

Masses for
the Week



Tuesday, March 3 at OLHC

7:00 pm - Deceased CWL Members & the Unborn - req. CWL
- Deceased member of the Vander Vloet and Meeuwssen families
- req. Estate of Frank J. Vander Vloet

Wednesday, March 4 at OLHC

9:00 am - + Mary Jane Mair - req. Betty and Allan Nesbitt
9:30 am - **Stations of the Cross** - Led by the CWL

Thursday, March 5 at St. Christopher's

7:00 pm - +Weis Pelkmans - req. Smeekens Family

Friday, March 6 at St. Christopher's

9:00 am - Intentions of the parishioners

Please Pray each day for:



Rev. John Pirt

Rev. Kazimieras Kaknevicius

Deacon Paul James

Deacon Dominic Vu

Rev. Mr. Phil Guimaraes

Rev. Christopher Gillespie

Mrs. Mary-Catherine Bishop,
Pastoral Minister

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- Sunday, March 1 - Potluck and Euchre Night - 5:00 pm - OLHC - see announcement
- Tuesday, March 3 - 1st night of Lectio Divina - 7:30 pm - OLHC
- Thursday, March 5 - World Day of Prayer - 1:00 pm - North Lambton Lodge - see announcement
- Thursday, March 5 - 1st night of Lectio Divina - 7:30 pm - St. Christopher's
- Saturday, March 7 - Lenten Retreat with Bishop Fabbro - 9:00 am - St. Christopher's
- Sunday, March 15 - St. Paddy's Day Bonspiel - 2:00 pm - Forest Curling Club - see announcement
- Saturday, March 28 - 1st Reconciliation - 10:00 am - Watford; 2:00 pm - Forest
- Sunday, March 29 - Cluster Parish Dinner - 6:00pm - Centennial Hall Watford - see announcement

**SAVE THE DATE -Thursday, April 16 - Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Warwick Community Centre *More info to come**

Lenten Day of Prayer, Saturday, March 7th

As a cluster parish we are hosting a **Lenten Day of Prayer** at St. Christopher's. It will be led by the Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB. Bishop Fabbro has invited each of us to enter into a Year of Prayer which began on Pentecost Sunday this past June. We will explore the Lenten scriptures and the Bishop's invitation to deepen our confidence as missionary disciples. We will start with mass at 9:00 am and concludes at 3:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. So we can plan numbers for lunch, if you are planning on joining us, please email Sarah at sminten@dol.ca



OLHC - Pastoral Care Volunteers Needed!

Looking for more volunteers to help with pastoral care at Watford Quality Care and Brookside in Watford. If you are interested in helping or would like more info, please contact Rina Dirven at 519-205-0966 or dirven@hotmail.com



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

First Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2020

“Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, so death spread to all people, because all have sinned.” - Romans 5:12



Revised Office Hours

OLHC - Closed until further notice contact Fr. Mark if needed
St. Christopher's - Tuesday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Thursday and Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

January Year to Date Month End Operating Financial Position:



St. Christopher: Income: \$17,519.61
Expense: \$16,897.66
\$ 621.95

OLHC: Income: \$8,092.60
Expense: \$9,013.63
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YOUTH CORNER!

REACH Camp 2020 Registration is now open!! There is a limit of 50 kids this year and the cost \$50/ kid for the week. For a registration form please email Kayla at olhcconnection@gmail.com or Sarah at sminten@dol.ca.

March Youth Night will be held on Thursday, March 19th in the OLHC basement. Grades 5 and up welcome from both parishes

STARVE - A - THON is happening again this year. It will start on Holy Thursday, April 9th at 6 pmin the OLHC basement. It will end on Good Friday, April 10th at 5 pm, with a potluck supper. We are looking for adult volunteers to spend the night. If you are interested in helping out and have a police check, please contact Kayla at olhcconnection@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE - April 25th at Thuss' greenhouse planting flowers for the mother's of our parish!

St. Christopher's is sponsoring a fun "St. Paddy's Day Spiel" on Sunday, March 15th at the Forest Curling Club. The event starts at 2pm and will run to 8pm. All are welcome, cost is \$30 per curler and includes 2 6-end games and supper. This event will be run in a Jitney format, with players assigned to teams. First-time curlers will have the opportunity of instruction with practice prior to the start of the event. If you are not interested in curling, we welcome you to come out for the social and meal for just \$20/person. Curling spaces are limited to 32 persons and can be guaranteed by emailing Mark Etienne metienne@execulink.com by March 8th, please use the same email address to order a meal. For more information, please contact either Mark, Lynn VanHaaren or Jeannette Tidball.



Cluster Parish Dinner

The Annual Parish Dinner will be held on **Sunday, March 29th** at Centennial Hall, Watford. The doors open at 6:00 pm. and dinner at 6:30 pm. Our entertainment this year will be the vocal talents of Nancy Bodsworth and her sister Ginny Hogervorst. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$6.00 for kids 10 and under. Tickets will be available at both Parish offices or from Ted Minten.



Forest World Day of Prayer: "Rise! Take your Mat and Walk" written by the Women's committee of Zimbabwe **Thursday, March 5th** at 1:00 pm at the North Lambton Lodge, so as to include the residents as they are an important part of our community. Fellowship and refreshments following the service. Everyone is welcome to attend. St. Christopher's is hosting this year.

Watford World Day of Prayer:

Friday, March 6th at 10:30 am at the Watford United Church, 555 Ontario St., Watford. A light lunch following the service. OLHC CWL is involved in the readings at the service. Everyone is welcome to attend. We hope to see you there!

Contact House Needs Our Help!

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?"
- Matthew 25:34

The Lenten season is a great opportunity to deepen our relationship with Jesus. During this season we fast, pray, and give alms all in His name. In the spirit of giving our treasures, Contact House is in need of more food.

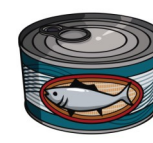
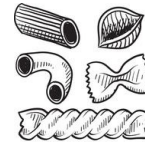
This year, for each Sunday in Lent they are suggesting the following:

- 1st Sunday of Lent: March 1st - Pasta: Noodles, Pasta Sauce, and Mac & Cheese
- 2nd Sunday of Lent: March 8th - Canned Vegetables: Corn, Green or Waxed Beans, Tomatoes
- 3rd Sunday of Lent: March 15th - Canned Fish or Meat: Tuna, Salmon, Ham, Chicken
- 4th Sunday of Lent: March 22nd - Dessert: Canned Fruit, Jello, Pudding, Cake Mixes
- 5th Sunday of Lent: March 29th - Personal Items: Hand Soap, Toothpaste & Brushes, Toilet Paper, Shampoo

And let us be mindful of the fact that what do for others we do to the Lord.

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

- Matthew 25:34



Lent Schedule

Ash Wednesday, February 26 - 9:00 am, OLHC; 12:45 pm, St. Christopher's; 7:00 pm, St. Christopher's
Wednesday, April 1 - Diocese Wide Day of Confessions - 10:00am-12:00pm & 12:30pm-2:00pm, OLHC; 3:00pm-5:00pm & 6:00pm-8:00pm, St. Christopher's
Holy Thursday, April 9 - 7:00 pm, St. Christopher's
Good Friday, April 10 - 9:00 am, Passion Play, OLHC; 3:00 pm, Traditional Service, both parishes
Easter Vigil, Saturday April 11- 8:00 pm, OLHC
Easter Sunday, April 12 - 9:00 am & 11:00 am, both parishes

St. Christopher's - Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for more volunteers to help with the Sunday morning service at North Lambton Lodge. Every 2 months from 9:00 am - 10:30 am. If you would like to help or for more information, please contact Rose Devet at 519-828-3357

Forest Lenten Lunches



St. Christopher's will be hosting the Lenten lunches this year! They will be held every Wednesday starting on March, 4th and run until April 1st. Fr. Mark will be speaking at the first one! Lunch starts at 12:00 noon and wraps up around 1:00 pm. Come out and enjoy lunch with friends and neighbours as we journey through Lent!

We are asking all of our parishioners to please consider writing letters to our Prime Minister, the Justice Minister, the Health Minister and your own Member of Parliament, to voice your opinion about the proposed changes to the las increasing the availability of euthanasia / assisted suicide. There are sample letters, an address list, and a Declaration of Hope in the Narthex of both parishes.