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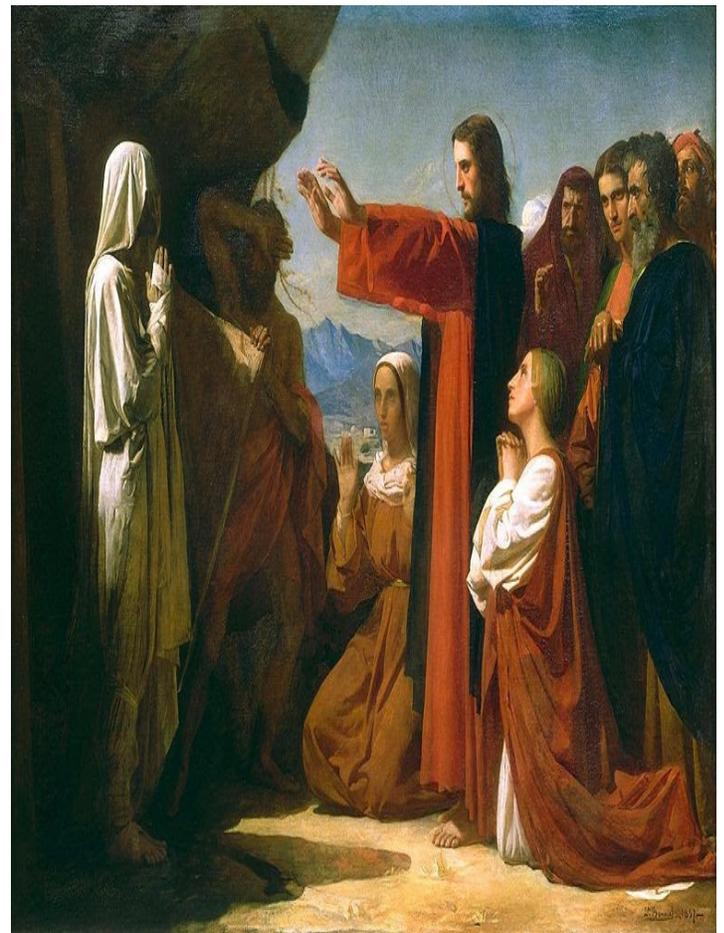
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March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday in Lent
& March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Lent



Please keep in your prayers Sunday, March 19

- ◆ women and men shepherding God's holy people
- ◆ leaders advocating for the vulnerable and marginalized
- ◆ all those who seek healing from spiritual blindness
- ◆ this gathering in which we seek to have our hearts illumined
- ◆ our dead longing to awaken in the presence of God
- ◆ our sisters and brothers in Honduras who are defending the rights of all those in their communities, whose homes and environment are threatened by large profit-driven economic developments that could force them off their ancestral lands
- ◆ Deacon David Cummings, Sisters of St. Joseph, Deacon James Panchaud, Rev. Murray Sample, Brothers and Sisters of the Secular Franciscan Order, Mr. Sylvain Patry Coordinator of Youth Ministry,



Please keep in your prayers Sunday, March 26

- ◆ The Seminarians of the Diocese of London, Rev. Arockiadoss Velanganni O.F.M. Cap., Rev. John Shart, Rev. Pierre Wood O.F.M. Cap., Rev. Donald Pumputis, Rev. Danny Santos,, Rev. Hoang Nguyen O.F.M. Cap.



At a glance ...

- ◆ For the Lenten season, there will be Mass on Mondays at 6:30pm at All Saints Church. The Rosary will be prayed at 6pm before Mass.
- ◆ Before heading out to weekday Mass, check the bulletin for an updated schedule!
- ◆ SAVE THE DATE: VBS at All Saints church site, will run from July 10-14. and VBS at Sacred Heart church site from July 31- August 4. More details to follow.
- ◆ Come out to the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on Friday, March 24 at All Saints church site. See insert for details.
- ◆ Sacred Heart Delaware CWL is having a meeting on Thursday March 30th at 7 pm to discuss the status of the organization. Any former members are invited to this meeting at All Saints Church site in the St Angela's room, in the basement.

Good Friday Meatless Soup Lunch after the 11:00am church service at All Saints Church site, Parish Centre

Please come out and enjoy our soups, served with buns and beverage.

Free-will offering accepted, with all donations going to L'Arche and St. Joseph's Hospice, London.

Pots of soup will be gratefully accepted at the kitchen door by the CWL ladies between 10:00-11:00am, in the parish centre. Please mark your pan and lid with your name and phone number.



Easter Flower Donations

We will be collecting donations again this year to help offset the cost of Easter flowers in each of our parishes.

Please send an envelope with the name of your loved one clearly written on the outside and your name or envelope number, or pick up a flower donation envelope. All names will be posted on the West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parish website on Easter Weekend.

We thank you in advance for your continued generosity. Deadline is Sunday, April 2nd.



EASTER APPEAL - 2023

During the month of March, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Strathroy, will be collecting non-perishable items, which will be donated to the Caring Cupboard, Oneida, and the Women's Rural Resource Centre.

This collection will take place in the Narthex beginning on Saturday, March 4th up to Saturday, April 1st.

Thank you for your generous donations!



Development and Peace

Week 4: March 19

Standing for the Land in Honduras

Honduras's diverse ecosystems, fertile lands and rich natural resources attract many profiteering enterprises that overexploit the land to no benefit for local communities.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada supports Equipo de Reflexión, Investigación y Comunicación (ERIC, Reflection, Research and Communication Team), an organization that helps communities in their struggle for land and territory and investigates human rights abuses.

This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Elvin Hernández, a human rights investigator at ERIC. Learn more at devp.org/lent.



Week 5: March 26

Solidarity Sunday

This Lent, please give generously

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's Stand for the Land campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity.

Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. Our solidarity rests on your generosity.

"The support we receive from Development and Peace has been very important for me. It allowed me to find myself, to live again."

— Raquel Soto, participant in the documentary filmmaking school of the Asociación Campesina de Antioquia (ACA, Peasant Association of Antioquia)

Such is the difference you can make by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give. Thank you for helping us build a world of justice.



Weekly Reflection

Reflection for March 19th and 26th the Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, 2023

A few years back, makeover shows on television, were very popular. There were makeover fashion shows where a person's wardrobe and style were updated and changed. At the end of the show, sometimes, the made over person, was almost unrecognizable. There were makeover shows about losing weight and the bodily transformations that occurred were unbelievable. There were shows about making over your home and on one particular show, the makeover was done as a surprise. Oh my, imagine coming home and not recognizing your own home! All of these shows, ended in a complete transformation and lots and lots of oohs and ah's and yes, happiness all around.

For the past few weeks of Lent, we too have been invited to be transformed. Jesus entered the desert for forty days and emerged transformed ready for his public ministry. We heard about Jesus transfigured by his Father's love on the mountain. We learned about the woman at the well transformed by the conversation she had with Jesus and the offer of living water.

This week and next, we learn about a blind man healed and transformed and a man who was once dead, brought to life again. Talk about a makeover story! The point of these stories in scripture however, is not to show how to be made over in the way that we understand, but rather to make us over in our interior selves spiritually. At the same time, in these scripture stories, Jesus is giving us a glimpse of what is to come for him and yes, how we too can be transformed by his death and resurrection.

My favorite verse in the scripture about the blind man, describes how the blind man went and washed himself in the pool of Silaom as Jesus told him to. The washing cleaned his eyes of the mud and saliva Jesus put on him while also cleansing him both physically and spiritually. People did not recognize the man saying he looked like him but was not the same man. How powerful an image is this! The man was so changed by his encounter with Jesus, he was unrecognizable.

In both the scripture readings about the blind man and Lazarus, Jesus refers to "light" and the effect it has on his ministry stating, "I am the light of the world." Light changes how and what we see. We all know the importance of light. Look what happens when the power goes out on a stormy night. We are lost without light and rush to light a candle so we can find our way around our homes. Without light, we stumble around and are lost. Seeking out the true light of our lives, illuminates all things both seen and unseen. The light that Jesus offers will see us to our final resting place with him in heaven. All we have to do is believe.

The sisters of Lazarus, Martha and Mary, acknowledged life everlasting with Jesus but did not believe Jesus could bring their beloved brother back to life. Jesus uses the opportunity to show the sisters the glory of God. Jesus called to Lazarus, "come out!" and when he did Jesus instructed them to "unbind him and let him go." Listen, what is Jesus calling you to? What is holding you back? Do not be afraid of the transformation that God will work in you. Walk in the light of Christ and get ready for that makeover!

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister



All Saints, Strathroy-Weeks of March 21-31

Mon Mar 20, 6:00pm Rosary; Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion / 6:30pm Mass
Deceased members of Schaefer & Keller families

- Teresa Schaefer

Julie & Louz Kaferle – Family

Joe Sitar – Family

Karen Payne – Jim & Margaret Adams

Special Intentions of Lisa Fergie

– Jim & Margaret Adams



Tue Mar 21, 6:30pm Rosary; Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion & Liturgy of the Hours with Adoration

Thu Mar 23, 6:00pm Via Sacra / 6:30pm Mass

Francelina Nogueira – Family

Joe Faria - Jose e Gilda Viveiros

Jose & Luisa Melo -Family

Maria Ines Azevedo - Emmanuel Furtado

José e Leonor Martins - Fatima Luis

Pais e Sogros de Agostinho e Deolinda Pereira

Fri Mar 24, 9:30am Mass with SVDP school/7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Jerry Thuss - I. M.

Patricia Howe - Mary Lou Lisabeth

Brendan McGahan - Larry & Mary MacDonald

Deceased family of Angelo & Liliana Brum

Tina Driesman - Colleen & Lloyd Lowry

Special Intention for Fr. Thom Blondin - Rich & ML DePelsmaeker

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Mon Mar 27, 6:00pm Rosary; Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion / 6:30pm Mass

Special Intention for Dorothy Adams - Margaret Adams

Sheila Moir – Margaret Adams

Grace Kustermans – Kustermans Family

Maria Inez Azevedo – Jose & Almerinda Goncalves

Deceased family members of Jose & Almerinda Goncalves

Tue Mar 28, 6:30pm Rosary; Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion & Liturgy of the Hours with Adoration

Thu Mar 30, 6:00pm Via Sacra / 6:30pm Mass

Maria Trindade Furtado e Francisco DaSilva

Jose Francisco Da Silva

Jose Lucas Furtado e Guilhermina da Conceicao

Beatriz e Sebastiao DaSilva

Almas do Purgatorio

Defuntos das familias Da Silva e Furtado – Familia

Fri Mar 31, 9:00am Mass / 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Deceased Family of Joao & Teresa Viveiros

Special Intention for Joe Nash/reposed soul of Frances Nash - Joe

Special Intention for Fr. Thom Blondin - Rick & Sharon Abel Family

Carlos Camara & All Souls - Madalena Camara

Helio Mendonca & Deceased Family - Esperanca Mendonca

Natalia, Jose & Joe Andrade - Jina Andrade

Sacred Heart, Parkhill

Weeks of March 21-31

Tue Mar 21, 6:30pm Mass

Deceased Members of VanderVloet & Meeuwssen families - Estate

Anneliese & Erhard Sinnewe & Family

- Konrad Scheib

Steve Soetemans & Tony Bax

– Pete & Anne Roelands

For the Deceased of the de Gouw Family

Thu Mar 23, 9:00am Liturgy of the Hours with Adoration

Fri Mar 24, 6:30pm Stations of the Cross

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Tue Mar 28, 6:30pm Mass

Deceased Members of Medeiros & Silva familie

- Margarida Pontes

Steve Soetemans - Adriana Soetemans

For the intentions of the living & deceased CWL members

Gerry Lecker - CWL

Thu Mar 30, 9:00am Liturgy of the Hours with Adoration

Fri Mar 31, 6:30pm Stations of the Cross



St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe

Weeks of March 21-31

Wed Mar 22, 9:30am Mass with school / 5:45 Stations of the Cross

Gizele Fournier - Marc Fournier & family

Don Burr - David Skipper

Jim Brush - Rich & ML DePelsmaeker

Fri Mar 24, 6:30pm Liturgy of the Hours with Adoration

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Wed Mar 29, 5:45pm Stations of the Cross / 6:30pm Mass

Josef Sitar - family

Ken Parry - Rich & ML DePelsmaeker

John Banjac - David Skipper

Fri Mar 31, 6:30pm Liturgy of the Hours with Adoration



If you wish to receive the bulletin sent directly to your inbox, or to get any last minute updates or changes happening across our family of parishes, please go to our website and sign up by clicking on the button above. It's that easy! Never miss another bulletin or update again.



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Office Hours
Monday through Friday
9:00am to 4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession)
 4:00—4:45pm Saturday at All Saints church site
 Tuesday after Mass 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.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?
 In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
WEST MIDDLESEX CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

All Saints, Strathroy	Saturday 5:00 pm
	Sunday 8:00 am/11:00 am
	<i>* 11:00 am will be livestreamed each week</i>
Sacred Heart, Parkhill	Saturday 5:00 pm
	Sunday 10:00 am
St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe	Sunday 9:00 am

EDGE - Youth in Grades 5-8 are invited!

Please join EDGE on Wednesday, March 22 from 6:30pm-8:00pm at Sacred Heart Church site, in Parkhill. We will continue with our series learning about the sacraments.

Come out for a night of games, snacks, and fellowship as we explore the sacrament of baptism.

For more information, please email edgewmcfp@gmail.com.

LENT

Revenue & Expenses January 2023			
	All Saints	Sacred Heart	St. Charles
Revenue	\$ 40,549.90	\$ 8,711.10	\$ 8,870.65
Expenditures	\$ 40,830.08	\$ 7,857.08	\$ 9,261.92
Surplus	\$ (280.18)	\$ 854.02	\$ (391.27)

Thank you for supporting the work of Christ, through his Church

From the Diocese of London



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Young Adult Lenten Retreat Invitation

On Monday, April 3 Young Adults from our Diocese are invited to an afternoon of reflection, dinner and the Mass of Chrism to begin this most Holy Week of our Liturgical Year. The retreat day begins at 1:00 p.m. at St. George's in London. There will be time of prayer, scripture, reflection, discussion and a meal. After, as a group we will head to the Mass of Chrism at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica at 7:00 p.m. Registration is required, at this link. Once registered Christine Coyle will send you directions to the church and more details. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Christine at ccoyle@dol.ca.

Realize your unique mission at Family Foundation Institute's Annual Women's Seminar! Join



Catholic author Lisa Canning and learn about her distinctive approach to time management and productivity. Lisa's two workshop-style presentations will demonstrate how you don't need to sacrifice things that matter the most (faith, family, friends) in pursuit of your goals. All things are possible with God and trusting Him can bring fulfillment to your personal mission.

Sat, April 15, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at St. André Bessette Catholic Secondary School in London. Early bird pricing of \$40/person includes lunch, refreshments, and resource package. Visit famfi.ca/aws to learn more and register online.



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 Saints Strathroy—CWL NEWS

Our executive meeting on Tues., March 28 in the Columbian room at 10:00am.

Don't forget that there are Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00pm during Lent.



SACRED HEART DELAWARE - CWL

Sacred Heart Delaware CWL is having a meeting on **Thursday March 30th at 7 pm** to discuss the status of the organization.

Any former members are invited to this meeting at All Saints Church site in the St Angela's room, in the basement.

Please share with those who may not receive the bulletin.

Kindest regards,

Rose Bujnowski, Sacred Heart Delaware, CWL President



St. Charles Glencoe—CWL NEWS

Next general CWL meeting Wed. March 22, 2023 at 7pm - in parish hall.

CWL Memberships Welcome - ' Sisters in Christ ' Faith, Service & Social Justice - contact Shirley Gilliland (519) 852- 0394



Day of Confessions

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023

Penance and Prayer in Every Parish



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Lenten Reconciliation (Confessions)

The Diocese of London has set Wednesday, March 29 as the day of Confession.

There will be a priest at all church sites during this day, as follows:

All Saints church site

2pm-4pm and 6pm-8pm

Sacred Heart church site

4pm – 7pm

St. Charles Garnier church site

4pm – 6pm and following Mass until 8pm

Al-Anon Meetings

You are welcome to attend Al-Anon meetings, every Tuesday at 1:30pm at All Saints church site, in the St. Angela's room, in the lower level.



You're Invited

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WEST MIDDLESEX CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

Family Skate Day

WEST MIDDLESEX MEMORIAL CENTRE, STRATHROY
SUNDAY MARCH 19TH, 2023
1:00 - 3:00 PM



Strathroy Right to Life Dinner
April 15 @ All Saints Catholic Church, Strathroy
We are pleased to announce an amazing speaker for the Strathroy & District Right to Life's dinner and Silent Auction (April 15)
Suzanne Flier is the Executive Director of Fresh Start Support Services.
Fresh Start supports families in a safe housing community and through community programs.
Items for the Silent Auction can be dropped off at the church, in the afternoon, on the day of the dinner
We hope to see many of you
Debbie
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For Youth Grade 11 & 12
Up to Age 21

Dublin, ON

March 24-26

2023

Registration forms and more info contact
wmsyouthministry@gmail.com

or retreat organizers
gkolkman310@gmail.com

SPONSORSHIP TEAM

Great news! Last week we welcomed a new family to Strathroy. Slha (pronounced Sul-ha), her husband Hamed and their two children Riem (girl 12 years) and Raheem (boy 6 years) are Sudanese. They had been refugees in Amman, Jordan for eight years.

This is our first sponsorship in cooperation with Lamp Lifeboat Ladder (LLL), the international charity, which specializes in helping refugee women who have suffered significant trauma.

The family arrived at Pearson Airport, Toronto on the 27th of February, but because of the weather we were unable to collect them until the following day. LLL arranged overnight accommodation for the family.

They are now settled into their temporary accommodation in Strathroy, and we anticipate being able to move them into their permanent home in Strathroy at the beginning of April.

It goes without saying that all family members are just so happy, to be safe in the open arms of Canada after an eight year wait.

"Be a lamp, or a lifeboat, or a ladder. Help someone's soul heal."

Welcome!