

Masses for
the Week



Tuesday, October 8

9:00 am - + Arnold Minten - req. Cindy Minten & Family - **SCHOOL MASS**

4:00 pm - +Tony VandenHeuvel - req. Estate - **BROOKSIDE**

Wednesday, October 9, at OLHC

9:00 am - + Sophia Szmielt - req. Estate

Thursday, October 10, at St. Christopher's

9:00 am - The Staff and Students of our schools - **SCHOOL MASS**

7:00 pm - Intentions of the Parishioners

Friday, October 11, at St. Christopher's

9:00 am - Anita Morgan - Jeremy & Sarah Minten & Family

Please Pray each day for:



Sisters of the Holy
Names of Jesus and Mary

Rev. Nelson Cabral

Mr. Ian Duckworth,
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Deacon John Vezina

Rev. Donald Lococo, C.S.B

Deacon Chuck Stillwell

Rev. Gregory Bonin



Our Parish Family



**Our Lady Help
of Christians**
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St. Christopher's

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

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Saturday, October 5 & Sunday, October 6 - Harvest Lunch - after both masses - St. Christopher's

Tuesday, October 8 - SPC School Mass @ 9 am - OLHC

Thursday, October 10 - SJF School Mass @ 9am - St. Christopher's

Tuesday, October 15 - Youth Giving Back Night @ 6:30 pm - OLHC

Thursday, October 17 - Mass of Anointing @ 11 am - St. Christopher's

Saturday, October 19 & Sunday, October 20 - First Confirmation prep class - see bulletin for more info

Sunday, October 27 - Migrant Mass @ 5 pm - St. Christopher's

Saturday, November 2 - Bazaar - St. Christopher's - more info to come

St. Christopher's Grocery Certificates

The long wait is over - Grocery Certificates are BACK!!!

They will be on sale this weekend - get yours soon.

Thank you for your continued support through this fundraiser, it is very much appreciated!



Confirmation Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that Confirmation is quickly approaching. Prep classes will start the weekend of October 19th & 20th. They will run for 5 weeks.

OLHC will hold theirs on Saturday evenings @ 6pm and

St. Christopher's will hold theirs on Sunday mornings @ 10 am.

If your child is not registered yet please contact the parish office.



September Month End Financial Position

St Christopher:
Income: \$129,196.32
Expense: \$124,548.61

OLHC:
Income: \$76,487.03
Expense: \$97,699.84

Pastoral Team

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Sunday Eucharist

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

Watford Office:

Tues, Wed, 9:00am - 4:00pm
Thurs, 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Forest Office:
Wed & Fri 9:00am-4:00pm
Thurs, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 6, 2019

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

-Psalm 95:6



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*Congratulations to Steven Jordan & Anita Verberk of
St. Christopher's Parish, who celebrated the sacrament of
marriage October 5, 2019 .*



Bulletin Announcements

If you have something you would like to be included in the weekly bulletin please email it to Sarah at sminten@dol.ca. All submissions must be in no later than

WEDNESDAY the week before.

Please put Bulletin in the email subject line please.

Also, If you would like to have the bulletin emailed to you please email Sarah to get added to the list! It will cut down on printing costs and waste of any unused bulletins.

Victim Services of Sarnia Lambton

They need your help! Will you volunteer to provide immediate assistance to a victim of crime or tragic circumstance? For more information please see the poster on the bulletin board in church or call 1-888-281-3665 ext 5238.

Lambton Right to Life

Annual dinner and Silent will be held on Monday, November 4th @ 6 pm in the Sarnia Christian School gym - Sarnia. Tickets are \$25 pp.

To purchase tickets please contact Deacon John Lammers @ 519-490-3832.



Unplanned is showing in a theatre near you! The movie Unplanned is the true story of Abby Johnson's experiences while working in a abortion clinic for eight years. What she saw changed everything. All showings are at 7 p.m.

Admission is by donation. Choose your date and location from the following: In Forest, at the Kineto Theatre, (24 King Street West) on Thursday, October 10. Sponsored by Lambton Right to Life. In Sarnia at the Sarnia Library Theatre, (Christina Street at Wellington) on Wednesday, October 9 and Thursday, October 17.

Sponsored by Christian Impact Forum. The official rating for this movie is 14A: Persons younger than 14 must be accompanied by an adult. This movie contains scenes that could be disturbing to some viewers, and is not recommended for children

Marriage Annulment

Are you hoping to get married in the Catholic Church or want a new union blessed? Or are you simply looking for some closure after a painful divorce? If so, consider applying for a Declaration of Nullity ("annulment") from the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of London. The process is free of charge. We are here to help.

If you want to start the process, or if you have questions please call 519-439-1553 or email tribunal@dol.ca

Extraordinary Mission Month Celebration at St. Michael Church - Bright's Grove

" Many Faces of Missions" Celebration - Witness - Testimony

Mass at 6:00 pm on October 16th with Bishop Dabrowski. Missions Witnessing with Rev. David Reilander, Catholic Missions in Canada & Deacon David Robertson, London Diocese Mission Commission

Food Bank News

Thanksgiving is the time to give Thanks to God for his many Blessings. At Contact House we give Thanks to God for our generous community and the help they give to help feed those in need. The help we receive from the Churches, Organizations, School and the individuals makes our job a lot easier.

Far all that you do for Contact House and the people in need we Thank You and may God Bless you now and always.

- The Contact House Volunteers

If you would like the donate to Contact House here are a few items we can always use: Canned veggies & fruit, canned tuna or pasta, jello, puddings, Mac & cheese or anything you wish to give.

We will be collecting canned goods for the foods banks at both churches during the month of October.

A Message from Your Parish Pastoral Team

With the crops maturing and our gardens producing the many different produce, comes the season of thanksgiving. As we are thankful for our many physical needs, it is also important to recognize the many gifts and talents which ultimately are from God, that we and those in our mist have been blessed with. Then there is also the challenge of being grateful for our challenges. This is where we can allow God's grace to work through our hardship . This is easier said than done, but this is where real profound growth can occur.

We pray that you have a blessed Thanksgiving.

-Deacon Tony, Deacon John & Fr. Mark

From the desk of our Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners of St. Christopher's Parish,

As I continue to settle into this my first 'solo' assignment I am grateful for the encouragement and support I have received from you, and I look forward to seeing where the Holy Spirit is going to lead us.



Thanksgiving is a time to reflect upon the gifts and blessings in our lives, especially that of family and friends. Our Thanksgiving Appeal provides an opportunity for each of us to pause, reflect upon the last year, and to see the blessings and graces God may have bestowed upon our lives. If so moved, we can respond by making a contribution to our Thanksgiving Appeal. Please note that every penny of what is given through this Appeal will stay here and be used in our parish as is needed.

Please consider giving to this year's Thanksgiving Appeal. It will be credited to your giving total and be included in your Income Tax Receipt for the year. If you have endured a difficult year, or experienced financial difficulties or hardship, please do not feel obligated to give to this campaign.

We are grateful for the support you regularly give to your parish, and look forward to continuing to serve you as best we can. Thank you for your prayerful consideration towards our Thanksgiving Appeal.

Your Brother in Christ,
Fr. Mark B. Maloney

It seems Jean Vanier was fond of this insight from Carl Jung.

"I find you Christians a very good people. When you see somebody in prison, you see Jesus. When you see somebody hungry, you give him food and see Jesus. When you see someone naked, you see Jesus. But what I don't understand is why you don't see Jesus in your own poverty. Why is it that you see him in the poor that are outside of you but you don't in the poor one that is inside of you?"



Public Square Rosary Crusade

Celebrating the 102nd Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima on Saturday, October 12 @ noon. Parishioners are invited to join together at Petrolia's Victoria Park in front of the Cenotaph (next to Victoria Playhouse) to recite the rosary. Bring a lawn chair, umbrella, hat and your Rosary. For more info please contact Norm Sutherland - 519-882-1816

