



MIDDLESEX CATHOLIC
FAMILY OF PARISHES

"A mission-oriented church that forms disciples of Jesus"

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 10, 2021

Living the Vision: Mission-Oriented Action

In your Parish: Full, active and attentive participation at each Mass

In your Community: Help those in need of food by supporting a local food bank or shelter

In your Heart: Read a daily Scripture verse or passage

living it in your parish

PARTICIPATE
FULLY, ACTIVELY,
& ATTENTIVELY
EACH MASS



Please keep in your prayers

- ◆ For the Church being transformed and renewed by God's Holy Word.
- ◆ For an equitable sharing of the earth's resources between the rich and the poor.
- ◆ For those living with the effects of Covid19 and for those who care for them.
- ◆ For this assembly seeking a sense of detachment from all worldly possessions.
- ◆ For those who have died longing for place of rest and for those who mourn them.
- ◆ Rev. Donald Lococo C.S.B., Deacon Charles (Chuck) Stillwell, Rev. Gregory Bonin, Rev. Francis (Jack) Hurley, Rev. Mukucha Kathemo, Mrs. Nancy Asciak—Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Deacon Gerald Clement



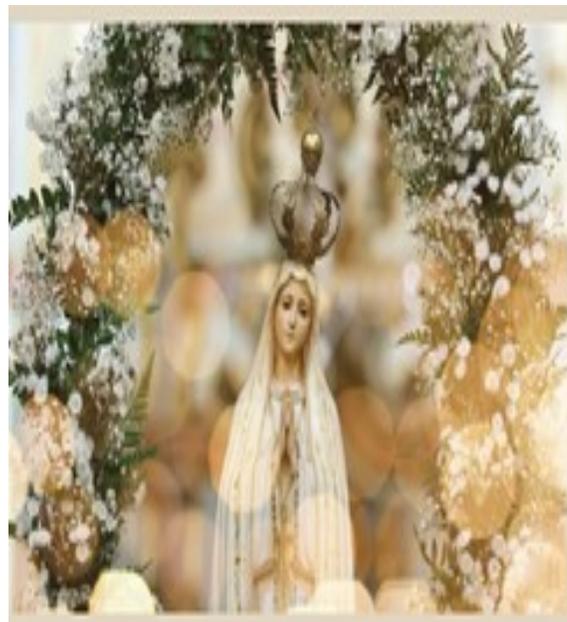
Gratitude to God is to accept everything, even my problems, with joy.

Mother Teresa

News for all parishioners

This week at a glance ...

- ◆ **Saturday, October 16th 7:00 pm Mass will require prior registration.** Please call the office (519-245-0644) by Thursday, October 14 at 4:00pm to get put on the list.
- ◆ Donations for flowers for Our Lady of Fatima Festival are being accepted. Please pick up an envelope at all church sites, starting next weekend, or use a blank envelope, with your name clearly printed on it. These can be dropped off in the weekend collection or brought to the office and left in the brown bin outside church doors.
- ◆ **As of September 22, 2021, those entering the parish hall including all meeting rooms, must provide proof of vaccination, along with a photo ID. Entry is not permitted without compliance. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO WORSHIP SPACES. Overflow in the parish centre will now require proof of vaccination as well, as there is no priest physically present in the room. (as per our most recent protocols)"**
- ◆ Parents of Grade 2 students! You are invited to an information meeting with Father Thom Blondin and Pastoral Minister, Julie de Gouw, to learn about our First Reconciliation and First Communion programs. Due to Covid restrictions, the meeting will be held over Zoom. Join us on Tuesday, October 12 at 7 pm. Complete details in bulletin.



Look for the Festival program booklet at all Masses this weekend. See attached flier for more details. Come and be a part of Our Lady of Fatima Festival—all are welcome!

I invite you to journey together as we read:

My Sisters the Saints: A Spiritual Memoir

One review of the book: Inspiring and heartfelt! A beautiful story of the trials of real life with inspiration from the most well-known saints.

Start: October 20th

End: November 24th

Time 1:30-3:00pm

Where: Zoom

I am very excited to journey with each of you.

Could you please let me know if you will be joining us on this journey and if you need me to purchase the book for you? The book is available in paperback, kindle and audiobook.

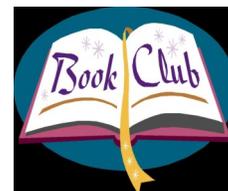
I will leave you with this one request; Ask the Holy Spirit to lay on your heart a woman who may benefit from joining us on this journey and that you may reach out and invite her.

Come Holy Spirit."

Caroline Dupuis

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**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!**

News for all parishioners

All Saints, Strathroy

Week of Oct 12– 15



Tues Oct 12 @ 6:30pm

Kathy Bigras - Mary Hoefnagels
Special Intention for Kaitlyn Mathieson & Josh
Kupferschmidt - Carolyn & Dan Mathieson

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Week

Wed Oct 13 @ 6:30pm

Helio Mendonca & Deceased Family – Esperanca Mendonca
Lily Bini - Stanley Lunan
Manuel & Isolina Pereira - Family
Angela, Olivia & Alda Aguiar – Nieces
Luis Couto - Eduarda Couto
Maria Jose Melo - Eduarda Couto

Thurs Oct 14 @ 6:30pm

Leonel & Maria Teresa Goncalves - Family
Maria Couto - Ofelia Paiva
Francisco DaPonte - Judite DaPonte
Cidaliza Paiva - Ofelia Paiva
Fernando Faria - Ines Faria
Horacio Duarte e Defuntos das familias Duarte, Pontes e Correia
- Carminha Duarte

Fri Oct 15 @ 6:30pm

Laurindo Carvalho & Souls of Purgatory - Amelia Carvalho
Em Honra a N. Sra. - Maria Silveira
MaryJo Garcia - Joe & Maria Garcia
Conceicao Meirinho - Maria Quadros

Sat Oct 16 ~ Mass at 7:00pm followed by Candlelight procession

Sacred Heart, Parkhill

Week of Oct 12-15



Tues Oct 12 @ 6:30pm

For All Souls of Purgatory

Thurs Oct 14 @ 9:00am

Special Intention for Noelle Alcaindo
– Anna Garcia

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe

Week of Oct 12-15



Wed Oct 13 @ 6:30 pm

Tom Farrell
- Rich & M.L. DePelsmaeker
Special Intention for Ross &
Sylvia Wilson
- Ross & Sylvia Wilson
Wilma Janssen - Kerrigan Family

Attention Parents of Children in Grade 2!

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Masses will be first-come-first-seated until we reach capacity.

- ♦ **All Saints church site will have overflow in the Parish Centre for 10:00am Mass . You MUST be double vaccinated to enter the Parish Centre.**

ALL PERSONS ENTERING OR REMAINING IN THE CHURCH SHALL WEAR A MASK OR FACE-COVERING WHICH COVERS THE NOSE, MOUTH AND CHIN, AT ALL TIMES. Please stay home if you are not feeling well and be mindful of the protocols in place to keep us all safe! Thank you for your patience and understanding.



Weekly Reflection

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The road to heaven is narrow and the gate is small! It may seem at times that the gate we search for to get to heaven is actually a wall that, upon seeing no opening, we need to climb over or go through it. How does one go through a wall anyway? Well, we make the wall into a gate.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" He goes on to say "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

The road to heaven is extremely small and most people will not find it, even people who call themselves Christians. There are those who say they love Christ, but their actions show that they do not. Just because you go to church doesn't mean you're going to go to heaven.

We are all on our own paths to heaven seeking out that gate that will let us in. To live a life just abiding by the commandments is not enough. In the Gospel reading, the young man is shocked to find this out. Having lived a good life always, the young man lacks one thing, that total commitment to Jesus. His possessions, his earthly wealth and belongings, hold him back.

What if though, it is not your wealth and possessions that prevent you from entering the kingdom of heaven. What if you are holding a grudge, a bias, or an unwillingness to change a character flaw. Perhaps the thought of being ridiculed for how you live your life in Jesus keeps you from totally giving yourself over to God. It takes courage to be an intentional disciple of Christ. Maybe we think, as we judge our neighbor, that person will not enter heaven, but that decision is not ours to make but Gods.

In this world, we need to make eternal life our priority. Imagine if everything we did was thought through or planned out with eternal life in mind. Would we make some different choices as we go through life? Would some of the hard decisions be easier knowing that the reward of eternal life is at the end of the path we are on in our spiritual journey? Jesus tells the disciples, even though you give it all up, and have left all behind, they will receive back a hundredfold in blessings, but not without persecutions – then eternal life is theirs.

So, next time you find yourself up against a wall, see if you can seek out a gate. The gate is there for us and will open if we but ask Jesus for help to find it. When we change how we see the wall, the gate becomes visible!

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister



Pastoral Team/ Staff
Fr. Thom Blondin, Pastor ex. 22
Fr. David Johnston, Associate Pastor ex. 23
Fr. Steve Eckert, Associate Pastor ex. 25
Deacon Henry Tomaszewski
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**personal emails can be found on the website*

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Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9-4

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession)

4:00—4:45pm Saturday at All Saints church site
 4:00—4:45pm Saturday at Sacred Heart Parkhill church site
 5:45—6:15pm Wednesdays at St. Charles Garnier church site
Also by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Congratulations! Please call Julie to make arrangements at 519-245-0644 ext 26.

Sacrament of Marriage: *Congratulations! Please call the office to make an appointment.*

 All Saints Catholic Women's League have changed their pie making and selling dates to October 19, 20, 22, 23. Pies must be preordered by calling Pat 519-245-5058 or Pauline 519-245-4566. Pies are uncooked and are \$10.00 each. Due to Covid, this will be our only fundraiser. NOTE: CWL meetings are cancelled until further notice.



Welcome Reception for our Sponsored Newcomers
 Please join us for a welcoming reception for our newcomers at all our church sites, dates below:
WILL BE RESCHEDULED
 Sacred Heart Parkhill church site, after 9:00am Mass



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
WEST MIDDLESEX CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

All Saints, Strathroy	Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am/10:00 am (overflow for 10:00am Mass will be in the Parish Centre)
Sacred Heart, Parkhill	Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am
St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe	Sunday 9:00 am



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) start date October 27, 2021.
 More information coming soon.



A Child's note to God ...
*Dear God,
 Why is Sunday school on Sunday?
 I thought it was supposed to be our day of rest?*
 Tom



From the Diocese of London

Veritas Lecture Series

The Veritas Lecture Series engages speakers from a variety of backgrounds to explore the depth of human experience and to articulate the truth – the fullness of humanity – to which we aspire. The Catholic Intellectual Tradition welcomes and embraces this exploration as a participation in the common good that enhances the world we inhabit. For more information or to register for each webinar, go to kings.uwo.ca/veritas. Our next speaker is Dr. Phyllis Zagano, whose lecture is entitled, "Catholic Women, Catholic Church: Where Do We Go From Here?." This will take place on Thursday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m.



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Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille has helped troubled marriages for 44 years. 175,000+ marriages helped worldwide. Only one matters; Yours. Let us help. Next Virtual Weekend November 4- 7, 2021 HelpOurMarriage.org – 519-243-0687

ARISE Women's Retreat – Registration is Open

Registration is now open for women, ages 18 years old and older, to attend a unique retreat hosted by the Youth, Young Adult, and Family Ministry department at the Diocese of London in partnership with ARISE Catholic Movement. The ARISE Women's Retreat will take place from Friday, November 5th, from 6:00pm until 10:00pm, and Saturday, November 6th, from 9:30am until 4:30pm; with options to participate online or in-person at various locations throughout the Diocese – all COVID-19 protocols will be followed. Speakers include Heather Khym (Life Restoration); Debbie Herbeck (Be Love Revolution); speaker and life coach, Mary Bielski; and Rachel Herbeck (ID.9:16). Registration is now available here. For more information please check website.

PRAYER TIME

Beginning Tuesday, October 26th, Fr. Steve will be available for confessions and have the church open for private prayer, on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00pm and Thursdays from 11:00am-12noon, at the All Saints church site. Everyone welcome!

