



Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes



St. John the Baptist

225 Brock Street, Amherstburg, ON N9V 2H3

St. Anthony of Padua

120 Munger Avenue West Harrow, ON N0R 1G0

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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



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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 16, 2025
2nd Sunday of Lent



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

CWL General Meeting

Tuesday, March 18th at 7:00pm in the Fr. Ware Rm.



Any Catholic Women aged 16 and up interested in joining the Catholic Women's League are invited to attend our meetings. Meetings take place every third Tuesday of the month.



Knights of Columbus

Invites you to
learn more about who we are,
what we do and benefits of membership



Thursday, March 20th at 7:00pm
St. Anthony of Padua Church
120 Munger St. W, Harrow



Holy Hour

Sunday, March 23rd at 7:00pm
St. John the Baptist Church
225 Brock St., Amherstburg



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!

Please join us
every Wednesday from 9:30am - 9:30pm
for **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

at St. John the Baptist Church
in the Adoration Chapel



Divine Mercy Hour
every Friday afternoon at 3:00pm
at St. John the Baptist Church
in the Adoration Chapel



Weekday Mass & Mass Intentions

****Please Note: all weekday masses will be held at
St. John the Baptist this week****

Tues., March 18, 2025 5:00pm St. John the Baptist

† Tony Teves	by Fernanda Terra
† Rosa Abreu Silva	by Jose & Delfina Pereira
† Manuel C. Gomes	by Jose & Delfina Pereira
† Patrick Durocher	by Wife Anne
† Fernando Feliciano	by Maria Arruda
† Ronnie McDonald	by Theresa McDonald

Wed., March 19, 2025 9:00am St. John the Baptist

† Beniamino DeThomasis (1 st Ann)	by The Family
† Garnet Berthiaume	by Rose Anne Berthiaume
† Ben Meloche	by Rose Anne Berthiaume
† Theresa Bellefleur	by Dave & Nancy Fox
† John Raven N. Briones	by The Donatucci Family
† Valerie Simone	by Ralph & Denise Orsi

Thurs., March 20, 2025 9:00am St. John the Baptist

† Tony Avelar	by Viriato Carreira
† Laura Gaspar	by Herminia & Americo Silva
† Durvalina Mare	by Manuel Furtado
† Joaquim Rodrigues	by Eugenia Pedro
† Antonio Gomes	by Fern & Joe Nascimento
† Antonio Nascimento	by Maria & Antonio Viera

Fri., March 21, 2025 9:00am St. John the Baptist

† David Jariett	by Brenda & Albert Jariett
† Albert Simone	by Jeremie & Kim Bornais
† Edwin Marontate	by Frankie Marontate
† Carolyn Delmore	by Deb Kopacz
† Garnet (Gary) Jenner	by Deb Kopacz
† Donato Menna	by Filomena Rocco Diruzza & Family

Financial Report for the Week of March 9, 2025

St. John the Baptist Parish

Regular Sunday Offertory	\$4,158.85
Debits / e-transfers	\$2,766.47
Dio. Assess (including Debits)	\$ 270.39
Other: Heating for the Church	\$ 140.00
Other: Funeral	\$ 100.00
Other: Initial Offering	\$ 20.00
Total	\$7,455.71
Average weekly budget 2025	\$10,105.00
Shortfall / Surplus	\$ -2,649.29
Capital Funds including Debits	\$ 331.93
Mass Intentions	\$ 10.00
Gift Card Sales Profit YTD	\$6,325.00 \$200.83 \$1,161.26

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Regular Sunday Offertory	\$1,305.00
Debits / e-transfers	\$1,067.62
Dio. Assess (including Debits)	\$ 81.16
Other: New Air Conditioning Unit	\$ 50.00
Other: Heating for the Church	\$ 20.00
Total	\$2,523.78
Average weekly budget 2025	\$3,750.00
Shortfall / Surplus	\$-1,226.22
Capital Funds including Debits	\$ 53.08
Mass Intentions	\$ 20.00
Total for New A/C Unit	\$ 50.00



Sunday Reflection

The 2nd Sunday of Lent Year C reminds us that God's glory is always present in our lives. God's glory shines through when we let go and let Him work in us. We often miss God's glory because we are focused on ourselves. The readings teach us to have faith in God's promises, like Abraham did. We need to trust God's vision for our lives. Abraham's faith is an example for us. He believed in God's promises even when it seemed impossible. We are called to have the same faith.



As we reflect on these readings, we are reminded to look for God's glory in everyday life. It might be in small acts of kindness or moments of peace. When we open our hearts to God, His glory shines through us. We need to let go of our own image and let God's light be seen.

(source: young_catholics.com)

Temporary Closing of St. Anthony of Padua

Beginning Monday, March 17th to Friday the 21st, St. Anthony of Padua Church will be "closed" for the installation of new carpeting in the nave of the church. This is happening due to the water damage that occurred two summers ago with the wind storm. Insurance is finally getting around to repairing the various areas of damage that occurred. Thus, all weekday Masses this coming week will be at St. John the Baptist (Tues. 5pm and Wed-Fri. at 9am). Stations will still be at St. Anthony's on Friday night (March 21). The meeting space can still be used by entering through the elevator door entrance.



Stations of the Cross



Each week Stations of the Cross 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 21, April 4; at St. John the Baptist March 28, April 11. Please join us for this meaningful devotion of walking the final steps of Jesus during this Lenten Season.

Historical Committee

The historical committee of St. John the Baptist has done an excellent job of preserving and advancing the history of our parish. Through their work, as noted in this week's bulletin, our 223 year history has been diligently cared for. The monies collected from our votive candle stands allow them to continue their work. I thank them for the many ways they are working to ensure our heritage is honoured.

Intentional Giving

I am very encouraged by the work of our Intentional Giving Committee (please see the article in this bulletin). One of Christ's key messages in the gospel is to look for those in need and share what you have with them. We are doing



exactly that through this committee. We are sharing our financial resources, but equally important we are sharing who we are. Together our two communities are developing a relationship that helps us realize the fraternal bond we should have as brothers and sisters in Jesus' name regardless of our geographic location. In particular, I believe we are living the message of this Jubilee Year - together we are being pilgrims of hope!

Reminder about the Fundraising Opportunity

At the end of Summer last year, the air conditioning unit at St. Anthony's Church ceased operating. A new unit would cost approximately \$50,000. The Harrow Knights have offered a fundraising incentive. They are willing to match any donations given to the church for the air conditioning unit up to a maximum total of \$25,000. Thus, for every dollar you donate it is like giving two dollars. If you are interested in contributing to this project, put your donation in an envelope marked "New Air Conditioning Unit" and the Knights will match your contribution. I am very grateful for the Knight's generosity and their commitment to the well being of this parish.



Reminder about the Lenten Pilgrimage Historical Church Tour

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 1pm at St John the Baptist Church. We will then proceed to St Clement Parish in McGregor at 2 pm and we will conclude at St Anthony of Padua in Harrow. 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 at www.ahcfop.ca or by contacting our parish secretary Sharon, 519-736-5418 or ahcfop@dol.ca



Grade 7/8 Youth Group

We're baaaack! Join us this Thursday, March 20th from 7:00-8:30pm at Stella Maris School. Faith, fun, snacks, surprises! All are welcome!



Blessed Carlo Acutis Canonization Day Celebration



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

Something for the Kids

CHIME TRAVELERS! A kids Sci-Fi series on the Saints. There are videos, free printables, audio prayers, discussion guides and video games! Go to www.ChimeTravelers.org



A Note from the Historical Committee



The Historical Committee of St. John the Baptist was established in January 1985 to collect, compile and preserve the History of the parish. Since that time, a small group of dedicated volunteers have taken on various missions. Our most recent is the restoration and shadowboxing of the last stained glass centre medallion, ca. 1874, which was originally positioned on the north side of the crucifix in the sanctuary. This will be installed in the accessible entrance when completed.

It was through the Historical committee that in 2001 and 2009, the two votive candle stands were purchased for St. John the Baptist Parish. The committee continues to be responsible for their management. Funds from the lights have financed such items as the re-upholstery of church furniture, purchase of altar cloths, flooring, the St. John the Baptist statues, the repair of the rectory porch and assisted with building of the accessible entrance to name just a few projects.

On February 28, 2025, \$5000 in funds were transferred to the Church to be spent as needed. Other votive funds will be used for heritage projects. To designate a candle contact Anne St. Louis 519-736-0731 or Bonnie Deslippe 519-996-4085. The cost is \$200 for a year or \$100 for 6 months.

The Committee meets bi-monthly on the last Monday of the month. If you are interest in more information or would like to get involved, please reach out to Rick Bondy 519-736-4837.

The Hope of St. Joseph Shelter Inc. Charity

(Supporting Father Donato's good work with kids in Bukavu, DR Congo) held a Sell Out Pasta Fundraiser at the Amherstburg Columbus Community Hall on March 2. A big THANK YOU to all who attended, the Knights of Columbus volunteer chefs, donors of items to the silent auction, desserts and pies. Information concerning the safety of the children at the shelters and Father Donato's health in the present war situation with the M23 rebels who have captured Bukavu was given to all attendees. 3 new sponsorships were gained. For more information visit our website: www.hopeislife.ca



Intentional Giving Update



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Christmas card campaign to the parishioners of our sister parish of the Church of the Apostles in Faro, Yukon.

We sent over 70 Christmas cards, a number of Christmas CDs that the St. John the Baptist choir produced a few years back and a set of 5 beautiful children's books that were written and published by one of our parishioners, Christine Soulliere. Thank you Christine for donating the lovely books, which we hope will be shared by the children of the parish.

In a previous bulletin, we published pictures of the state of disrepair of the church in Faro. I am happy to report that the Diocese of Whitehorse is actively working on the Faro church project and they should be able to provide us with an update in the near future. Through the generosity of our Family of Parishes, we have recently been able to send \$7,940.00 from St. John the Baptist parish and \$1,410.00 from St. Anthony of Padua parish, to assist in the Faro church project. These monies come from a very small percentage of the weekly collections as well as donations made from individual parishioners for the Intentional Giving Program. The amounts set aside each week represent approximately 1% of the annual budgeted income for St. John's and less than two thirds of 1% of the budgeted income for St. Anthony of Padua. This small amount can go a long way in helping to support the Church of the Apostles in Faro.

God has given our family of parishes many blessings and we have much to be thankful for. Two years ago, we took a leap of faith and we decided to share some of those blessings with a parish that was in need, knowing that God would provide and trusting that our family would thrive. We have been able to send a total of \$17,650.00 to help rebuild the church in Faro and provide a safe place for the parishioners to worship. Please continue to pray for the parishioners of the Church of the Apostles.

Sacristy Cleaning

We would like to thank all the new and old volunteers for their time. It is so much appreciated!



The Good Friday Procession Group Fish Fry

March 28, 2025 from 4:30 - 6:30pm

at the Columbus Community Hall Amherstburg
190 Richmond St.



MENU



1 Piece of Fish	\$11.00
2 Pieces of Fish	\$14.00
Chicken Dinner	\$12.00
Kids 2 Piece Chicken (10 & Under)	\$8.00
Extra Piece of Fish	\$4.00
Extra Baked Potato	\$2.00
Plate of Fries	\$3.00



50/50 draw
will be held
that evening



Bake goods
available for
dessert by
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Lenten Pilgrimage

The Outreach Committee
invites you on a
Historical Church Tour

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

📍 St. John the Baptist Church, Amherstburg

📍 St. Clement Parish, McGregor

📍 St. Anthony of Padua, Harrow

✓ Opening prayer and tour at each stop

✓ Begins at 1:00pm from St. John the Baptist
and return in time to attend the 5:00pm
mass at St. John the Baptist

✓ Tour will conclude with refreshments

RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY MARCH 22ND

📞 519-736-5418

✉️ ahcfop@dol.ca

🌐 Visit our website www.ahcfop.ca and click on
the pilgrimage banner to sign up

The Outreach Committee:
Lynn Bellefleur, Gabriella Marano,
Eleanor Renaud & Sandi Villeneuve



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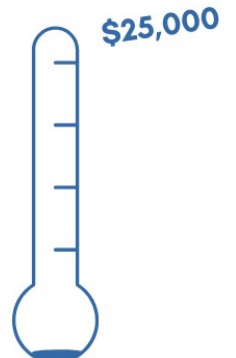
St. Anthony's Church is in need of a New Air Conditioning Unit. A new unit is estimated to cost \$50,000. The Harrow Knights of Columbus have offered to match all donations given to the church for this project up to a maximum total of \$25,000!



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