



Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes



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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".

February 23, 2025

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Organizations

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Amherstburg - 519-984-7594

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Sacraments

Baptism

Contact the Parish Office

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



Regular Mass Times and Location

Weekday

Tuesday 5pm - 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 - 4:00 pm
Closed for lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

In Memoriam



December 1, 1936 - January 22, 2025

Sister Adriana Pasi, a member of The Sisters of the Holy Family, has passed away, January 22nd, 2025 in Italy. She was a staff member of St. John the Baptist Church from 1977-1990, having been invited by Fr. Vincent Thompson, who was Pastor at that time.

Sr. Adriana helped serve the Parish, especially the Italian community, who had been struggling with their faith due to their new language and to help them integrate more into the Parish and community life.

In remembrance, Fr. Matt will include her in the special intentions during the 9:00am Mass on February 26th.

Hope of St. Joseph Shelters

On February 28, at 9:00am, a Mass has been requested for Father Donato and the Hope of St. Joseph Shelters. Father Donato has been ill for many months and has not yet found the cause of his pain. There is a war around him and the rebels threaten to invade his city. You are invited to pray with us at Mass, for the well being and safety of Father Donato and the children, as a community. There will be a short social and update after Mass in the Father Ware Room.



Weekday Mass & Mass Intentions

Tues., February 25, 2025

5:00pm St. Anthony

- † Valerie Pereira by Teresa & Domingos Pereira
- † Carlos Teves by Cindy Avelar
- † Emilia Gomes by Maria & Carlos Costa
- † Ross Shepley by His Children
- † Wendy Lumley by Al, Kathy & Gail
- † Maria & Joaquim Lobo Pereira by Teresa & Domingos Pereira

Wed., February 26, 2025

9:00am St. John the Baptist

- † Sister Adriana Pasi
- † David Jariett by Brenda & Albert Jariett
- † Donato Menna by Lucy Conte
- † Albert Simone by Bill Cox
- † Anna Bennett-Girard by Sue Prieur
- † Bert Beneteau by Lloyd & Bernice Deslippe & Family

Thurs., February 27, 2025

9:00am St. Anthony

- † Luisa Caixeiro by Laurinda Carvalho
- † Tony Teves by Mary Cacilhas
- † Steven Teves by Helena Pereira
- † Antonio Nascimento by Maria & Zack Braga
- † Antonio Gomes by Viriato Carreira

Fri., February 28, 2025

9:00am St. John the Baptist

Int. of Fr. Donato and the Hope of St. Joseph's Missions

- † Geraldine Allard (14th Ann) by Nancy, Dave & Keith
- † Joan Paquette by AHCFOF
- † Glen Dupuis by Lynn & Dan Bellefleur
- † Noreen McGuire by Sue Prieur
- † Reg Parent by Wayne & Madge

Financial Report for the Week of February 16, 2025

St. John the Baptist Parish

Regular Sunday Offertory	\$2,115.00
Debits / e-transfers	\$3,081.47
Dio. Assess (including Debits)	\$ 190.39
Other: Heating of the Church	\$ 55.00
Total	\$5,441.86
Average weekly budget 2025	\$10,105.00
Shortfall / Surplus	\$ -4,663.14
Capital Funds including Debits	\$ 836.93
Mass Intentions	\$ 350.00
Gift Card Sales Profit YTD	\$4,230.00 \$140.05 \$783.75

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Regular Sunday Offertory	\$ 625.00
Debits / e-transfers	\$1,057.62
Dio. Assess (including Debits)	\$ 96.16
Other: Heating for the Church	\$ 70.00
Total	\$1,848.75
Average weekly budget 2025	\$3,750.00
Shortfall / Surplus	\$-1,901.22
Capital Funds including Debits	\$ 118.08
Gift Card Sales Profit YTD	\$660.00 \$29.08 \$635.33





Sunday Reflection



Praying for someone who has hurt you is difficult. This prayer is especially powerful if you are still harboring some resentment. Pray from your heart. It is important to pray by name. So if possible, insert the name of the person who has hurt you where it says NAME.

(Pray for healing in your own heart.)

Loving Father, it is so difficult to let go of the hurt. First I ask you to cleanse my heart of my resentment towards NAME. Grant me the grace to forgive him/her for this pain I feel. Heal my brokenness and give me peace. I believe you have the power to do this. I trust in your justice.

(Pray for the person who has hurt you.)

I lift up NAME to you in prayer. I don't know what caused him/her to hurt me in this way. Only you can see what is in another person's heart. Please call to him/her and draw him/her closer to you. I know you have a tremendous love for all of your children, including NAME. In your compassion, grant him/her whatever grace he/she needs today. I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ my Lord, Through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(content from young-catholics.com)

Birthday Wishes

Thanks to all those who wished me "Happy Birthday", gave me a card, or gave a present. It truly helped to make my birthday very special. As the years progress, it is harder and harder to blow out the increasing number of candles!



Prayers for the Pope

As many of you know, Pope Francis is currently in the hospital. The latest reports indicate that he is improving, but the Vatican has requested prayers for our Holy Father. Here is a sample prayer for you to say:

Loving and Merciful God,

We come before You in prayer, lifting up Your servant, Pope Francis, in his time of need. You are the Source of all healing, and we ask You to surround him with Your loving presence, granting him strength and recovery. May Your divine grace rest upon him, restoring his health and filling him with renewed vigor to continue leading Your Church with compassion and wisdom.

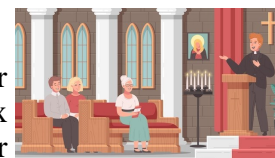
We place Pope Francis into Your hands, trusting in Your eternal care. May he be comforted by the love of the Church and the prayers of all the faithful. We ask, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that his recovery be swift, and his spirit be strengthened in Your peace. May Your will be done in his life, O Lord, and may Your healing power be with him always.

We offer this prayer in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. (Caritas Jerusalem)

Tidbit of Information about the Importance of Hospitality

Recently, I spoke with a somebody who wanted to connect with the Church. During our conversation, I asked if they had ever been to our parish. They said, "yes, about six years ago, but I found it very cold." Initially presuming that they had come in the winter and the heat was not high enough for them, I started to explain how a large church can be hard to heat. They smiled and then clarified that it had nothing to do with the temperature of the building but rather the "temperature" of the people. They had found their experience here unwelcoming and not warm and friendly. As a result, they did not feel like they were wanted by the community and chose not to return. Sadly, I have heard similar stories (not a lot, but still too many). That is why our ministry of hospitality is so important. That is why how we engage with the person sitting with us in the pew is so important. People are looking to feel the love of Jesus and they figure Church should be such a place. And it should be. I am pleased to share with you that those who have given our parish another "chance" over the last couple of years, have noted an improvement. And in fact, some of our new parishioners have registered in our Family of Parishes because of the hospitality they experienced. We are doing better! It takes all of us working together to achieve this.



Reminder about Ministers of Hospitality



The primary responsibilities of these ministers is to greet people at the door, help people who are unfamiliar with our church (washrooms, where to sit, etc.), gather the collection, and hand out bulletins at the end of Mass. The two key talents that are required: the ability to smile and to be warm and friendly. As well, you need to be at Mass a little early (20-30 minutes) and you have to stay a little longer at the end (5 minutes). We will be having an introduction/training session for this ministry on March 6th at St. John the Baptist and March 11th at St. Anthony of Padua. The session begins at 6:30 and will go about an hour. Many of the basics are the same at each parish site, so it does not matter which session you attend (we will help you with the site-specific items after). Our hope is to have enough ministers so that you will only have to serve one weekend a month. This is an essential ministry for our community, so please consider joining this ministry if you are interested in the well-being and growth of our Family of Parishes. It would be helpful for our planning if you could let Sharon, our parish secretary, know you will be attending one of the sessions. If those dates do not work for you and you are interested in being part of this ministry let Sharon know. We are also asking for all current Ministers of Hospitality to attend this meeting as there are a few proposed changes that need to be discussed (please RSVP to Sharon).

ICYMI

Grade 7 & 8 Youth Group is the place to be on Thursday Nights! Join us this Thursday, February 27th from 7:00pm - 8:30pm at St. John the Baptist Church (NOTE THE LOCATION CHANGE) for Faith, Snacks, Fun and Games. Prizes, Surprises and so much more! Bring a friend and get a prize. You don't want to miss out! Share this with all the grade 7 and 8 youth you know. All are welcome!



First Communion



Preparation classes for First Communion will begin on Wednesday, February 26th 6:30-7:30pm at St. Anthony of Padua Church. If you wish to have your child make their first communion and were not part of our program in the fall, you must pick up a registration package in the parish office and return it by February 23rd. Please contact Lisa (lmullins@dol.ca) for more details.

Faith Bingo

For all youth aged 2 - grade 4. Bingo cards are available at the back of the Church (St. John the Baptist) and the elevator entrance (St. Anthony). Every line you get - gets you a bingo prize. A full card is a huge prize! Remember to find **Fr. Matt** this weekend to get your sticker! Lots of new prizes!



Holy Hour this Sunday

Sunday, February 23rd at 7:00pm

St. Anthony of Padua Church
120 Munger Avenue West, Harrow

Come and spend an hour with Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. There will be beautiful music, Scripture reading and reflection and quiet time with our Lord.

All are welcome!

Come and See Weekend

At St. Peter's Seminary from Friday, March 7th to Sunday, March 9th. St. Peter's Seminary invites you to a discernment retreat for men 17 years old and older that are considering a call to the priesthood. This weekend offers a first hand experience of the life of a seminarian, provides spiritual help for discernment and offers the opportunity to meet current seminarians and faculty of the Seminary. To register visit dolpriest.ca/registration. Please contact Fr. Rob Renaud at vocations@dol.ca for more information about the event.



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March 5, 2025

9:00am

St. John the Baptist

7:00pm

St. Anthony of Padua



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