



Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes



St. John the Baptist

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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

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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."

**April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday**



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

Schedule Changes



Please note that there will be **no** confession times on Easter Vigil, *Saturday, April 19th*.

Our normal Saturday confession times will resume the following week, *Saturday, April 26th from 9:45-10:30am*.

Our Office will be closed Good Friday to Tuesday, April 22th. Regular office hours will resume Wednesday, April 23rd.



CWL General Meeting

Tuesday, April 15th 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.



Good Friday Fish Fry



St. John the Baptist Fundraiser
Columbus Community Hall
190 Richmond St. Amherstburg



April 18, 2025 4:00pm to 6:30pm

1 Piece of Fish \$11.00
2 Pieces of Fish \$14.00

****Fish Only****

Holy Hour



Sunday, April 27th at 7:00pm
St. Anthony of Padua Church
120 Munger St., Harrow

Weekday Mass & Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 15 5:00pm St. Anthony of Padua

† Duarte Medeiros (70th b-day)

by Eduarda Teves

† Bruce Gillan

by AHCFOF

† Maria Rodrigues

by John Santos

† Emilia Gomes

by Gorety & Antonio Caixeiro

† Joaquim Rodrigues

by Eugenia Pedro

† Maria Eugenia Garcia

by Carlos & Teresa Cordeiro

Wednesday, April 16 9:00am St. John the Baptist

† Larry Serre (1st Ann)

by Mary Lou Serre

† Gary Jenner

by Ted & Judy

† Mary Jane Jenner

by Ted & Judy

† Garnet Berthiaume

by Rose Ann Berthiaume

† Christine McGuire

by Lillian Gyori & Family

† For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, April 17

Holy Thursday

7:00pm - St. John the Baptist

8:00pm-10:00pm Adoration

10:00pm-11:00pm Reflective Prayer Hour



Friday, April 18

Good Friday

9:00am - Enactment & Procession through Amherstburg
beginning at St. John the Baptist Church

11:00am - St. Anthony of Padua (No Communion)

3:00pm - St. John the Baptist (Communion)



Saturday, April 19

Easter Vigil

8:30pm - St. Anthony of Padua

Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday

9:00am - St. Anthony of Padua

11:00am - St. John the Baptist



Financial Report for the Week of April 6, 2025

St. John the Baptist Parish

Regular Sunday Offertory	\$5,453.25
Debits / e-transfers	\$2,766.47
Dio. Assess (including Debits)	\$ 205.39
Other: Easter	\$ 455.00
Other: Easter Flower & Decor	\$ 400.00
Other: Good Friday	\$ 30.00
Total	\$9,310.11
Average weekly budget 2025	\$10,105.00
Shortfall / Surplus	\$ -794.89
Capital Funds including Debits	\$ 251.93
Share Lent	\$ 892.50
Mass Intentions	\$ 400.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 70.00
Gift Card Sales Profit YTD	
	\$7,075.00 \$209.48 \$1,722.35

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Regular Sunday Offertory	\$1,698.15
Debits / e-transfers	\$1,057.62
Dio. Assess (including Debits)	\$ 46.16
Other: Easter Flowers & Decor	\$ 180.00
Other: Easter	\$ 100.00
Other: Good Friday	\$ 20.00
Total	\$3,081.93
Average weekly budget 2025	\$3,750.00
Shortfall / Surplus	\$ -668.07
Capital Funds including Debits	\$ 53.08
New Air Conditioning Unit	\$3,825.00
Share Lent	\$ 320.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 10.00
Total to date for New A/C Unit	\$17,495.00
Gift Card Sales Profit YTD	
	\$1,285.00 \$44.33 \$739.74





Seder Meal



We had nearly 70 people attend our version of the Seder/Passover Meal. My thanks to all those who helped with this event, especially Lisa who took care of the meal preparation. It was a wonderful opportunity to gather as a community and come to a greater understanding of the Jewish Seder Meal and how Jesus elevated it to our celebration of the Mass.

Lenten Pilgrimage Tour

As you see elsewhere in the bulletin our first tour was a great success. It was another opportunity for us to gather as a community and to learn more about some of the churches in our area (including our own). My thanks to our outreach ministry leaders for organizing this event.

Holy Week

This week we enter into the holiest time of the year.



Thursday will be our Holy Thursday celebration at 7:00pm (*St. John the Baptist*). At this Mass, we celebrate the institution of the sacramental priesthood and the institution of the Eucharist. For the washing of the feet, rather than choosing representatives from the parish, during the Mass, each person will have the opportunity to have their feet washed commemorating Jesus' action at the Last Supper. This will be another unique way (in addition to ringing the bells) that you can actively participate in the liturgy and more fully experience the richness and meaning of our rituals (rather than just be an observer). And as Jesus prayed in the Garden for three hours, Mass will be followed by a time of silent adoration in the Adoration Chapel until 10:00pm. This will be followed with a prayer service of silence, reflective music and reading of scripture.

On Good Friday, the Italian Community will be doing a presentation of Jesus's last moments which will include a procession through the streets of Amherstburg. This is a beautiful reenactment of the end of Jesus' life, but please note that this presentation is not meant to be a substitute for the Good Friday services we will be having. We will have two Good Friday services. One service in the morning at 11:00am (*St. Anthony of Padua*) and the solemn service at 3:00pm (*St. John the Baptist*). The morning service will be adapted so that it suits families and children better. The morning service will have one of the readings, the reading of the Passion, a modified praying of the solemn intercessions and we will conclude with the adoration of the Cross. Following liturgical norms, distribution of Holy Communion is not permitted at the morning service. The afternoon service will have all the readings, the usual translation of the Passion, adoration of the Cross, the full version of the solemn intercessions and distribution of Holy Communion. Good Friday is a day of fasting and 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.



The only Mass on Saturday will be The Easter Vigil, Saturday evening beginning at 8:30pm (*St. Anthony of Padua*). This is THE celebration of our liturgical year. Although it is a lengthy celebration [probably 2 hours] its richness and meaning is unsurpassed. During the Vigil, we will be blessing the new fire, listening to key scripture passages about our salvation history, blessing the new water, and sharing in the precious Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. We will also have three baptisms and welcome four others into full communion in the Church. This Mass is the summation and climax of our faith all in one celebration!

Our Easter Sunday Masses will be at 9:00am (*St. Anthony of Padua*) and 11:00am (*St. John the Baptist*). There will be an Easter Egg hunt for the children following the 9:00am Mass (so children are encouraged to bring a basket or some other container to collect the eggs).



Please note, incense will be used at the end of the Holy Thursday Mass and during the Easter Vigil Mass, but will not be used at any of the other Triduum celebrations. Crowds will likely be larger than usual on Easter Sunday, so please be patient and welcoming to any visitors we may have.

Mass of Chrism

The priests of our diocese are going to gather with the Bishops for an afternoon of reflection on Monday in London. This will be followed by the Mass of Chrism where the priests renew their priestly promises and the Bishop will bless all the oils to be used for the sacraments for the coming year. Please pray for the priests of our diocese that they strive to live their call as Shepherd of God's people faithfully and fruitfully.



Schedule Changes



Please note that there will not be any confession times on Holy Saturday, April 19th. Our normal Saturday confession time will resume April 26th. As well, our office will be closed Good Friday to Easter Tuesday, opening Wednesday of Easter Week.

Grade 7/8 Youth Group



There is NO youth group on Thursday, April 17th. Join us for Holy Thursday Mass at St. John the Baptist at 7:00pm. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 24th at 7:00pm at Stella Maris. All are welcome to attend!

Easter Egg Hunt

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting an Easter Egg hunt for all young people after the 9:00am mass on Easter Sunday at St. Anthony of Padua. All are welcome! Bring a basket or bag to collect the treat!



Good Friday Procession Group

Final practice will be held:

Sunday, April 13th at 3:00pm



Please make every effort possible to be present as we will practice with props and try to hand out all costumes. If you cannot attend or if there are any questions, please call Anna and Marino at 519-566-4549.

Pilgrimage of Parishes Update



Last Saturday, the Outreach Committee held it's first annual pilgrimage of parishes within our community. We had three stops at St. John the Baptist, St. Clement in McGregor and St. Anthony of Padua. At each stop we received a small talk about the Church's history and were able to explore some artifacts, historical records, photos and even a tomb under the sanctuary. We received handouts about each Saint the Church was named after and prayed to them as a group. At our final stop, we gathered for fellowship and refreshments where we had the opportunity to make new friends and reminisce about our parishes.

We would like to thank everyone who came out to make this first pilgrimage such a great success and a fun afternoon!

Much appreciation to Fr. Matt Kucharski, Fr. Danny Santos, Deacon Matt, Diane Coyle, Dennis Meloche and Laurie-Abraham for opening their Church doors to us and sharing their knowledge and time about their Church's history.

We hope to make this a yearly event and add more stops next year! If anyone has any ideas or questions regarding the pilgrimage our Outreach Committee would love to hear from you!

Lynn Bellefleur, Gabriella Marano, Eleanor Renaud & Sandi Villeneuve



CWL Food Drive



The CWL (Catholic Women's League) is sponsoring a food drive for both of our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantries.

This week, April 13:

*Pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter, jam,
Nutella and cereal*

Next week, April 20:

Canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned stew



The food pantries can always use canned soup anytime.

Food items may be placed in or around the food box provided, located at the main entrance of the church.

Let's all help our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Help Needed at the Good Friday Fish Fry



Volunteers are needed to help with the Fish Fry dinner on Good Friday. Volunteers are asked to show up for 4:15pm to help bus tables and clean up afterwards. If you are able to help out that afternoon, please contact Paul Peltier at 519-736-1723 or ppgpeltier@hotmail.com.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

APRIL 17

Holy Thursday

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Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

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APRIL 20

Easter Sunday

9:00am - St. Anthony of Padua
11:00am - St. John the Baptist



HIGH TEA PARTY

Hosted by St. John the Baptist CWL proceeds to the charities of the Parish

SATURDAY | 7 JUNE | 12:00-3:00PM
Columbus Community Hall
190 Richmond St., Amherstburg

Tickets are \$25
Available at the Parish Office
or by Calling June McManemy at 519-736-5078

Our traditional high tea includes a selection of delicately filled sandwiches, scones served with cream, jam and lemon curd, and desserts of course!

Tea & Punch

Gift Card Sales

Gift cards will **not** be sold on Easter Weekend (April 19th and 20th). Please pick up your grocery cards this weekend for all your Easter dinner needs!



Gala for Hearts Together for Haiti



Hearts Together for Haiti and Javelin Education and Medical Fund invite you to our annual gala, held on April 26, 2025 at Fogolar Furlan. This will be an evening of dinner, dancing, music, a silent auction, raffles, and live entertainment, hosted by CTV's Bob Bellacicco. Tickets are \$100. For tickets, please contact Glen Jackson at 519-727-4385 or Marcia Spratt at 519-972-3374.

Easter Memorial Flowers & Decor

This Easter Season, we are accepting donations for flowers and décor in memory of your loved ones. Please fill out the form below and place it in an envelope in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office by **April 13th**. Names of these loved ones will be printed in the Easter bulletin. All donations are eligible for a tax receipt.



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