



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.

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Sunday Eucharist

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

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 1, 2020

“Do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach.”

Matthew 23.3



We welcome into God's family

*Duke John Van Damme, son of Ryan and Amelia &
John Hendrik Callaway, son of Winston and Sabrina
who will be baptized at OLHC this weekend.*

COVID AND PARISH UPDATE

OLHC Seating Capacity

Pleasantly, we seem to be a victim of our own success, Sunday morning Masses at OLHC have reached the point wherein the need has arisen to look at different ways of being able to accommodate every one that comes to Mass. We would like to ask that if your family schedule allows it, please consider coming to the Saturday 7:00pm Mass or either of the Masses at St. Christopher's.



Note: For both parishes, please sit in the seat you are assigned. We place folks where it is best for us to be able to accommodate everyone that comes to Mass. as best we can. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Missals, Missalettes, and Offertory Envelopes

Due to COVID directives we have cancelled the Living with Christ missalettes. If you require the readings you can either visit their website and download the Living with Christ app, or send in your own subscription.

As we were not able to stop delivery of the Sunday Missals, they are available at the door. Someone with gloves will be handing them out. Though not necessary, a \$5.00 donation would be greatly appreciated.

Like the Missals, someone with gloves will be able to hand you your Offertory Envelopes.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Reservations:

Due to COVID directives, we have to use a registration system in order to have space for all who desire to attend. To make a reservation, starting November 7th, please call the parish office of the church you would like to attend. Because not everyone has access to email, or even a computer for that matter, we are only going to be accepting reservations via telephone. When leaving a message, please ensure you provide us with the following information: name, contact information, number of people coming, and identify your desired Mass time. Though every effort will be made to accommodate each request, please be patient as we try to do so. Please know that your reservation is NOT confirmed until you hear back from Sarah.

Mass Times:

Christmas Eve

OLHC: 3:00pm, 4:30pm and 6:30pm.

St. Christopher's: 8:30pm (will be opening up the hall for overflow)

Christmas Day:

OLHC: 9:00am.

St. Christopher's: 11:00am

Boxing Day:

December 26th masses cancelled for both parishes.

Sunday December 27th:

OLHC: 9:00am.

St Christopher's: 11:00am

All Souls Mass

A Mass for all the faithfully departed of our family and friends, will be at St. Christopher's Parish at 11:00am.

Please note that Bishop Fabbro will be announcing the date for when the entire diocese will celebrate a Mass for all who passed during our current pandemic. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Masses for the Week



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Monday, November 2, St. Christopher's

11:00am - All Souls Mass

Wednesday, November 4

9:00am - Watford - +Arnold Minten - req. Cindy Minten & Family

- Living, Deceased members of the CWL, and the unborn - req. CWL
- Deceased members of the Vander Vloet and Meeuwssen Families
- req. the Estate of Frank J. Vander Vloet

11:00am - Forest - Intentions of the Parishioners

Weekend masses are first come first served.

St. Christopher's - 4:30pm Saturday's & 11:00am Sunday's

OLHC - 7:00pm Saturday's & 9:00am Sunday's

Please Pray Each Day For:



Rev. John Betkowski

Rev. Robert Rocheleau

Deacon Gary Coyle

Deacon Anthony Hogervorst

Rev. Antony Kolenchery, C.S.T

Most Rev. Ronald Fabbro, C.S.B

Rev Robert Renaud

Thanksgiving Appeal

Below are the balances of the Thanksgiving appeals.

St. Christopher's - 2019 as of October 22 = **\$26,448.00**

OLHC - 2019 as of October 22 = **\$27,660.00**

- 2020 as of October 22 = **\$23,530.00**

- 2020 as of October 22 = **\$9,160.00**

All of the funds collected for the Thanksgiving appeal stay within the Parish.

Please consider giving if you are able, if you are unable, prayers are equally welcome.

2020 Annual Parish Thanksgiving Appeal



OLHC Confirmation



We invite you to pray for our Confirmation candidate's intentions as they prepare for their celebration of the Sacrament on November 22nd. Your prayers support our candidates as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation and welcome them as fully initiated, vibrant members of Our Lady Help of Christians community.

Come Holy Spirit, guide our candidates to a greater understanding of your will in their lives. May their minds be open to the teachings of your Holy church, and may their hearts be a resting place for your love. Guide them through this period of reflection and preparation so that they may have a deeper, more profound understanding of the Gifts you bring at Confirmation and may they walk with you all the days of their lives. Bless also their parents, leaders, catechists, teachers, and Our Lady Help of Christians Parish as we journey with them. We pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

49th Annual Christmas is for Everyone

Christmas for Everyone provides Christmas food hampers and gifts for children age 16 and younger. They serve most of rural Lambton County.

Gift collection has already started. Gift donations must be in no later than **November 28th**, because of COVID rules and regulations. Gifts, gift cards or monetary donations can be dropped off or mailed to 4156 Petrolia Line, Unit 1, Petrolia ON, N0N 1R0 (rear entrance off of Robert St) Monday - Saturday, 9am - 5pm.

Food Donations will begin **November, 2nd**, and can be dropped off at New Life Assembly Church, 421 Oozloffsky St, Petrolia.

Volunteers are crucial and are needed starting **December 13th**, but because of COVID you **MUST** pre-register via email: christmasforeveryonepetrolia@gmail.com or by phone 519-882-3950.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please call Sandra Hartman at 519-882-3950 or 519-330-5773 (please leave a message)

