

Masses for
the Week



Tuesday, April 30th, at OLHC

7:00 pm -- + John Misek - Ann Levoy De Ryk

Wednesday, May 1st, at OLHC

9:00 am -- + Leo Straatman & +Julie App - Lina Straatman

Thursday, May 2nd, at St. Christopher's

9:00 am -- + Forbes Smith - Burns Family

Friday, May 3rd, St. Christopher's

9:00 am -- St. Peter's Seminary Class of 97' - Fr. Tom Donohue

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Tuesday, April 30 - Finance Committee 7:30pm @OLHC

Wednesday, May 1 - Knights of Columbus 7:30pm @ OLHC

Thursday, May 2 - Refugee Committee 7:00pm @ OLHC - All Welcome

Tuesday, May 7 - CWL Meeting 7:00pm @ OLHC

Please Pray each day for:



Rev. Peter Keller

Rev. Bogdan Molenda, S.Ch.

Rev. Benjamin Huyge

Rev. Zbigniew Rodzinka, C.S.M.A.

Rev. Thomas Janisse

Rev. Matthew Bedard

Rev. Daniel Bombardier

March Month End Financial Position

St Christopher:	OLHC:
Income: \$29,434.97	Income: \$24,743.81
Expense: \$36,902.11	Expense: \$28,661.40

Bulletin Announcements

If you have something you would like to be included in the weekly bulletin please email it to sminten@dol.ca

All submissions must be in no later than **WEDNESDAY** the week before. Please put Bulletin as the email subject please. **Also, if you would like to have the bulletin emailed to you please email Sarah to get added to the list!**

St Christopher's has had a busy social month and we have plenty to be thankful for!

Thank you to all the curlers and spectators that made the **St. Paddy's Day Spiel** a fun day and success.

We had 6 teams and an additional 18 persons who participated in the meal, raising \$763 for St. Christopher's. Many thanks to all the committee members and all those who stepped up to help prepare and serve the meal. We look forward to possibly hosting a similar event next year.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our **Annual Trivia Night**. We had 5 smart teams who surprised us with so many correct answers and some funny ones too! Thank you to our generous Sponsors: Roeland Plants; Thuss Greenhouse; Forest Foodland; Sunripe Freshmarket; Joey Little Pizza; Forest Kiwanis (Kineto); and Flowers with Flair. It was a fun evening. Thank you to our dedicated committee members who are already planning for next year!

Thank you to all of the parishioners that supported the **Spaghetti Dinner**. It was a great success and we appreciate all who came out. We sold 85 adult tickets and 10 student tickets. We netted \$1053. Thank you to the ladies that made it happen it was great group!



Our Parish Family

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A welcoming Catholic faith community who gathers to celebrate the Word of God as a Eucharistic People.

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Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 4:30 pm Forest
7:00 pm Watford
Sunday 9:00 am Watford
11:00 am Forest

Reconciliations:

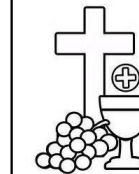
by appointment

Watford Office:

Tues, Wed, 9:00-4:00

Forest Office:

Wed & Fri 9:00-4:00



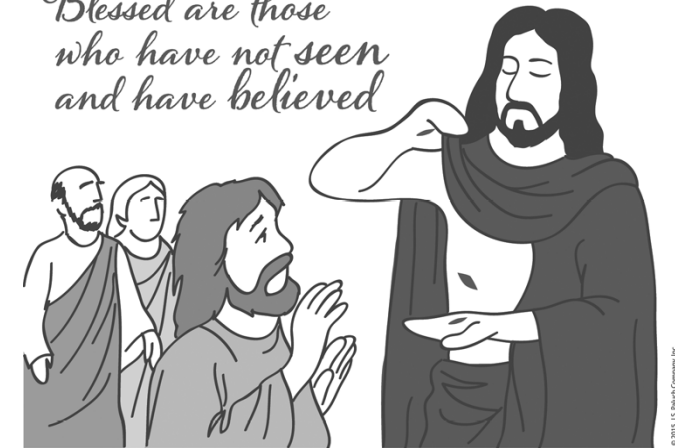
Congratulations to the Grade 2 students making their 1st Communion this weekend.

*Grant Smits, Logan Nethercott, Iseabaila Stephenson, Anthony Veens, & Ethan Smeekens at St Christopher's.
Max Lehrbass, Claire Edgar, Mercedes Hockridge, Garrett Demers, Matthew Sanders, Danni-Lynn Minten & Coy Minten at Our Lady Help of Christians.*



We welcome into God's family Dayna Gerdina Vanden Ouweland, daughter of Mark & Eveliene who will be baptized this weekend at OLHC.

*Blessed are those
who have not seen
and have believed*



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Forest Vacation Bible Camp - To Mars and Beyond

8th Annual Forest Ministerial (Anglican, Catholic, Presbyterian & United Churches)
The VBS will run July 22-26 at Kimball Hall, Forest from 9:00am - 12:00pm
During the week the *To Mars and Beyond, Voyagers* will learn how God walked with heroes in the Bible and how God is always with them too.

Children will participate in music, crafts, games, science and Bible storytelling.
Snacks and a drink will be provided each day.

Please take time to fill in registration as soon as possible. Last year we had a waiting list by early June.

Registration forms and information can be found at both parishes.

Any questions please contact Nancy @ 519-786-4950 or Susan @ 519-786-4779

Lambton Right to Life Bake Sale - Saturday May 11

We are holding our annual Bake Sale on Saturday May 11 at DeGroot's Nursery. Support the cause by bringing some baked goods for the sale - either to the nursery between 8 and 9am, or to Zekveld's Garden Market on Friday the 10th during business hours.



OLHC CWL 12 hours for Palliative Care

Pope Francis reminds us, "let us not underestimate the power of so many voices united in prayer."

The OLHC CWL invites you to take part in **12 Hours for Palliative Care**, to witness the sanctity of life and pray for increased care and compassion for those facing the end of their lives. This will take place on **Wednesday, May 8** at **OLHC Watford** from 5 am to 5 pm. There will be Mass, hourly prayers and reflections. All parishioners, family and friends are invited to join with us.

Catholic Education Week 2019

Catholic Education Week begins on Sunday May 5th. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to discover what celebrations are happening in your child's school and if possible, attend. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is "Living as Joyful Disciples"

Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB, invites all married couples to attend this year's Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 2 @ 3 pm** at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica. This special annual Mass is a celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. All couples who register will receive a keepsake Certificate.

To register please visit www.dol.ca/wedding-anniversary. Registration deadline is May 15th.

OLHC Baby Bottle Campaign



The CWL is sponsoring the **Baby Bottle Campaign** to raise funds for the Right to Life. Bottles are handed out on Mother's Day weekend for families to take home and collect money. We will be collecting the bottles on Father's Day Weekend. We thank you for your participation.

Attention:

Please remember to provide us with your name and/or envelope number for your donations. This is the only way we can give you credit for tax purposes. Also, our program does not recognize envelope numbers from previous years so please discard all old offertory envelopes. Thank you 😊

New Evangelization Summit (NES)

This international event aims to inspire thousands of Catholics to be engaged in the New Evangelization. It will bring together speakers who are leaders in the New Evangelization to provide inspiration, encouragement, training, practical wisdom and resources on how Catholics can effectively evangelize. All Saints Parish, Strathroy will be streaming the summit on **May 4**. Registration starts at 8:15am event ends @ 4:30pm. It is a free event and lunch will be provided. Please register online now to reserve your seat. For more information, please contact the Host Site directly at jdegouw@dol.ca. Everyone Welcome to attend! www.newevangelization.ca

Blood Donors Needed!

Your donation matters- it matters to every patient across Canada. Because it is something we can do today to help other wake up healthier tomorrow.

Upcoming blood donor event:

Tuesday, May 14 - Forest Legion (58 Albert St) 4:00pm - 8:00pm



Canadian Blood Services
it's in you to give

Join the Missions in the hall before and after Mass in Forest on **May 4th & 5th** for the **Tabitha Silk Sales**. Do your Mother's Day shopping or treat yourself and support our sisters in Cambodia who produce these beautiful handmade products. No tax and special sales featured!

Watford Rotary's Annual Mother's Day Brunch!

Sunday, May 12th 9:00am - 1:00pm

Adults - \$12, Children 4-13 - \$5, Under 4 - Free.

All you can eat! For more info call Fran 519-876-2829

OLHC CWL NEWS

Our **May 7th** meeting will begin with Mass @ 7:00 pm. The guest speakers will be Amy Watt & Jan Watt who will share with us their experiences of their trip to Nicaragua.

Spring Cleaning / Decluttering



It is that time of year again! The nicer weather is here which means it is time to clean up and organize! Please consider donating your unwanted and unused items to the St. Christopher Missions/St Vincent de Paul Yard sale being held in May. You can drop off your items to the Missions cupboard in Forest labeled for the sale please.

If you have any questions please contact Norio - norio@xcelco.on.ca

Care Bag for Women's Interval Homes

The OLHC CWL will be collecting personal items (e.g. toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, hygiene products, hair products, menstrual products etc.) for women who are in interval homes in our communities. We will place a container at the front of the church for your donations or if it is more convenient you may bring your donations into the office during open hours. These will be collected until **June 30th** when they will be placed into bags and taken to area homes. We appreciate your support of this project!

