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September 17, 2023 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time & September 24, 2023 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please keep in your prayers Sunday, September 17

- ◆ Church Leaders, that they be ministers of reconciliation and models of forgiveness.
- ◆ nations throughout the World, that God be a source of unity, liberation, justice, and freedom.
- ◆ those who suffer, that through God's embrace their fear and anguish be transformed into hope and joy.
- ◆ those discerning a call to the priesthood, that they be instruments of God's abounding love and mercy in this world.
- ◆ our parish community, that through our worship together we build our lives based on God's unfailing word.
- ◆ those disciples who have died, that they find fullness of life in Christ's resurrection.
- ◆ Rev. Michael Michon, Deacon Henry Kling, Rev. Wacław Chudy C.S.M.A., Rev. Anthony Bae, Rev. Msgr. Kevin Beach, Rev. Olivet Okoro, Rev. Daniel Morand



Please keep in your prayers Sunday, September 24

- ◆ Deacon Brian Hanley, Alan Salminen Baptism Coordinator, Rev. Paul Duplessie O.F.M. Cap., Deacon Matt Sutton, Rev. Christopher Pietraszko, Rev. Vince Gulikers, Rev. Richard Charrette



At a glance ...

- ♦ **SEE YOU THERE!** Sunday, September 24th, from 2:00-5:00pm, West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes Annual Picnic, hosted at Sacred Heart, Parkhill. Everyone welcome!
- ♦ Starting in September, you are welcome to attend Mass at Sprucedale and Strathmere nursing homes. Find these Masses in the Mass Intention list in this bulletin.
- ♦ A reminder that the SSVP will have their monthly collection at All Saints on Sept 23/24 weekend.



High School Youth Ministry

We are asking parishioners, especially all teens and parents, to participate in a survey on youth ministry here in our family of parishes. The survey will be available at all church sites for the month of September or on the parish website. Please take a few minutes to help us plan and dream of what youth ministry can be here in our parishes.



We ask that you complete the survey by October 2nd, 2023.

We will be having an open meeting on Wednesday, October 4th, 2023 at 7:00 PM (All Saints) to review the survey and build a vision and plan for what youth ministry can look like for us here. We encourage teens and anyone who may be interested in youth ministry to participate in this meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Krista Lenders at benkrista@live.ca or at 519-666-2961.

What is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults?

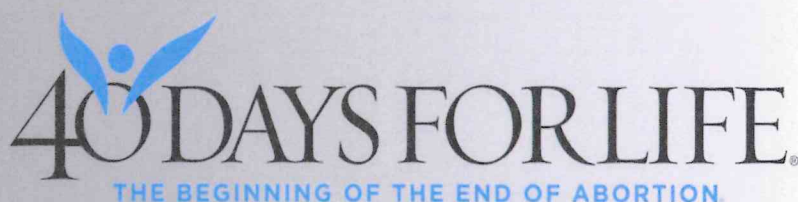
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the name given to the process by which those seeking to join the Catholic Church, go through as they seek to know more about themselves and their relationship with God.



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a spiritual journey of formation, prayer and discernment by both the individual and the Parish community. It is designed for adults and children of catechetical age (in their seventh year) who consciously and freely seek God and want to enter into the life of faith as disciples of Jesus. This journey of faith leads to the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

RCIA is also appropriate for those who are baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to become Catholic and for Catholics who were baptized as infants but did not complete their initiation as a young person.

RCIA begins Tuesday October 3, at All Saints parish center. Contact Father Thom (tblondin@dol.ca) or Julie de Gouw (jdegouw@dol.ca) for more information.



September 27th to November 5th



Location

800 Commissioners Rd E
(Wellington & Commissioners,
by sidewalks)

Sign up at:

www.40daysforlife.com/en/londonca

We are proud to announce that London is once again participating in 40 Days for Life!

This is the most ambitious pro-life project that happens in London because it requires that people stand outside Victoria Hospital (which does abortions) and pray for an end to abortion from 7 AM to 7 PM for 40 days straight (excluding Sundays)!

Whether you can find the time to show up for one hour a week (or even one hour a month), we need all hands-on deck to pull this off. Please reply to this email to notify us when you can be at our vigil location (sidewalks at Wellington Rd & Commissioners Rd E).

You can also sign up at www.40daysforlife.com/en/londonca. If you can help sign up people for 40 Days for Life at your church, please let us know!

Life Chain is an annual pro-life event that raises awareness about the injustice of abortion and the inherent dignity of every human being. Please join us this year either in London at Richmond Street and Fanshawe Park Road on Sunday, October 1st from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM or at Life Chain Strathroy, which takes place Sunday October 1st from 1 - 2 pm. For a location, as to where you can meet, please call 519-264-2010.

Weekly Reflection

Reflection for September 17 and September 24, the Twenty Fourth and Twenty Fifth Sundays in Ordinary Time

We are about to start preparations with our grade 2 children for First Reconciliation in our family of parishes. If there is one thing, we want these children to take away from the preparation it is this; there is nothing you can do to make God love you less. Think about this for a minute. There is nothing, nothing, nothing, you can do to make God love you less!

You can whine and complain that life isn't fair. You can hold onto a grudge. You can think awful things about someone. But there is nothing you can do to make God love you less.

In the Gospel readings for the next two weeks, Matthew reveals to us that Jesus tells us we must always forgive others and respect God's wisdom and judgement in how he deals with us. The scripture passages bring to light human conditions that we ourselves experience. We know what it is to feel resentment when you think you have not been dealt with fairly. We know what it is like to judge another according to our personal point of view.

What we hold onto can weigh us down. It is not easy to face the fear of forgiveness. How will offering forgiveness make you feel? Sometimes it is hard to let go of that weight. How will accepting forgiveness make you feel? Will this be a turning point where you come to reconcile your differences with your neighbour or friend? Often times it is easier to stay angry with someone than to talk it out and resolve the offense or issues. It is important to remember this; others do not make us angry or upset. We make ourselves angry or upset. No matter what happens to us in this life, we have a choice as to how we react to it. To trust that God is in control of everything that happens to you, can be a tough pill to swallow. To forgive as God forgives us can seem like a monumental task at times.

Do we live in fear of how God will judge us? We should have nothing to fear if we forgive others as God forgives us. There is nothing we can do to make God love us less.

Over the years, as the parent of ten children, I have learned with the help of my kids, there is nothing I can do to make God love me less. Kids will test boundaries and push against many ideals that you hold to be true and even sacred. But, like the tree standing in the middle of the river, it will break when the water moves too rapidly past it. However, the reed in the water will bend without breaking even in the roughest of waters. My kids can do nothing to make me love them less. I did not come to this realization overnight. On the contrary. This probably took many, many years to figure it out and see for myself. I can't put it into words though, that not having to judge my kids, or be angry or resentful towards them, lifted a weight off me that was absolutely freeing. Do they all live their lives as I do? No, and that's okay.

I have learned that it is not my job to judge. This applies to everyone and everything and not just with my family. Yes, it is a relief to have this weight lifted off me. Is it always easy to forgive from the heart? No, but I am a work in progress. You see, I believe, there is nothing I can do to make God love me less.

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister.



All Saints, Strathroy-Weeks of Sept 19-29

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

Tue Sep 19, 10:30am Sprucedale

6:00pm Rosary-Perpetual Help / 6:30pm Mass

Wil & Riet Van Gorp

- Van Gorp, Van Geffen & Kremer families

In Thanksgiving & all Souls of Purgatory

- Gloria Cravo

Angela VanDamme - Family



Wed Sep 20, 9:00am Mass

Jose Moniz - Laudalina Moniz

Deceased family Joao & Theresa Viveiros

10:30am Strathmere Lodge

Special Intention for all seniors in our family of parishes

Thu Sep 21, 6:00pm Rosary / 6:30pm Mass

Francelina Nogueira – Family

Arthur Macedo - Family

Michel & Yvette Grant - Suzanne Murray

Joao Tavares - Teresa e Albert Soares

Pais de Gilda Viveiros

Jose & Maria do Carmo Sousa Massa - Lucia Ferreira

Fri Sep 22, 9:00am

Frank Ferguson - Mary Ellen Ferguson

Deceased family of Angelo & Liliana Brum

Rosemary Fishback - Tony Giesen & family

Gene & Barry Donohue - Fran Donohue

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Tue Sep 26, 6:00pm Rosary-Perpetual Help / 6:30pm Mass

Special Intention for Joe Nash/reposed soul of Frances Nash

- Joe Nash

John Ferreira - Margaret & Family

Jeff LaMantia - Mom & Dad

- Kaitlyn Mathieson

Ray Hanson & Ben Rops – Ria Rops

Wed Sep 27, 9:00am Mass

In Memory of Thomas Simpson - OLPA Board & School Community

Ada & Bill Murray - Suzanne Murray

May Richards, Bob & Patsy Martin - Suzanne Murray

Thu Sep 28, 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 29, 9:00am Mass

Carlos Camara & All Souls - Madalena Camara

Helio Mendonca & Deceased family - Esperanca Mendonca

Francisco Pedro – Evelina Pedro

If someone you know is home-bound or unwell, and they would like a visit by a priest once a month, please call the office to get on the list.

519-245-0644.



Sacred Heart, Parkhill

Weeks of Sept 19-29

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

Tue Sep 19, 6:30pm Mass

Special Intention for Kuno Hartman

- Candace Schiestel

Special Intention for Gus Gowland

- Candace Schiestel



Thu Sep 21, 9:30am Mass with school

Special Intention for the West Middlesex Catholic

Family of Parishes Team

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Tue Sep 26, 6:30pm Mass

For the intentions of the living & deceased CWL members

Deceased Members of de Gouw, Vermunt & Jongenelen families

Thurs Sept 28, 9:00am Mass

Erhard & Annelise Sinewe & Deceased family

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe

Weeks of Sept 19-29

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

Wed Sep 20, 6:30pm Mass

Norman Triest - Frank & Joanne Nemcek

Gisele Fournier - Mark & Family

Special Intention for Nancy & Jeff Boss & Family

- Ginny Hogervorst

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Wed Sep 27, 6:30pm Mass

Special Intention for Michael Bodsworth

- Eric & Virginia Hogervorst

In Memory of Thomas Simpson - Pat & Sharon Walsh



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Thanksgiving Food Drive

September 30th – October 9th

Please place your non-perishable food items in boxes located in main hallway at All Saints Church.

Collections at all weekend masses at All Saints church site. Your generosity will help so many who are in dire need.



From the Diocese of London

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 life 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."

Truth and Reconciliation Fund Special Collection

On September 23 and 24, the Diocese of London will begin a new special collection for our Truth and Reconciliation Fund. More information is in a letter from Bishop Fabbro on the Diocesan website. With your generous support we can make a difference.

King's Veritas Series for Faith and Culture

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 each aspire. The Catholic Intellectual Tradition welcomes and embraces this exploration as a means of participation in the common good that enhances this world we share. This year's theme will be "Reconciliation: From Head to Heart." All lectures will take place in the Joanne & Peter Kenny Theatre (in the Student Life Centre). Parking and admission free.

Our next speaker is Summer Bressette, whose lecture is entitled, "Dibaajimowin: Kinship, Healing and Storytelling." This will take place on Thursday September 21, at 7:00p.m. For more information, go to www.kings.uwo.ca/veritas

Jeremiah Day

The story of the prophet Jeremiah tells us that it is never too early to think about God's plan for us. On Saturday, September 30, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., this is a day for young men (grades 8 to 12) to grow closer to God and to visit our Seminary. The activities include a tour of St. Peter's Seminary, Mass of Ministries, lunch, and a soccer game in the afternoon. See website for more details and how to register.

West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes—Men of Faith

Men of Faith is a gathering of men who seek to grow in appreciation of how God is working in their lives. We meet weekly for prayer, personal stories, the reading of Scripture and sharing of insights about the coming Sunday Scriptures. There is no cost and the coffee is always fresh. Come and experience the fellowship of Men of Faith each Saturday, from 8:30 to 9:30 am in the All Saints parish office.



St. Charles Glencoe—CWL NEWS



Next CWL meeting will be on Wednesday, September 27, at 7:00pm in the parish hall. All members welcome!

MILK BAG MATS PROGRAM - Donate clean used milk bags (Help Save the Environment)

Bags are cut into strips, then weaved into mats for use in Third World Countries & Community Homelessness. Thanks for all your support.

Remember to keep fellow ' Sisters in Christ ' in our daily Prayers.

All Saints Strathroy—CWL NEWS



Plans are underway for our annual apple pie making beginning Monday Oct. 2nd. If you would like to help and/or place an order please call Pauline 519-282-1309, Pat 519-245-5058 or Catherine 519-498-6108.

Our annual bazaar is planned for Nov. 4th if you have donations for the bazaar please bring them to the Colombian Room on Nov.3rd.

We welcome you at our next general meeting to be held Oct. 3rd after the 6:30pm Mass.

All Saints Council, No. 7570, Strathroy

Knights of Columbus



There will be a General Meeting on Monday, September 25 at 7:30pm.

We also have a Fish Fry coming up on September 22. More details to follow. Hope to see you at the meeting and helping with the Fish Fry.

Any questions, please contact Jerry Vens, Grand Knight, 519-245-4818

EDGE - All youth from the West Middlesex Family of Parishes in grades 5-8 are invited to join EDGE for a night of fun and food on Wednesday, September 20 at All Saints. Weather permitting, we will be outside. We have some fun water activities planned, so come prepared to get wet! If inclement weather forces us indoors, we still have a lot of fun activities planned. Parents are required to sign their child(ren) in at 6:30PM and sign them out at 8:00PM.

Mark your calendars with the following dates and locations

October 18 at Sacred Heart

November 15 at All Saints

December 20 at Sacred Heart

January 17 at All Saints

February 21 at Sacred Heart

March 20 at All Saints

April 17 at Sacred Heart

May 15 at All Saints

*Please note that these dates/locations are subject to change. Remember to check your bulletin for announcements regarding Edge.

Fun Fair and Bake Sale

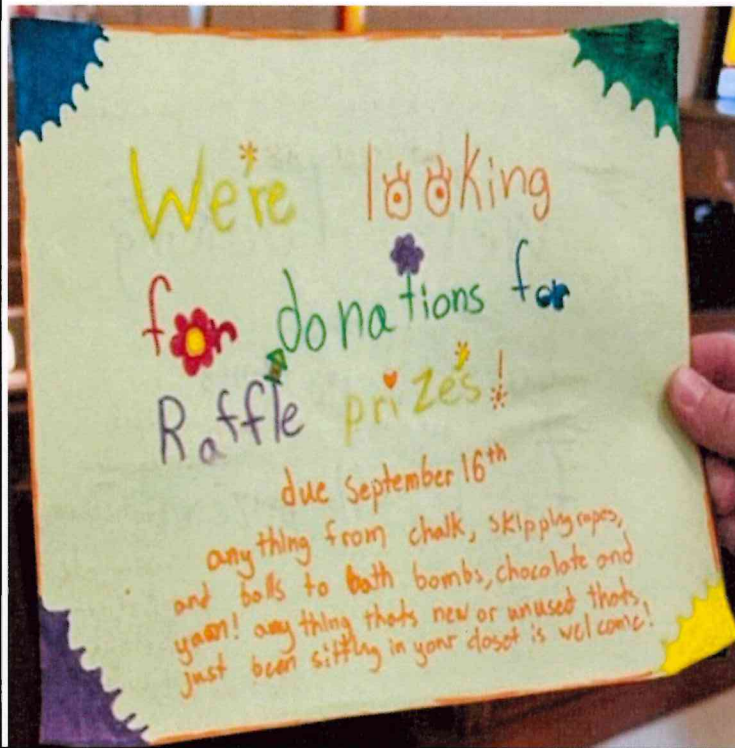
A group of young and enthusiastic students from Sacred Heart Parkhill are once again hosting a Fun Fair and Bake Sale to raise money and collect goods that will be used to support poor children.



As per last year, donations will be going directly to Dr. Simone's "Canadian Food For Children" charity. The Fun Fair Crew was very fortunate to recently have the opportunity to tour the CFFC warehouse in Mississauga and were put to work helping pack donations into a huge shipping container, leaving that day for El Salvador. While all the helpers at the warehouse are volunteers, and most of the goods being shipped are donated, our kids learned that it costs \$10,000 to ship just one shipping container and they do this every single week day. They need our support!

While the Fun Fair Crew's passion for their mission was deep before, the kids are more motivated than ever to make this year's Fun Fair a success. So please consider supporting this passionate group of kids as they hold their Fun Fair and Bake Sale during our Family of Parishes Picnic on the Sacred Heart Parkhill grounds, Sunday September 24 at 2pm. Monetary donations, new or gently used clothing and toys, school supplies and non-perishable food items welcomed.

Thank you in advance for your support. Our kids have been working hard for this event and can't wait to see you all there!



Stamp Collection

Stamps affixed on the right corner of your envelopes can be very useful. Development and Peace sells these to stamp collectors and use the proceeds to fund development projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Cut the stamps from your envelopes without damaging the perforations, bring and leave them in the collection box at the back of the church.

If any questions, call Shelley at 519-205-1555.



COME ONE
COME ALL
TO
The Knights of
Columbus
Family Fish Fry

On Friday, September 22, 2023
From 5:00pm to 7:00pm
At All Saints Parish Hall

**All proceeds will be donated to
All Saints Parish**

Adults-----\$17.50
Kids (under 12) ---
\$5.00



SAVE THE DATE

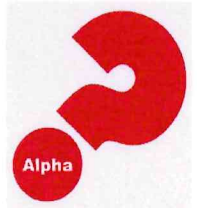
FRANCE
SPAIN
PORTUGAL
WITH FR. THOM

APRIL 8 - 22 2024

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

Alpha—starting this coming
week. Check out our website
for more information!

All are welcome.



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 VanderBurgt, Secretary ex. 24

**personal emails can be found on the website*

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

Mondays Cards & Pool

Starting on Monday, October 2, at 1:00pm,
at All Saints, in the Columbia Room. All



are welcome! Call Frank for more details

519-245-3119

2023 Ontario Charities

50/50 DRAW



In support of
Homeless Shelters
and Coats for Kids

EARLY BIRD DRAWS

October 1st and
November 1st at 9am

\$500, \$250,
\$250
Cash Prizes

Grand Prize draw date: December 31, 2023

\$40 FOR
100
Tickets

\$20 FOR
40
Tickets

\$10 FOR
15
Tickets

Revenue & Expenses August 2023

| | All Saints | Sacred Heart | St. Charles |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Revenue | \$ 50,289.55 | \$ 9,120.77 | \$ 8,860.15 |
| Expenditures | \$ 45,964.90 | \$ 13,048.94 | \$ 7,328.53 |
| Surplus | \$ 4,324.65 | \$ -(3,928.17) | \$ 1,531.62 |

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Office Hours

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

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.

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

Did you know? Our website has a comment page where you can ask questions, submit comments, or offer constructive criticism. You can ask for a response by submitting your email address or submit anonymously. Click the **ABOUT** tab and then the **CONTACT US** tab to leave the office a message.

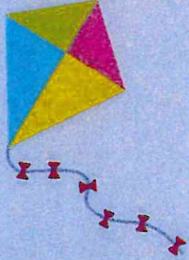
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website for
latest news,



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upcoming events, employment and volunteer opportunities. Visit www.dol.ca for all your information needs with respect to the Dioceses of London.

*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



West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes
Our Lady of Fatima Festival & Mission
October 11 – 15, 2023

Theme: “Keepings” of the Heart

Schedule of Masses and Events at
All Saints Church Site

Wednesday, October 11th

6:30pm Rosary
7:00pm Mass

Thursday, October 12th

6:30pm Rosary
7:00pm Mass

Friday, October 13th

6:30pm Rosary
7:00pm Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, October 14th

7:00pm Mass with Candlelight Procession followed
by a Reception in the parish centre.

Sunday, October 15th

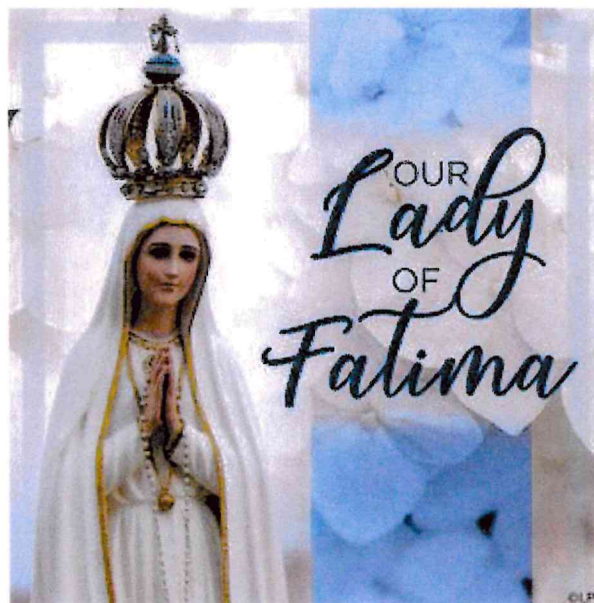
12:30pm Dinner at the Portuguese Canadian Club

Menu:

Chicken Soup, Salad, Roasted Chicken, Roast Beef,
Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Dessert, Rolls

Ticket Cost:

\$40.00 Adults, \$20 Children (under 10 Years)



Silent Auction will take place during the dinner. Anyone wishing to donate an item towards the Silent Auction table can contact Ruth Alcaindinho at 519-871-6249, Mark Nagel 519-639-6925 or Danielle Lima 519-691-5708, Connie Jesus 519-245-5451 any committee member or the parish office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Floral Donation in Memory of a Loved One.

Envelopes will be available at all church sites for donations in memory of your loved ones. All names will be published in the bulletin on the weekend of October 14/15.

Bake Sale

On Thanksgiving Day weekend, October 7 & 8, a bake sale will take place at All Saints church site after all weekend Masses. Baked goods can be dropped off on Saturday, October 7th at 1:00pm.

Donate an item towards the Silent Auction table!
Contact.....

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Try your luck and buy draw tickets! \$2 each or a book of 6 for \$10.

Prize #1: Ashley Brickham Chair

Prize #2: Adirondack Chair

Prize #3: Steamridge Vintage Kids Winter Sleigh



Tickets will be sold before and after all Masses at All Saints,
Sacred Heart and St. Charles Garnier on Sept 2/3, 16/17, Sept 30/Oct1, Oct 7/8



Dinner Tickets will be sold before and after all Masses on the weekend of
September 23/24 and at the Parish Picnic!

You will be able to purchase tickets at the office during office hours during
the week or you can purchase Draw tickets and Dinner tickets by reaching out to any of the
committee members:

Olga Ferreira, Anna Garcia, Mark & Lisa Nagel, Lucia Lilbourne
Danielle & Joe Lima, Ruth Alcaidinho, Lucy Martins, Connie Jesus

Massa donated for the reception Saturday night after the
procession will be greatly appreciated 😊



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