



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".

March 2, 2025

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Harrow - 519-971-2095

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

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 March especially, *Margaret Perry & Christopher Dufour.*



Congratulations to those

who have joined our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism during the Month of March



Colton Bradley Gyori

Parker Paquette

Andreas Maltese

May they always live out their call to discipleship.

Reminder for Liturgical Ministers



Please be sure to fill out the form for the weekends you are not available by March 3rd. If you lost the email or did not receive one, this form can be found on our website under *Events then Liturgical Ministers*. If you do not submit anything by the end of the day on March 3rd, I will assume you are available anytime. Please note that it is your responsibility to find a replacement if you cannot make it to your assigned weekend.

Sign up for Holy Week will begin in a couple of weeks. Please start to consider your availability for that week.

Weekday Mass & Mass Intentions

Tues., March 4, 2025

5:00pm St. Anthony

† Manuel G. Gomes (22nd Ann)

by His Wife Maria

† Durvalina Mare

by Frank Furtado

† Maria Do Carmo Carreira by Regina & Viriato Carreira

† Maria Vieira

by Joe Carriera

† Fernando Feliciano

by Sizaltina Abreu

Wed., March 5, 2025

ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00am St. Jonn the Baptist

† Shelley Ann Belezutz by Sue Prieur

† Gary Jenner

by Ted & Judy

† Goldie & James Jenner by Ted & Judy

† Nora & Edmund Galipeau by Jenna Bondy

7:00pm St. Anthony

† Maria Rodrigues

by Sophia Palmira Antunes

† Laura Gaspar

by Antonio DaSilva

† David Jariett

by Andre DeRoy

† Ralph Craig

by Kathy & Al Gomes

Thurs., March 6, 2025

9:00am St. Anthony

† Manuel Furtado

by Maria T. Pedrosa

† Antonio Gomes

by Liz Yaciuk

† Isaura Onek Vieira

by Tony Vieira

† Maria Do Rosario Carreira Vieira

by Tony Vieira

† Antonio Nascimento

by Antonio & Marcelino
Silvina & Sons

Fri., March 7, 2025

9:00am St. John the Baptist

† Julian Querqui

by Denise & Jeff McGuire

† Barb & Bob Mayville

by The family

† Glen Lovelace

by Nigel & Lynette Davidson

† Mary Murray

by Sue Prieur

† Grace Muscat

by Mom

† Giovannina & Domenico Cristofaro

by Kim & Nick Sauro

Financial Report for the Week of February 23, 2025

St. John the Baptist Parish

Regular Sunday Offertory	\$3,890.75
Debits / e-transfers	\$2,831.47
Dio. Assess (including Debits)	\$ 235.39
Other: Heating of the Church	\$ 72.50
Other: Initial Offering	\$ 50.00
Total	\$7,020.11
Average weekly budget 2025	\$10,105.00
Shortfall / Surplus	\$ -3,084.89
Capital Funds including Debits	\$ 531.93
Mass Intentions	\$ 70.00

Gift Card	Sales	Profit	YTD
	\$2,025.00	\$64.25	\$848.00

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Regular Sunday Offertory	\$1,440.00
Debits / e-transfers	\$1,057.62
Dio. Assess (including Debits)	\$ 46.16
Other: Heating for the Church	\$ 20.00
Total	\$2,563.78
Average weekly budget 2025	\$3,750.00
Shortfall / Surplus	\$-1,986.22
Capital Funds including Debits	\$ 93.08


Gift Card	Sales	Profit	YTD
	\$500.00	\$15.00	\$650.33

Parish Giving



Sunday Reflection

On the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, we reflect on the power of our words. Sirach 27:4-7 teaches that our words reveal who we really are. Good words show a good heart, while bad words reveal inner problems. Our speech can lift others up or tear them down. Luke 6:43-45 also talks about the connection between our hearts and actions. Jesus compares people to trees, saying that good trees bear good fruit. This means our actions and words reflect our inner goodness. If our hearts are good, we will naturally do and say good things.

 We need to be careful with our words. Speaking kindly and truthfully can show our faith and love for others. Harsh or dishonest words can hurt people and damage our witness as Christians. Reflecting on how we speak helps us grow in holiness.

Our words also impact our relationships. Kind words can build strong friendships and trust. Hurtful words can create distance and conflict. By watching what we say, we can strengthen our bonds with others and show them Christ's love. Our words are a window to our hearts. Let us strive to speak words that reflect our faith and love for God and others.

(source: young-catholics.com)

Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday we begin Lent. We will be having two Masses for Ash Wednesday – 9:00am at St. John the Baptist and 7:00pm at St. Anthony of Padua. As well, we will be having Liturgy of the Word Services at Stella Maris and St. Anthony for our students.



Fasting and Abstinence



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. Drinking water, tea, juices, etc. do not constitute breaking the fast. As well, people are encouraged to take their normal medications.

Stations of the Cross

Beginning Friday, March 7th at 7:00pm we will be celebrating the Stations of the Cross. Each week they will be led by a different group from our Family of Parishes. We will alternate between the two parish churches – at St. Anthony of Padua on March 7, March 21, April 4; at St. John the Baptist March 14, 28, April 11. Please join us for this meaningful devotion of walking the final steps of Jesus during this Lenten Season.



Outreach Committee and Lenten Pilgrimage Historical Church Tour

Building upon my reflections about our future direction as a Family of Parishes, over the last few months we have been working on establishing an Outreach committee. This committee will reach out to our parishioners as a sign of welcome and provide us with opportunities to get to know one another and our faith better. We are still in the beginning stages of formation, but I am already impressed with some of the ideas and directions this group is embarking upon. Their first initiative gives us a chance to discover, through a spirit of prayer and fellowship, more about the rich history of some of the parishes in our area.



The Outreach Committee of our Family of Parishes would like to invite you to participate in a Lenten Pilgrimage, Saturday, April 5, 2025. This Pilgrimage will include 3 local churches and will provide participants with an historical tour of each. Our pilgrimage will begin at 1:00pm at St John the Baptist Church where Deacon Matt will welcome us with an opening prayer followed by a tour of the church. We will then proceed to St Clement Parish on Walker Rd in McGregor at 2:00pm where we will have a welcome prayer followed by a tour of the church. From there we will proceed to St Anthony of Padua on Munger Ave in Harrow. There will be welcome prayer and a tour of the church, followed by refreshments. The tour will conclude there, but all are welcome to attend the 5:00pm mass at St John the Baptist. HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED ABOUT THE HISTORY OF OUR BEAUTIFUL AREA CHURCHES? Come and join us to learn all about them. There is no cost to participate. Please reserve your spot by visiting our website www.ahcfop.ca



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).**

Hey, Did you Hear?

Grade 7 & 8 Youth Group is the place to be on Thursday Nights! Join us this Thursday, March 6th from 7:00pm - 8:30pm at **Stella Maris Catholic School** 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



Our first preparation class for First Communion was held this past Wednesday, February 26th (date was changed because of Ash Wednesday next week). If you did not make it to the meeting you will have to arrange with Lisa (lmullins@dol.ca) a time to pick up the information package. The next class will be on Wednesday, March 26th at 6:30pm at St. Anthony of Padua Church.

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!



Blessed Carlo Acutis Canonization Day Celebration



Located at various locations for families and young people. Sunday, April 27th from 3:00-5:30pm (Mario Kart, treats snippets from the canonization, games for all ages. For more details please contact Lisa in the parish office. (lmullins@dol.ca))

Good Friday Procession Group

Greetings and blessings to all from the Good Friday Procession Group. Good Friday this year is April 18th. We are beginning to prepare and practice for this year's reenactment and walk. We would like to invite all who are interested in participating or have any questions about the event, to kindly reach out to us, Anna and Marino Donatucci, 519-566-4549. Anyone interested is welcome to join us at our next practice on Friday, March 7th at 6:30pm in the Church Proper (door at the Breezeway will be unlocked for entrance).



We are so thankful for all the support and participation we have received and continue to receive from everyone each year. We look forward to working again with our present group and welcome new participants all the time!

CWL Lenten Retreat

The retreat will begin at 9:00am on March 15th and will conclude at noon. Please bring your own lunch, and we will have lunch together at noon once the retreat has finished. Please contact Bernadette O'Mahony if you're planning on attending at 519-736-4002 or via email at bernieaburg1665@gmail.com



Diocese of London Convention

April 28th - 30th in Strathroy. Please contact President Anne Roy if you're interested in attending 227-757-4659 or via email anneroycwl@gmail.com. All forms are needed to be submitted by Friday, March 7th, 2025.

Income tax receipts have been mailed out. Please contact Sharon in the parish office if you did not receive yours.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

March 4th, 2025
5:00-6:30pm

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World Day of Prayer

Journée mondiale de la prière **2025**

"I Made You Wonderful"

Psalm 139: 1-18

Artists: Tarani Napa and Tevairangi Napa



« J'ai fait de toi une merveille. »

Psaume 139, 1-18

Artistes: Tarani Napa et Tevairangi Napa

Ecumenical Worship Service Information/Renseignements sur la célébration œcuménique

Friday March 7th, 2025 at 2:00pm

Day, Time/la date, l'heure

Corpus Christi Church
1400 Cabana Road
Windsor, Ontario N9G 1C4


Location/l'endroit

Reception to Follow

Additional Information/informations supplémentaires

Service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cook Islands, prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada

Service rédigé Préparé par le Comité JMP des Îles Cook, préparé et adapté pour le Canada par le Réseau œcuménique des chrétiennes du Canada



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Sunday, March 30th at 6:30 pm
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Monday, March 31st at 6:30 pm
Holy Name of Jesus Church
Essex

Tuesday, April 1st at 7 pm
St. Clement's Church
McGregor

Wednesday, April 2nd at 6:30 pm
St. Mary's Church
Maidstone

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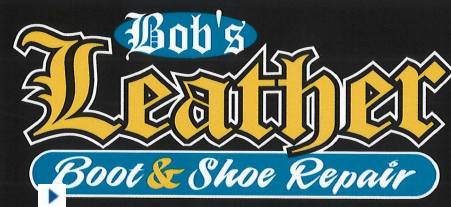


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