8,662.00
Shortfall / surplus	\$37,664.42
Capital Funds including Debits	\$ 250.85
Gift Cards 2022 Profit	\$4,782.46

**St. Anthony of Padua Parish**

Regular Sunday Offertory	\$1,947.00
Debits / eTransfers	\$2,274.62
Dio. Assess (including Debits)	\$10,000.00
Christmas	\$5,560.00
Initial Collection	\$ 385.00
Mary Mother of God Collection	<u>\$ 842.00</u>
Total	\$21,060.09
Average weekly budget 2022	\$2,824.00
Shortfall / surplus	\$18,236.09
Capital Funds including Debits	\$ 59.31
Gift Cards 2022 Profit	\$ 809.03

## **We Begin a New Year**

As a Church, Monday we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. As such, this will conclude the Christmas Season and we will begin Ordinary Time. My thanks to all those who helped make our Christmas Season so wonderful. From those who helped decorate our environment, those in our music ministry, our various liturgical ministries (Ministers of Hospitality, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, live-stream operators), and our pastoral team and staff. And in a special way, thanks to all of you who attended our various celebrations. Many blessings were experienced during these holy days and we give praise and thanks to our God for them!

## **The Epiphany**

“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” (Matthew 2:11) The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you. (from the Saint Louis Archdiocese Stewardship Office)

## **Good- bye Shelley**

It is with mixed emotions that we are saying good-bye to Shelley DiPasquale. Shelley has decided to retire from the housekeeping position at St. John the Baptist. We are happy for her as she enters into this next “phase” of her life, but we are saddened to say good-bye. In the interim, our Finance and Administration Committee has approved the hiring of my sister, Karen, to fulfill Shelley’s duties. We thank Shelley for the many years that she has been the housekeeper at St. John the Baptist. Her attention to detail and expertise that she brought to cleaning and caring for the rectory and offices will be greatly missed. Shelley, enjoy spending more time with your family, especially those grandchildren!

## **Catechism in a Year**

If you have ever wondered about the various teachings of our faith, you can read the Catechism of the Catholic Church. However, it can be a difficult book to read. Fortunately, Ascension Press launched a new project to help make reading and understanding the Catechism a little easier. See the further information Kim provides on this project and her invitation to a monthly gathering of our parishioners to discuss and grow in our faith together. On our own, “unpacking” the teachings of the Church can seem overwhelming, but by doing it in little pieces and together with others, it makes it much easier. Every Catholic should know what the Church teaches and why and this project is an opportune way for you to do that!

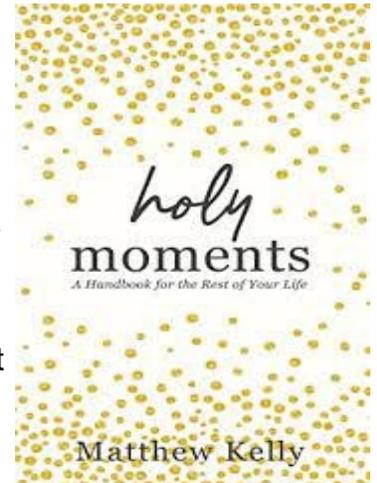
## **Celebration**

Our priest in residence at the Harrow rectory, Fr. Jim Roche, recently celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. We congratulate him on reaching this important milestone and wish him all the best in the future. My thanks for the priestly ministry he continues to offer whenever I am unable to celebrate Mass in Harrow.

## **Holy Hour**

Give yourself one hour with Jesus. The holy hour consists of prayer, music, gospel reading with a refectio and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. See the details in this weekends bulletin for time and date.

Do you know that each one of us is called to holiness? One way we can find holiness in our lives is through what Matthew Kelly calls “**Holy Moments.**” If you have been reading Matthew Kelly’s book “Holy Moments”, he describes a Holy Moment as any time you are united with God. It could be in a moment of prayer, the awareness of a beautiful sunset, or a random act of love or kindness which increases God’s love and joy in your life. Think of how much better the world would be if all Christians tried to have more “Holy Moments” each day! It is possible for all of us to experience Holy Moments when we open ourselves to God. Click below to hear Matthew Kelly explain what a Holy Moment is: [What is a Holy Moment?](#)



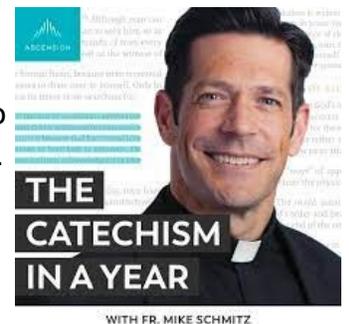
Pray about it and let God help you see others as he would want you to, and in return you will share His joy with others and increase your own. God’s purpose is to share His love with others, may this year be your year to help bring this about in a hurting World.

We would love for you to share your Holy Moments with us! Throughout this year, look for suggestions and examples of Holy Moments experienced by our parishioners, on our Facebook page and in our bulletins. Open your heart and mind to all the goodness that comes from our God! Let us encourage one another and fill our year with holy moments!

Send your Holy Moments to [kbornais@dol.ca](mailto:kbornais@dol.ca)

**Catechism in A Year:** have you signed up? It is not too late!

We have a special opportunity as a parish family to grow in our Catholic Faith and transform our relationship with the Church that Christ founded. I invite you to join me and other parishioners in listening to “The Catechism in a Year” podcast. It consists of daily 15-20 minute episodes of popular Catholic priest Fr. Mike Schmitz reading through the *entire* Catechism and offering insight, prayer, and guidance, in a very understandable and engaging way.



The Catechism is an important work that explains and discusses the fundamental teachings of our faith. Having it in podcast form makes it easy and accessible to read.

I encourage all of you to consider listening to this podcast and allow over 2,000 years of the Church’s beauty, truth, and teachings to transform your life, day by day. We as a parish are here to support you on your “Catechism in a Year” journey!

Join our private Facebook group (“The Catechism in a Year 2023) here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/615347193690803/?ref=share>

Also, we will be hosting monthly in-person gatherings to share, discuss and ask questions about what we have been learning. Our first meeting will be Tuesday January 24 at 7pm at the Columbus Hall in Amherstburg. I look forward to learning and growing in our Catholic faith together with you!

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Kim Bornais

Pastoral Minister



**Children's Church** resumes next Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00am mass. This program is for children aged 4 to 7. We are looking for volunteers who can assist our teachers in the program. (14years old +)  
If you are interested please contact Lisa in the parish office.



**Confirmation Preparation** will resume on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at the Amherstburg Columbus Hall, 190 Richmond Street for all who are registered. 6:30-8:00pm

Lisa Mullins  
L.E.M of Family & Youth Ministry

**Simple ways to give monetarily to St. Anthony of Padua or St. John the Baptist Parish**

If you normally donate with your offertory envelope when you attend Mass, there are some other options—including an easy, online option or PAD. . .

**E-TRANSFER:** using your online banking website or app, add the parish you wish to donate to using the special parish email address for St. Anthony of Padua: stanthonyp@dol.ca and for St. John the Baptist: stjohnb@dolca. Create the e-transfer and in the comment/note area, please indicate which fund you are donating to, such as: Sunday Offertory, Easter, Capital, Assessment etc. No password is needed as the parishes are set up for auto deposit.

**PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT:** (PAD) If you wish to set up a PAD, you won't have to worry about remembering to bring your envelope to Mass. There is a form available through the parish office or on our website. Simple call the office and Karen will send out the information for a PAD. **Or you can go to our website [ahcfop.ca](http://ahcfop.ca). On the main page, click the tab, Pre-Authorized Debit Form, download the form, fill out the information required and place it an envelope clearly marked "Office Administration"; place it into the collection basket.**



**Ultreya**  
January 13, 2023  
St. Joseph Parish  
9399 Townline Road  
7:30pm  
All Cursillistas welcome.

We would like to remind everyone of the upcoming Cursillo weekends. The men's weekend January 19-22 and the women's weekend February 2-5, 2023. We can always use an extra hand for behind-the-scenes work on both of these weekends. We will have sign-ups at the January 13th Ultreya.

***Save the Dates***

**Holy Hour**

Sunday, January 15, 2023 at 7pm  
At St. Anthony of Padua Church  
120 Munger Avenue West, Harrow  
Lead by Deacon Matt



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