



MIDDLESEX CATHOLIC
FAMILY OF PARISHES

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

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January 9, 2022 The Baptism of the Lord

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Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Effective January 8 & 9 weekend, our Sunday Mass times will be:

8:00am at All Saints Strathroy

9:00am at St. Charles Garnier Glencoe

10:00am at Sacred Heart Parkhill

11:00am at All Saints Strathroy *Livestreamed

Please keep in your prayers

- ◆ all those who have become God's children through the saving waters of baptism
- ◆ those in public office who bring comfort to all those who are oppressed and weighed down
- ◆ young people who seek wisdom and insight in discerning how God is calling them to service
- ◆ this community seeking grace to extend mercy and peace as it has been extended first to us
- ◆ those who have died in the hopes of resurrection and for God's blessing on those who mourn their loss
- ◆ Sister Marija Ivic S.F.B.Z. Pastoral Minister, Rev. Jozef Denys, Rev. Francis Thekkumkattil C.S.T., Ms. Cathryn Hall Pastoral Minister, Rev. Michael Parent, Sister Mary Boere C.S.J. Pastoral Minister, Rev. Jude Ogbenna C.S.Sp.



"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

Mother Teresa

News for all parishioners

This week at a glance ...

- ◆ Please look for and read the information posted on our website with regards to the upcoming Synod.
- ◆ Parent meeting for Confirmation 2022 is this Thursday, Jan 13 via Zoom. See more details below.



As the **Synod** begins, we pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as the Church embarks on an intentional process of mutual listening and engaging the People of God in a journey of communion, participation, and mission.

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.*

*With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;*

*Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.*

*We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.*

*Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor
partiality influence our actions.*

Let us find in You our unity

*so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray
from the way of truth
and what is right.*

*All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and
ever. Amen.*

**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!

A Child's note to God ...

Dear God,
Instead of letting people die, and having to
make new ones, why don't you just keep
the ones you got now? Jane



HAPPY New Year

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face
shine upon you, And be gracious to you...



Confirmation for 2022

You are invited to a **Parent Meeting on Thursday, January 13th at 7:00pm on Zoom** with Father Thom Blondin, Pastor.

Join the meeting by clicking on the link found on our website.

Details for Confirmation Preparation for 2022 will be discussed at the meeting.



Have you ever wondered what life is all about?

Why are we here?

Does my life have meaning?



Discover the answer to these questions and more by joining the West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes online Alpha!

Alpha explores life and the Christian faith in a relaxed, informal setting. Make new friends, ask questions and have fun!

Each week, the Alpha session begins with a short presentation followed by small group discussion.

Visit our website

www.westmiddlesexcatholic.dol.ca and click on the Alpha banner, to fill out a registration form.

Sessions begin Thursday, February 3, 2022 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

For more information contact Ruth Alcaindinho at ruth.e.dino@hotmail.com.

News for all parishioners

All Saints, Strathroy Week of Jan 11-14



Tues Jan 11, 6:30pm

Fr. Martin Royackers & Albert Royackers
- Joanna Royackers

Special Intention for Fr. Steve Eckert - Anne & Brian Jones

Wed Jan 12, 9:00am

Delfim Desa - Family
Kevin DeGroot - Tony Hendrikx & Family

Thu Jan 13, 6:30pm

For all those dealing with illness at this time, especially Covid

Fri Jan 14, 9:00am

Deceased family of Angelo & Liliana Brum
Leonardo James Matthews & Leonardo Lopes
- Paula Matthews

Sacred Heart, Parkhill Week of Jan 11-14



Tue Jan 11, 6:30pm

Deceased Members of VanderVloet
& Meeuwssen families - Estate
Ann Straatman – CWL

Thu Jan 13, 9am

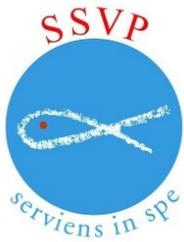
Caroline Lighthart - Chris VanderVloet

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe Week of Jan 11-14



Wed Jan 12, 6:30pm

George Yates
- Rich & ML DePelsmaecker
Maria O'Keefe
- Rich & ML DePelsmaecker



Society St. Vincent de Paul / All Saints Conference

Happy New Year and may 2022 be filled with joy and many blessings.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to express their sincere appreciation for your continued support, not only during this Christmas season but throughout the whole year.

It was only through your generosity that we are able to provide the following assistance to those in need in our communities:

Hampers and food cupboards, toys, clothing, and gift cards;

Provided gifts to the three nursing homes in the Delaware area;

Assistance provided to the Caring Cupboard in Mt. Brydges;

After outfitting those in our communities with winter coats, we were also able to provide coats to '519 Pursuit' for the homeless in London, Ontario.

Once again, thank you for your kindness and we wish you and your families a blessed New Year.



If you wish to receive the weekly bulletin sent directly to your inbox, or to get any last minute updates or changes happening across our parishes, please email the office at allsaints@dol.ca and ask to be put on our list for Flocknotes. Let us know your name, email and which parish you belong to. It's that easy! Never miss another bulletin or update again.



Weekly Reflection

Baptism of the Lord Sunday January 9, 2022

Happy New Year everyone! Here's to looking forward to a new year that holds what exactly for us? Well, we will just have to wait and see. As I have learned this past year, actually in the past two years, not everything will go as expected or planned.

Today is the Baptism of the Lord, and this brings to a conclusion, the Christmas Season. Today is the day we can take down the Christmas decorations, put away the Nativity Scene, and enter into Ordinary Time. As we pack away the beauty of the Christmas season, putting away the glitz and glam until next year, let us remember to not pack away the hope that is Jesus in prayer. Yes, Christmas can wear us out and leave us feeling a little down without energy to try something new or leave us with no "get up and go." Maybe it's my age, but Christmas went by all too quickly this year!

In the gospel for today, Luke tells us about the Baptism of the Lord, and that "the people were filled with expectation." We should be filled with expectation too as we begin our new year. The people surrounding John the Baptist were thinking perhaps that John was the expected Messiah. John assured them he was not the Messiah and would not be worthy to even untie the Messiah's sandal.

Jesus is there at the river with the people to be baptized by John. One would have to wonder why Jesus would need to be baptized at all? Perhaps this should be an opportunity for us to think about our own baptism. Most of us do not remember the ceremony, but the effect baptism had on us, left an indelible mark that cannot be removed. Our baptism enabled us to belong to our Christian community, to be part of a family of faith, and to set us upon our mission as disciples of Christ. Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life. It is the gateway to life in the Spirit. Through Baptism, we are freed from sin and reborn as sons and daughters of God. We become members of Christ's Body, the Church. Thus, as members of Christ's Body, we are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in Church's mission.

Jesus' baptism began his public ministry. Out of the heavens, "the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Wow! What a way to jump into public ministry knowing that the Father is pleased with him! Jesus knows the love of the Father and is well equipped to go out into the world and begin his ministry. Through our baptism we are with God the Father and God is with us. We too are the Father's beloved.

Jesus's identity is revealed at his baptism as the Son of God. St. Maximus of Turin, writing in the late fourth century tells us that Christ was baptized not to be made holy by the waters of baptism, but rather, to make holy the waters of baptism and to purify these waters with His body so that all who would be baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit would be cleansed of original sin and be made adopted sons and daughters of the most high, God. In doing so, Christ elevated baptism to the dignity of a sacrament.

So, as we head into this new year, reflect upon your baptism and commit to living out your baptismal potential. In these troubled times, we are in need for believers to live in accordance with the great gift we have received. As brothers and sisters of Christ, we are all beloved sons and daughters of God. Do we really believe this? If not, what are the obstacles preventing us from doing so?

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister



Pastoral Team/ Staff

Fr. Thom Blondin, Pastor ex. 22
Fr. David Johnston, Associate Pastor ex. 23
Deacon Henry Tomaszewski
Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister ex. 26
Olga Ferreira, Office Administrator ex. 21
Anna Garcia, Secretary ex. 0
Marg VanderBurgt, Secretary ex. 24
**personal emails can be found on the website*

From the office ...

Please note that the office will be closed and staff will be working remotely, from Wednesday, January 5th through Tuesday, January 25th.



Please leave a message or send an email, staff will be back to you as soon as they possibly can.

In an emergency, call 519-245-0644 and dial 9 for immediate connection to a priest.



2022 Sunday Offertory Envelopes are available in the for All Saints, Strathroy and St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe. As per the Sacred Heart Parkhill Finance committee, parishioners are reminded to call Olga if you would like to have offertory envelopes for 2022.

* Please DO NOT USE old 2021 envelopes

Pre-Authorized Payment—PAP Users

If you are contributing your donations to the parish through direct deposit (PAP), they will continue as usual into 2022. If there are any changes you would like to make to your contributions, please call Olga.

Income Tax Receipts

Income tax receipts can only be issued legally for contributions received in the current year. All donations must be received in the office by Wednesday, December 22 or in the collection on the weekend of Dec 26/27 to be eligible for a tax receipt.

Official tax receipts will be prepared in the New Year and distributed by the end of February 2022.



If you wish to change your method of donation to pre-authorized payments (direct deposit), please contact Olga at the office at 519-245-0644 ext #21 or email oferreira@dol.ca.

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Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9-4 (temporarily closed)

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. or send an email to jdegouw@dol.ca

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

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

WEST MIDDLESEX CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

All Saints, Strathroy	Saturday 5:00 pm
	Sunday 8:00 am/ 11:00 am
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