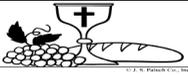


Masses for
the Week



Tuesday, May 7th, at OLHC

7:00 pm -- + Steve Joris - Ken & Julie Vander Kant
-- Living and deceased CWL members - CWL

Wednesday, May 8th, at OLHC

9:00 am -- + Sheila Lewis - Maureen Alcock
-- + Arnold Minten - Chris & Barb Vander Vloet

Thursday, May 9th, at St. Christopher's

7:00 pm -- Intentions of the Parishioners

Friday, May 10th, St. Christopher's

9:00 am -- + Ed Patycula - Fran Schilkey
-- + Sandy Nadeau-Baker - Connie Burns

Please Pray each day for:



Rev. Richard Bester

Missionary Sisters of the
Precious blood

Rev. Gary Ducharme

Rev. James Mockler

Rev. Gerry Campeau

Rev. Terrence McNamara

Brother's of St. Louis

Upcoming Meetings/Events

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

Wednesday, May 8th - 12 hours for Palliative Care - see announcement for more info

Thursday, May 9 - Youth Group Baking Night - 6:30pm - 9pm - see announcement for more info

Friday, May 17 - Mass of Anointing - 11 am @ St. Christopher's

Saturday, May 25 - Sunday, May 26 - Missions & SVDP Garage Sale @ St. Christopher's

Saturday, May 25 - Sunday, May 26 - Bishop Fabbro visiting

Saturday, May 25 - Confirmation - 7pm @ OLHC

Sunday, May 26 - Migrant Mass - 5pm @ St. Christopher's

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!**

Changes are Coming!!

As many of you are aware I am retiring this year. My Last Sunday will be June 30th. What can be announced is that **Fr. Mark Maloney** will be coming here to care for our clustered Parishes for a year. Hopefully in a year we will be establishing the new family of parishes, where our clustered parishes will be linked with the parishes in Petrolia and Coruna. We have already begun the preliminary work of sharing some resources and looking at projects we might do together. I have enjoyed my time here but look forward to having a bit more time to see family members spread across North America, and just celebrating sacraments where needed, and leaving administrative and building issues behind. I am sure you will offer Fr. Mark a warm welcome!

-Fr. Tom



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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

Third Sunday of Easter May 5, 2019

“Worthy is the lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing.” - Revelation 5:12



The sympathy of our parishes is extended to the families of
Sandy Nadeau-Baker, Gladys Shaw & Betty Badour

Eternal rest Grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them . (Ps 130)

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

Eric Aarts, Chase Kwarciak, Aliya Wilcox, Grayson Scott, Eve Roelands, Hailey Reid, Kyle Van Riel, Evelyn Farr & Oliver Schoeley at St Christopher's.

Mason Sanders, Keegan Turner, Katherine Thuss, Bradley Book, Brayden McLean, Jesse Migchels, Jeffery Hoeksema at Our Lady Help of Christians.



We welcome into God's family Abigail June Peters, daughter of Kevin & Lisa & Kelso Howard, Maitland Peter, Millie Maria, Holly Jo-Anne, children of Willem & Jessica Aarts who will be baptized this weekend at OLHC. Hannah Yvette Hill, daughter of Janie & Cody & Matthew Franklin Macko, son of Ryan & Sarah who will be baptized this weekend at St. Christopher's

Easter is more than a day... it is a season which the church continues to celebrate for 50 days. When we reflect on the Resurrection of Christ in the four Gospels, there is a noticeable confusion or lack of understanding of those "first respondents", His Disciples. I often wonder how well we can absorb all of what Christ offers us in a day or even this season. I like to ask the question, when did Jesus' ministry end? At first glance we might say Good Friday, or His Ascension into Heaven, but in reality it never ends. He passes the mission onto us, we become the hands and feet of the resurrected Christ. This takes a season, or a life time of seasons for us to understand, comprehend, and embrace this mission. As this Easter season continues, may we all be filled with the Joy that not only comes from continued reflection of the resurrection of Christ, but the Joy that comes from actively partaking in the mission He invites us to respond too. -- Brother in Christ - Deacon John Lammers

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.

Our Annual Starve a Thon was HUGE success. 28 youth of our Parish Family gathered to take part in this 23 hour famine. It was filled with games, scavenger hunt, movies and our latest edition - a community clean up project. The youth did an excellent job learning about their faith and caring for the Watford community. Next up for our youth is another **Baking Night** to celebrate Mother's Day - **Thursday May 9th** from 6:30pm -9pm. Bake night will be held at Kayla Bakker's House . Please contact Kayla via email Kayla.m.bakker29@gmail.com for directions. Treats will be for sale after mass on Mother's Day in Watford.

Missions and SVDP Garage, Plant and Bake Sale & BBQ @ St. Christopher's Forest

Saturday, May 25th - 7am - 2pm & before & after 4:30 Mass

Sunday, May 26th - before and after 11am Mass

Something for everyone!

Bargains; Baking; BBQ lunch; Plants and a Loonie Wheel - prize every time!

Children games; Raffle draw on Sunday - Join us in this fundraiser for the Missions & St. Vincent de Paul

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

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.

Votive Candles

In the past little while both of our parishes have renewed or installed Votive Candle stands. There is a long tradition in the church of associating candles with Prayer. One of the prime examples would be the Paschal Candle , usually introduced at the start of the Easter Vigil and which is used at Baptisms and Funerals. We remind ourselves that the candle represents the Light of Christ coming to the world. Some like to light a candle when they pray at home, for the same reason. I can remember the simple ritual of my mother lighting a candle at church with me for my grandparents when I was 4 or 5. I might not have thought deeply about theology but somehow I knew that our prayer and that candle at the church was something I did for someone I loved and that in some ways kept us in touch. Feel free, before or after mass, to make a small donation and light a candle for someone you want to pray for. You may find that if you have small children or grandchildren that this simple ritual is important to them as well.

- Fr. Tom

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!

