



Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes



St. John the Baptist

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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

St. Anthony of Padua

120 Munger Avenue West Harrow, ON N0R 1G0

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Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes

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.”

June 1, 2025

Ascension of the Lord



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

Mass Cancellation



With Fr. Matt away at the Pastoral Study Days, there will be no evening Mass on Tuesday, June, 3rd at 5:00pm at St. Anthony of Padua.

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 May especially, *Marguerite Cox, Mona Richard Gladys Cristofaro, Norma Gyori, Michael Essenpreis and Mary Gay Olesevich.*



Congratulations to those

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

Frederick & Nicholas Marchinko

James Shaw

Logan Deneau

Isaac Hollingshead

Clayton & Bensen Dender

Carter Shepley

Addison, Oliver & Grayson Cote

May they always live out their call to discipleship.



Weekday Mass & Mass Intentions

Tuesday, June 3 5:00pm St. Anthony of Padua

→ NO MASS

Wednesday, June 4 9:00am St. John the Baptist

Bill & Pat Carr (65th Wedding Ann)

† Donato Menna by Ale & Tony Morello

† Gary & Dorothy Jenner by Ted & Judy

† Kathy Charette by Ted & Judy

† David Jariett by Dorothy & John

† Sue Prieur by Debbie Nedin

Thursday, June 5 9:00am St. Anthony of Padua

† Laura Gaspar by Eugenia & Fernando Pedro

† Steven Teves by Lauvalina Sousa

† Durvalina Mare by Frank Furtado

† Carlos Teves by Zelia & Manuel Silva

† Joaquim Rodrigues by Eugenia Pedro

† Maria Eugenia Garcia by Joe & Lucilia Raposo

Friday, June 6 9:00am St. John the Baptist

† Earl Reaume (40th Ann) by Mary Verstick

† Beniamino DeThomasis by Anna Donatucci & Family

† Barb & Bob Mayville by The Family

† Carolyn Delmore by The Brothers & Sisters

† Christine McGuire by Clifford McGuire

† Grace Muscat by Carmen Muscat

Congratulations!

Ryan & Olivia Mickle

who have recently celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage



Holy Hour

Sunday, June 29th at 7:00pm

St. Anthony of Padua



Financial Report for the Week of May 25, 2025

St. John the Baptist Parish

Regular Sunday Offertory	\$ 2,975.28
Debits / e-transfers	\$ 2,641.47
Dio. Assess (including Debits)	\$ 190.39
Other: Easter	\$ 1,000.00
Other: Funeral	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 6,906.86
Average weekly budget 2025	\$ 9,159.00
Shortfall / Surplus	\$ -2,252.14
Capital Funds including Debits	\$ 231.93
St. Peter's Seminary	\$ 80.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 20.00

Gift Card	Sales	Profit	YTD
	\$4,530.00	\$159.23	\$2,440.18

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Regular Sunday Offertory	\$2,225.91
Debits / e-transfers	\$1,057.62
Dio. Assess (including Debits)	\$ 46.16
Other: Easter	\$ 250.00
Total	\$3,579.69
Average weekly budget 2025	\$3,958.00
Shortfall / Surplus	\$ -378.31
Capital Funds including Debits	\$ 53.08
St. Peter's Seminary	\$ 5.00
K of C Donation for New A/C	\$ 25,000.00

Gift Card	Sales	Profit	YTD
	\$500.00	\$16.00	\$818.69

Parish Giving



Sunday Reflection

Jesus' ascension gives us hope that we will be with Him in heaven. The second reading from Hebrews talks about Jesus entering heaven to appear before God for us. This is a promise that we, too, can share in this eternal life.



The Ascension of the Lord reminds us that Jesus completed His mission on earth and now prepares a place for us with God. This event shows us that our true home is in heaven. We are called to live in a way that reflects this hope and prepares us for eternal life with Him.

Knowing that Jesus is in heaven, interceding for us, gives us confidence in our faith. The second reading from Hebrews encourages us to approach God with trust and sincerity, knowing Jesus is there for us. This motivates us to live according to His teachings and strive to be close to Him.

The Ascension of the Lord is a time to reflect on our own journey to heaven. It inspires us to stay faithful and share this hope with others. We are reminded that our mission is to spread the Good News and live as witnesses to Jesus' love and promises. Now, His power works through us. We must carry on the mission of proclaiming the Good News to the world.

(sourced from young-catholics.com)

Pastoral Study Days

This Monday and Tuesday, the pastoral team (Fr. Matt, Lisa, Deacon Leonard and Deacon Matt) will be attending Pastoral Study Days in Stratford. The diocese hosts these on-going formation and education days every two years. This year our presenters will be focusing on how Families of Parishes can become centres of evangelization forming disciples of Jesus. We will be discussing and be given ways to implement and execute strategies to equip and empower our parishioners to become intentional disciples of Jesus. As we have been hearing in the readings throughout the Easter Season, merely sitting in the pew is not enough if we wish to be true followers of Jesus and follow in the footsteps of Paul and the apostles.



Mass Schedule Change



Due to the Pastoral Study Days, there will not be a Mass on Tuesday in Harrow. The parish office will still have regular hours on Tuesday.

Red or White Next Weekend

Next weekend is the Feast of Pentecost. We celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. Without the Holy Spirit we would not have divine guidance in the Church or in our lives. To better enter into the festivities of the "Birthday of the Church", we are encouraging everyone to wear red (or white) clothing at the Weekend Masses. Come Holy Spirit, Come!



St. Peter's Seminary



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Some of you may have missed the brochure packages from St. Peter's Seminary last weekend. They are available at the entrances of our churches and provide some good information on how our seminary provides education and formation for seminarians, permanent deacons, lay ecclesial ministers and the laity. We are one of four dioceses across Canada that has a English seminary within its boundaries. It is a blessing to have such an institution, and it needs our on-going support. Please take the materials and support the seminary in whatever way you can. Whether or not you can give financially, please join us in praying for vocations and especially for our priests.

Kids Bulletins



Catholic Kids free bulletins and Saints colouring sheets are at the back of the church at St. John the Baptist and at the accessible entrance at St. Anthony of Padua.

Join Our Altar Server Team!

We're thrilled to extend an invitation to young individuals, grade 3 and above, who have received their First Communion, to become altar servers.

What Does It Involve?

- Assisting During Mass and special liturgical celebrations
- Deepening your understanding of the Mass and your spiritual life
- Forming new friendships within our Church community

Why Should you Serve?

- Develop important leadership abilities
- Enhance the beauty of our worship services
- Discover the fulfillment of serving God and the community



Interested?

There will be an information/training session following the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, June 8th, or contact Lisa in the parish office.

We Need your Help!



We are looking for volunteers to help us run the PowerPoint at each mass. We have had good feedback from you about how the projection helps better participation at mass.

We would like to continue providing the PowerPoint but need your help doing so. We currently have a few awesome volunteers who help out at our masses but we need more. We would like to be able to rotate volunteers on a monthly schedule. All you need to know how to do is push a button or two and follow the mass. All ages are welcome! Teens, this is a great and easy way to get your community service hours in. If you feel like this opportunity suits you, please contact Lisa in the parish office lmullins@dol.ca, (519) 736-5418 ext. 115

Attention all Ministers



A reminder to all Ministers, Lectors, Eucharistic and Hospitality to please visit <https://ahcfop.ca/liturgical-ministers> and fill out the weekends you are NOT available by June 3rd. You may also call or email Sharon in the office at 519-736-5418 or ahcfop@dol.ca.



SSVP - St. John the Baptist Church Conference - Clothing/Bundle Drive

After the masses this weekend and next, members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, will be handing out plastic bags, at all five exits, for our annual Clothing/Bundle Drive to take place the weekend of June 14 & 15.



We respectfully ask that only donations of "gently used" clothing, linens and towels be donated. Miscellaneous items may be donated to the Society Shoppe store directly at 400 Sandwich St. South, just west of the Walmart store. Larger items can be picked up by appointment by calling the main SSVP office in Windsor at 519-253-7481. As always, we cannot fulfill our mission of serving the poor without your assistance.

The SSVP truck will be stationed in the Church parking lot before and after masses on Saturday, June 14 and Sunday, June 15 where Vincentians will be gladly accepting your donations.

Thank you from all of us at Society of Saint Vincent de Paul for your continued support.

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