



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

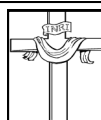
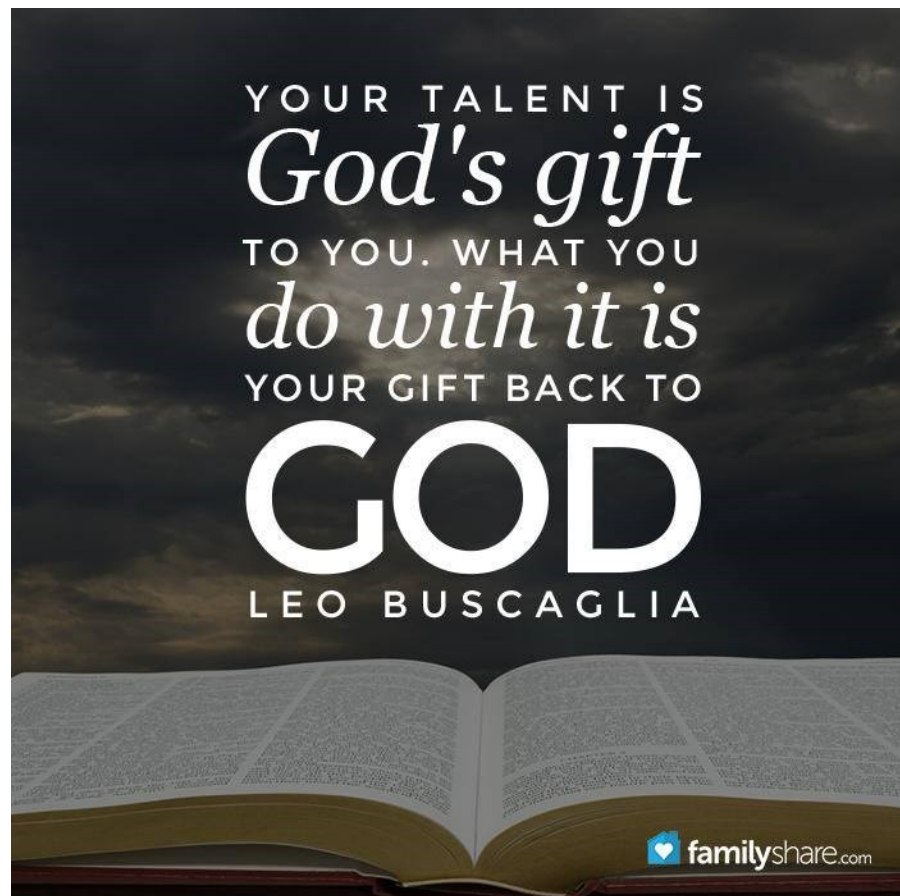
Saturday - 4:30 pm Forest
7:00 pm Watford
Sunday - 9:00 am Watford
11:00 am Forest

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 2020

"Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways."

-Psalm 128



The sympathy of our parishes is extended to the family of

Christopher De Groot

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

Dispensation from Sunday Obligation

Bishop Fabbro has extended the dispensation from the Sunday obligation, including the solemnities of the Nativity of the Lord and Mary, Mother of God, until Easter. It seems unlikely that our situation with respect to the COVID- 19 pandemic will change in the near future.

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)

Little Books

Because of COVID- 19 we are unable to hand out any Advent / Christmas material. If you are interested; Little Books can be ordered directly from the website at littlebooks.org. They are available in paper and ebook formats. You can also get all the seasonal books on the Little Books app available for iOS and Android devices. To learn more about the app, go to littlebooks.org/app



Adult Faith Formation from the Comfort of Your Own Home

The Diocese of London continues to partner with Dayton University to provide parishioners with affordable, high quality formation opportunities. Parishioners can nourish their faith and continue learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many online courses are offered for a reduced price. The next cycle of classes starts November 29. Registration is open now and closes November 25. For a selection of course offerings visit www.vlccf.udayton.edu, next click calendar and select Cycle 8.



Book of Eternal Life

This year with the COVID-19 protocols in place, we are unable to have parishioners write the names of the deceased in our Book of Eternal Life . We feel that it is important to still offer the parishioners this opportunity, so if you would like a name(s) entered into the book, please email Sarah, sminten@dol.ca. Please include: The name(s) you would like included and the parish you would like them entered in. The book will be kept on the altar in both parishes. We ask that all parishioners keep them in their prayers.

Blood Donor Clinic

Help save lives this winter...

If you're in general good health, now more than ever, we need your support to fill every available appointment before the new year.

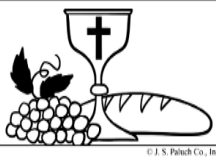
Forest Blood Donor Clinic
Tuesday, December 1, 2020
2:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Forest Legion - 58 Albert St.



By Appointment Only. Book at www.blood.ca

Thank you Forest and surrounding area for fully booking the November 24th Clinic!

Masses for the Week



Wednesday, November 18

Masses are cancelled - no prayer service.

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



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

Please Pray Each Day For:



Rev. Pedro Zuniga, F.M.M

Rev. Benjamin Raze

Ministers to Refugees in the Diocese of London

Rev. Steven Eckert

Rev. Dikran Islemeci

Mrs. Faye Brekelmans, Parish Nurse

Rev. Etienne Nadonye, O.F.M Cap.

Thanksgiving Appeal

Below are the balances of the Thanksgiving appeals.

St. Christopher's - 2019 as of November 8 = **\$31,040.00**

OLHC - 2019 as of November 8 = **\$28,960.00**

- 2020 as of November 8 = **\$28,852.00**

- 2020 as of November 8 = **\$18,740.00**

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.



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.

Christmas Mass Registration is Open!!



Christmas is coming quickly, but it will look a little different within the church this year.

In order to adhere to the COVID-19 protocols you will have to pre register in order to attend any of the Christmas Masses. Because not everyone has access to email, or even a computer for that matter, we are **ONLY** going to be accepting reservations via telephone, no email reservations will be taken. When leaving a message, please ensure you provide us with the following information: name, telephone number, number of people coming, and identify your desired Mass time. Please try to coordinate with others in your bubble and make one call. This will make seating arrangements easier. 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.

For the masses being held at OLHC, please call 519-876-3240.

For masses being held at St. Christopher's, please call 519-786-5243.

Mass Times: Christmas Eve - **OLHC:** 3:00pm, 4:30pm & 6:30pm. **St. Christopher's:** 8:30pm
Christmas Day - **OLHC:** 9:00am. **St. Christopher's:** 11:00am

