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FAMILY OF PARISHES

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

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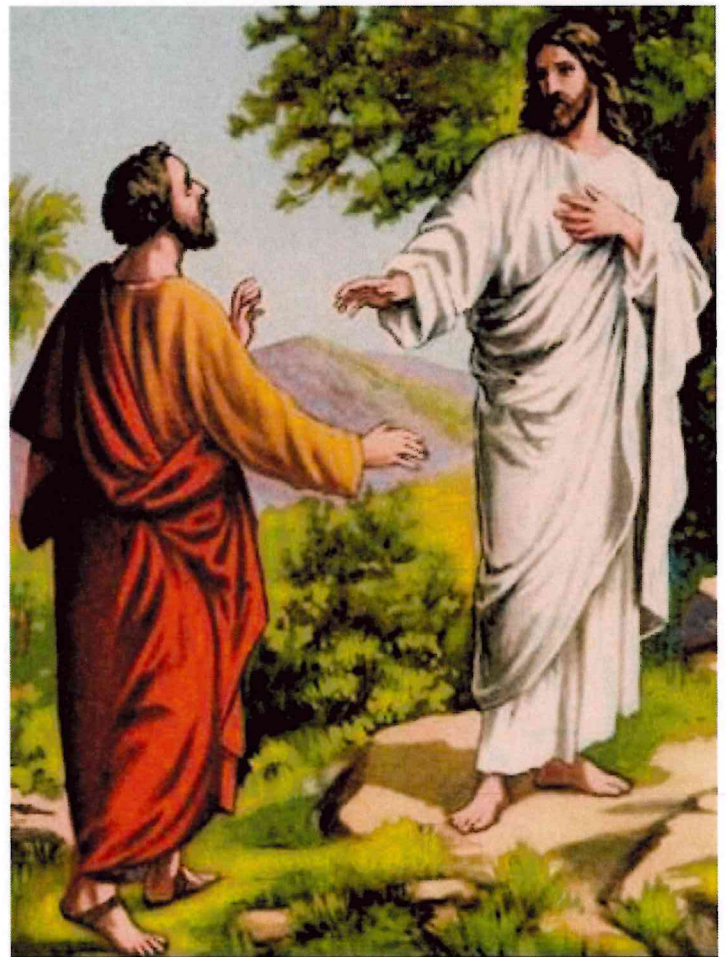
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August 20, 2023
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
& August 27, 2023
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please keep in your prayers Sunday, Aug 20

- ♦ the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our diocese for the new evangelization, that our parish communities will be places of welcome for all
- ♦ all who are persecuted for their faith in God, that they will be strengthened in their resolve to serve God, and receive the justice they deserve
- ♦ all those who are troubled in the discernment of their vocation, especially to the priesthood, that the Holy Spirit will bless them with encouragement, insight, and the grace of perseverance
- ♦ the unemployed, the underemployed, and all in financial difficulties, that all levels of government will work for just wages and working conditions
- ♦ those who have died, that they will see God face to face
- ♦ Rev. Paul McGill C.S.B., Deacon Michael Cookson, Nursing Home Volunteers in the Diocese of London, Rev. Terence Runstedler, Deacon Leonard Tetreault, Deacon Gerard Van Schyndel, Deacon Chris Masterson



Please keep in your prayers Sunday, Aug 21

- ♦ Candidates for the Permanent Diaconate, Ministers to Migrant Workers in the Diocese of London, Rev. Frank Murphy, Rev. Thomas Donohue, Rev. Paul Rennick C.S.B., Rev. Adam Gabriel C.S.M.A., Deacon Arthur Bondy



At a glance ...

- ◆ **NOTE:** The week of August 21, we will be on a one priest schedule. Before heading out to weekday Mass, please check the bulletin for changes to Mass times!
- ◆ SSVP will have their monthly collection on the weekend of August 26 & 27th, at All Saints.
- ◆ **SAVE THE DATE:** Cemetery Sunday is Sunday, September 10th for all cemeteries. Look for times and locations in the next bulletin.
- ◆ Our Next Alpha begins on Wed. Sept. 20th and will be offered both In Person and Online. Please see the website for further details. Everyone is welcome. As a faith community, we are called to pray for and extend an invitation to a family member, friend or neighbour to come and try Alpha.
- ◆ **SAVE THE DATE:** Sunday, September 24th, West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes Annual Picnic. Everyone welcome! Check our website for more information.



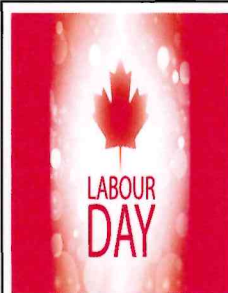
Parish Office Summer hours for July 3 – September 5



Mondays	Closed
Tuesdays	9am – 4pm
Wednesdays	9am – 4pm
Thursdays	9am – 4pm
Fridays	9am – 12noon

Helping Hands serves meals each Thursday from 11:30am until 12:30pm, except the second Thursday of each month.

If anyone has any extra produce from your gardens that could be used for a community sharing table, please drop your fresh produce at All Saints Church (back door) from 8:00am until 11:00am on those Thursdays.



From the office

The office will be closed on Monday, September 4th for Labour Day.

Starting the following Tuesday, the office will resume regular hours.

Enjoy the long weekend!



Save the Date!


West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes

OUR Lady OF Fatima

Festival & Mission

At All Saints Church

October 11-15



Knights of Columbus St. Charles Garnier

There will be a general meeting for all Knights, on



**Wednesday, August 30th
after 6:30pm Mass**

Please plan to attend.

Do you have any unused, old, eye glasses? Please bring them to church the next two weeks. They will be collected, checked and donated to under-developed countries.



Any questions, please contact Rudy Huver at 519-287-5629.

Weekly Reflection

Reflection August 20th and 27th, 2023, the 20th and 21st Sundays in Ordinary Time

Everything God does has a plan and a purpose. Not so much with us. I have heard it said, those that fail to plan, plan to fail. Sometimes, we can have the best laid plans and things still don't turn out the way we want them to. The problem could be, we are focused on our plans for us and not on God's plan for us.

It is important to remember that everything Jesus did while he walked among us, was intentional. There were no accidents or coincidences. Everything happened for a specific purpose and reason.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus travelling to Tyre and Sidon, was no accident and the Canaanite woman shouting at him, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon" was all part of the plan.

Why was Jesus in the regions of Tyre and Sidon? The scripture tells us, "Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon." To go away implies that he was somewhere else previously. Perhaps Jesus received a rough reception in the place he was at before Tyre and Sidon. Yes, he was not welcomed by the Jews, whom he came to save. Tyre and Sidon were cities belonging to the Gentiles whom Jesus had not come to save.

All that changes when the Canaanite woman from that region, pursues Jesus and asks him to heal her daughter. Jesus responds that he has come only for the Jews, but the woman persists, and her great faith heals her daughter. Indeed, Jesus had come to save everyone.

Notice the woman greets Jesus with, "Have mercy on me, Lord" appealing to Jesus' feelings. Jesus tells her she is not worthy of faith but as she persists, Jesus changes his mind, and the daughter is healed by her mother's faith. The lesson here for us is that all of us are worthy of God's mercy. All of us are worthy of God's love.

The woman's great faith comes from a great need of Jesus, and she understands that Jesus has come for all of us.

Great faith opens us up to receive great grace. Sometimes, we need to get out of our own way in order to receive the grace God has for us. What do I mean by this? We can't control what happens to us, but we can control how we respond. Julianne Stanz in her book, "Braving the Thin Places" says, "Creating space for grace in our lives is an important practice to help us respond to whatever life throws at us. When God is at the center of our life, we will find that our life becomes a space for grace."

The Canaanite woman in today's Gospel, could have given up and walked away from Jesus but instead, she persisted. The woman's great faith allowed her to receive the grace of a healed daughter. Remember, focus on God's plan for you. See God at the center of your life and your life will be rooted in grace.

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister



All Saints, Strathroy-Weeks of Aug 22—Sept 1

Confession times: Saturdays 4:00pm – 4:45pm

Tue Aug 22, 6:00pm Rosary-Perpetual Help / 6:30pm Mass

For the Souls of Purgatory - Enzo & Carmela Palcich

Jeff LaMantia - Dad & Mom

Jose Moniz - Laudalina Moniz

Carlos e Isabel Silveira e Luisa e Joe Ataide

- Joe e Maria da Silveira

Special Intention for Joe Nash/reposed soul of Frances Nash

- Joe Nash

Paul LeBlanc - Maria LeBlanc

Wed Aug 23 NO MASS

Thu Aug 24 NO MASS

Fri Aug 25, 9:00am Mass

Deceased Members of VanderVloet & Meeuwssen families - Estate

Deceased family of Angelo & Liliana Brum

Carlos Camara & All Souls - Madalena Camara

Helio Mendonca & Deceased family - Esperanca Mendonca

Francisco Pedro – Evelina Pedro

Jose Rosa & deceased family - Maria Rosa

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### **Tue Aug 29, 6:00pm Rosary-Perpetual Help / 6:30pm Mass**

Special Intention for Joe Nash/reposed soul of Frances Nash

- Joe Nash

In Memory of Thomas Simpson - OLPA Board & School Community

Horacio Duarte – Carminha Duarte

In Thanksgiving to Our Lady - Maria da Silveira

In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph - Maria da Silveira

Manuel Catojo - Gloria Cravo

### **Wed Aug 30, 9:00am Mass**

May Richard, Bob & Patsy Martin – Suzanne Murray

Ada & Bill Murray – Suzanne Murray

Deceased family of Joao & Theresa Viveiros

### **Thu Aug 31, 6:00pm Rosary / 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 Sep 1, 9:00am Mass followed by Adoration**

Laurindo Carvalho & Souls of Purgatory & Deceased Family

- Amelia Carvalho

Jameson & William Shapiro - Connie & Herm Vanderheyden

Special Intentions of Connie & Herm Vanderheyden

Souls of Purgatory - John Van Heeswyk

Special Intentions of Fr. Graham Keep

- Connie & Herm Vanderheyden

Andy Arruda – Fran Donohue



## **Sacred Heart, Parkhill** **Weeks of Aug 20—Sept 1**

Confession times: Tuesdays 5:30pm – 6:15pm



### **Tue Aug 22 NO MASS**

### **Thu Aug 24, 9:00am Mass**

Deceased Members of VanderVloet & Meeuwssen families– Estate

Jody Williams - John Gilhooley

Special Birthday/Thanksgiving for Maria Michielsen

- Family

Gerda Michielsen - Maria & Family

Mathias & Rosa Meisberger & Deceased Family

- Konrad Scheib

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Tue Aug 29, 6:30pm Mass

For the intentions of the living & deceased CWL members

Gerry Lecker - Joe & Johanna Minten

Deceased Members of de Gouw, Vermunt &

Jongenelen families

Thu Aug 31, 9:00am Mass

Special Intention for Michael Bodsworth

- Eric & Virginia Hogervorst

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe **Weeks of Aug 20—Sept 1**

Confession times: Wednesdays 5:30pm – 6:15pm

Wed, Aug 23, 6:30pm Mass

Deceased Members of VanderVloet & Meeuwssen families – Estate

Norman Triest - Frank & Joanne Nemcek

Gisele Fournier – Marc & Family



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### **Wed, Aug 30, 6:30pm Mass**

For the intentions of Jacob & Yvonne Simpson & Family - Eric & Jinny Hogervorst

### **Fri Sep 1, 9:00am Mass followed by Adoration**

Josef Sitar - family



Check out our Diocesan website for latest news, upcoming events, employment and volunteer opportunities. Visit [www.dol.ca](http://www.dol.ca) for all your information needs with respect to the Dioceses of London.



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## From the Diocese of London

### Becoming a Faithful Disciple

The Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes is hosting a discipleship conference called "Becoming a Faithful Disciple" with David Wells from England on Saturday September 23, 2023. The event will take place from 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Spirit & Life Centre (St. Joseph Church Hall) in Chatham. This event is open to all parish staff and parishioners are welcome. Limited seating is available. The event is free but donations to the conference, which includes lunch, are welcome. More information and registration is at this link: <https://revjj.ca/david-wells/>

### Job Opportunities

The Windsor Lake St. Clair Catholic Family of Parishes is seeking a **Financial Secretary** at St. Simon & St. Jude Parish in Belle River.

The Perth Huron Crossroads Catholic Family of Parishes is seeking a **Coordinator of Youth, Family and Sacraments**.

The Elgin Catholic Family of Parishes is seeking an **Events Manager and a Bookkeeper/Financial Secretary**.

The details for these are posted at [www.dol.ca/employment](http://www.dol.ca/employment).

St. Peter's Seminary is seeking a **Director of Liturgical Music**. [www.stpetersseminary.ca](http://www.stpetersseminary.ca), or call 519-646-7143

### 17th Bishop's Dinner for Windsor/Essex

After a hiatus of three years, the Windsor/Essex Bishop's Dinner returns to the Ciocar Club, on October 26, 2023!

You are cordially invited to gather together with Bishop Fabbro, the priests, deacons and lay ministers, and the faithful of our diocese. For individual tickets (\$150) or tables of 8 (\$975); or for sponsorship information, contact Frances Barnard at [bishopsdinner@spseminary.ca](mailto:bishopsdinner@spseminary.ca).

At this time, we are pleased to announce that, at the Dinner, we will celebrate the establishment of a new teaching chair at St. Peter's Seminary, the Toldo Chair for the Advancement of Human Formation. In the days ahead, we will have more good news to share. Dinner proceeds will benefit St. Peter's Seminary and Second Chance Ministry.

### World Day of Migrants and Refugees

**24 September 2023**

Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay. In his message for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay", Pope Francis reminds us that the decision to migrate in many cases is not a free choice. It is the result of persecution, wars, atmospheric phenomena and dire poverty, armed conflicts, natural disasters, or the impossibility of living a dignified in one's native land. "Eliminating these causes and thus putting an end to forced migration calls for shared commitment on the part of all, in accordance with the responsibilities of each. This commitment begins with asking what we can do, but also what we need to stop doing. We need to make every effort to halt the arms race, economic colonialism, the plundering of other people's resources and the devastation of our common home." We are all asked to respond to the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth. What are we doing to create a more just and peaceful world for all? "Only by walking together will we be able to go far and reach the common goal of our journey."



## St. Charles Glencoe—CWL NEWS

Next CWL meeting will be on Sept. 27, 2023, at 7:00pm in the parish hall.



Milk Bag Mats Program (Help Save the Environment)  
Donate clean used milk bags, which are cut into strips then weaved into mats for use in Third World & Community Homeless. Thanks for all your support!

Remember to keep our fellow 'Sisters in Christ' in our prayers always! Wishing a wonderful and safe summer season to all.

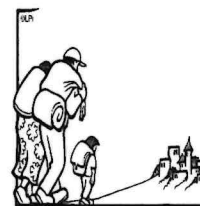
## Fall Pilgrimage of Peace to Medjugorje

**September 26 to October 6, 2023**

Departure from Pearson Airport, Toronto to Split, Croatia.

Price \$2450.00 (all taxes included)

For additional details, please contact Jack or Patricia Duggan at 613-756-2655, [medjugorje2023@bell.net](mailto:medjugorje2023@bell.net) or [dugganpatricia@bell.net](mailto:dugganpatricia@bell.net)



# SAVE THE DATE

FRANCE

SPAIN

PORTUGAL

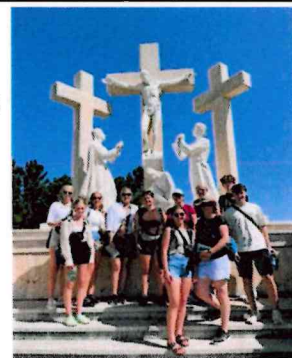
WITH FR. THOM

**APRIL 14-28 2024**

more details to come....visit the beautiful churches, scapulars, gróttos and more. Treat yourself to a memorable Marian Pilgrimage.



Welcome home pilgrims!



Presentation coming soon!



**Pastoral Team/ Staff office: 519-245-0644**

**Fr. Thom Blondin, Pastor ex. 22**

**Fr. Christian Amogu, Associate Pastor ex. 25**

**Deacon Henry Tomaszewski**

**Deacon Jim Vandersanden**

**Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister ex. 26**

**Olga Ferreira, Office Administrator ex. 21**

**Anna Garcia, Secretary ex. 0**

**Marg VanderBurg, Secretary ex. 24**

*\*personal emails can be found on the website*

*\* messages can be left at the office for both Deacons*

### **All Saints Cemetery**

A gentle reminder, from the board, of some of the bylaws at the cemetery. It is very difficult to trim and maintain the grass / snow removal etc. if the bylaws are not adhered to.

The Cemetery reserves the right to disallow or remove quantities of wreaths or flowers considered to be excessive. All flower beds must have a border that cannot exceed 18 inches from front of monument & shall not exceed the length of the foundation of the monument. No permanent borders (cemented or glued) are allowed due to excavating required up to the monument.

Glass and ceramic containers are NOT allowed as they are breakable and hazardous and can obstruct mowing and trimming.

Dwarf evergreens and shrubs may be planted at the ends of the monument but are to be maintained so as NOT to exceed 2 ft in diameter and 4ft in height. These will be removed by board if they become over -grown or unsightly.

Interment rights holders must provide adequate maintenance. Failure to provide proper maintenance of the flower bed and decorations may result in cemetery manager removing them without notice.

No artificial flowers allowed at any time on the columbarium.

For a complete list of the bylaws, have any questions or concerns, please contact:

Mark & Nancy Walters

Lyle Hendriks

Rob Lilbourne

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### **Summer Office Hours**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00am to 4:00pm**

**Friday 9:00am to noon**

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession)**

5:30—6:15pm Tuesday at Sacred Heart Parkhill church

5:30—6:15pm Wednesdays at St. Charles Garnier church

4:00—4:45pm Saturdays at All Saints church

Also by appointment, or just ask a priest anytime.

### **Sacrament of Baptism:**

*Congratulations! Please call Julie to make arrangements at 519-245-0644 ext 26 or send an email to [jdegouw@dol.ca](mailto: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**

*\* 11:00 am will be livestreamed each week*

**Sacred Heart, Parkhill**

**Saturday 5:00 pm**

**Sunday 10:00 am**

**St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe**

**Sunday 9:00 am**

### **ALPHA**

**coming September 2023!**

**Check website for details.**



### **Revenue & Expenses July 2023**

|                     | <b>All Saints</b>     | <b>Sacred Heart</b>   | <b>St. Charles</b>    |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>      | <b>\$ 29,702.25</b>   | <b>\$ 6,877.80</b>    | <b>\$ 6,724.50</b>    |
| <b>Expenditures</b> | <b>\$ 54,272.38</b>   | <b>\$ 16,145.83</b>   | <b>\$ 11,786.98</b>   |
| <b>Surplus</b>      | <b>\$-(24,570.13)</b> | <b>\$ -(9,268.03)</b> | <b>\$ -(5,062.48)</b> |

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

*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. It's that easy! Never miss another bulletin or update again.*



## Congratulations Maria Michielsens on celebrating 100 Years!

*We asked Maria a few questions on the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday!*

*What is your secret to a long life?*

Now, if I told you, it wouldn't be a secret, would it?

*What advice would you give to younger people today?*

Put your phones away and talk to a real person once in a while, and oh yeah, be kind.

*What is your earliest recollection?*

Attending school for the first time. Walking an hour with my lunch.

*Where were you born and raised?*

Minderhout, Belgium to age 11, then Beerse, Belgium

*What was the best or worst invention? In your lifetime. In your opinion.*

Best invention: radio      worst invention: aerial bombs

*How many siblings, children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews do you have?*

Siblings 9, Children 6, Grandchildren 8, Great Grandchildren 3, Great-great Grandchild 1, Nieces, and Nephews 118

*What was your first job and how much did you get paid?*

Mother – no payment

*What is your happiest memory?*

My sixth child.

*How far did you go in school?*

Grade 12

*Have you always lived in Park Hill?*

Belgium for 30 years, then Parkhill for 70.

*What was your first mode of transportation? And your first car.*

Bicycle. My first car was a 1950 Ford that cost \$300.

*If you could go back to any point in your life to do it again. How far back would you go?*

Wouldn't change a thing!

*What was the worst thing you ever got in trouble for as a child?*

Exchanged unpleasantries with a neighbour girl. I was 8 and called her a "zot" (crazy). Cost me 1 hour in the corner.

*What was the most rewarding thing? About getting older. What are you most proud of?*

My family!

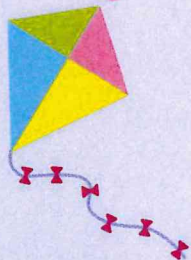
*And how would you like to be remembered?*

Good Mother, Wife, and a person with a good sense of humor!





*You're  
Invited!*



to the West Middlesex Catholic Family of  
Parishes Annual Picnic  
September 24, 2023

at Sacred Heart, Parkhill  
from 2pm-5pm

BE CREATIVE... MAKE YOUR OWN NAME  
TAGS - ON HATS, SHIRTS,  
NECKLACE....USE YOUR IMAGINATION !!

**GAMES FOR KIDS**

**MUSIC**

**FUNDRAISER: THROW A WET SPONGE  
AT FR.THOM**

**Bring drinks and  
lawn chairs**

**K of C supplying food  
(Good will offering)**

**PLAY**

**enjoy**

**fun**

