



**MIDDLESEX CATHOLIC
FAMILY OF PARISHES**

"A mission-oriented church that forms disciples of Jesus"

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I am fortunate enough to have a walking path that goes from my house to the back of the farm. I love to be outside in the open, walking, talking and praying with Jesus. This time of year, when crops are coming out of the ground, I am always amazed at how fast a plant can grow! It seems that overnight, a plant will grow several inches at a time. How wonderful to be able to witness the wonder of God at work!

Jesus uses the mustard seed to describe what the kingdom of God will be like. The mustard seed that was sown, is so small you can hardly see it, grows into a great big tree. The tree is big enough for birds to nest in and people to take shade under it. Jesus is saying that, just like the mustard seed that grows, so too will the kingdom of God grow. There is no stopping the kingdom from growing. The kingdom of God will be a place of refuge for all, offering a place of hospitality and security.

Did you know the mustard seed is unwanted in a garden or in a field with another crop? The mustard seed can take right over. Interesting that Jesus would use the example of a mustard seed at all. In fact, Jewish law at the time of Jesus made it illegal to plant mustard seed in a garden. Jesus' listeners must have been shocked to hear him talk about planting a mustard seed. Why would Jesus use this example? Because his listeners knew the effect a single mustard seed could have on a garden or crop.

Have you ever noticed how weeds appear in a garden? They just show up uninvited and start to grow. Before you know it, another weed shows up to join it and before long, the garden is over run by weeds all getting along just wonderfully in your garden! This is the point Jesus is making with the parable of the mustard seed. Once the mustard seed takes hold in the garden, pretty soon all you will have is mustard seed. The kingdom of God will grow in the same way: wherever it finds soil to grow in, it will spread out and touching all around it until they are overcome.

Weeds are not popular, pretty or sought after. Weeds are not valued by others yet they are tenacious and stubborn. Weeds keep coming back! We wonder: what is the purpose of weeds? Next time you are out pulling weeds in your garden, think about how you can help the kingdom of God to grow. Remember, you are the weed that needs to take hold in the garden! So, make like a weed! Go spread the love of Jesus Christ to all those around you! Happy gardening!

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister

News for all parishioners

Mass Intentions for the Week of June 15-18

All Saints, Strathroy

Tues Jun 15 @ 6:30pm

Deceased Members of VanderVloet & Meeuwssen Families
- Estate

Ilda Pimentel - Jose & Adelaide Pimentel

Wed Jun 16 @ 9:00am

Lily Bini - Stanley Lunan

Thur Jun 17 @ 6:30pm

Antonio & Maria Medeiros - Lucy & Murray

Maria Couto - Ofelia Paiva

Fri Jun 18 @ 9:00am

Carlos Camara & Deceased Family - Madalena Camara

Frank Ferguson - Mary Ellen

William & Lorette Lamothe - Jeannette & Paul Grignon

John Lamothe - Jeannette & Paul Grignon

Aloisia Karl - Sina & Rob Nicol

Sacred Heart, Parkhill

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Thurs Jun 17 @ 9:00am

Souls of Purgatory



St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe

Wed Jun 16 @ 6:30pm

Ana Rosa Assuncoa Antunes - Maria Martins

Rose Vereeken - Rich & M.L. DePelsmaeker

Paul Bogaert - Brendan & Patricia Kelly

Just a reminder to find and follow us on our social media platforms. We are on Facebook and Instagram, as well as YouTube, just search for West Middlesex Catholic.

There are a lot of plans for the future of these platforms to make them more an interactive place where we can chat and be social, and when things open up and we are able to meet again in person there will be more pictures and fun, but in the meantime you can follow and see what is going on in our Parishes, and it will alert you to new content to check out on the website. Tell your kids and grandkids to follow us on Instagram, it will help them to keep up with what is going on in the parishes. We're planning some fun content for them as well.

ALL PERSONS ENTERING OR REMAINING IN ENCLOSED PUBLIC SPACES SHALL WEAR A MASK OR FACE-COVERING WHICH COVERS THE NOSE, MOUTH AND CHIN, AT ALL TIMES.



The West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes are open for all Masses !

As our capacity allowed is set for 15%, pre-registration is required. Starting next week, Masses can be booked by calling Anna on



Tuesdays and Wednesdays only. Anna's direct line is 519-245-0644 and then hit "0". No need to listen to the recorded message. If you leave Anna a message, she will return your call.

If you do not get a reservation for the current week, Anna can will give you priority for the following week.

Capacity and Schedule for each church site is as follows:

All Saints

Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8 & 10 am, capacity 67

St. Charles Garnier

Sunday 9 & 10:30 am, Capacity 45

Sacred Heart Parkhill

Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9 am , Capacity 37

Please be mindful of the protocols in place to keep us all safe! Thank you for your patience and understanding in these constantly changing times, as we return to our weekend worship spaces.

Sacred Heart Delaware

Our next Mass will be on **Sunday, June 20th at 11:30am** at All Saints church site. A couple of reminders for this upcoming Mass:

- ◆ We will be having a **Food drive collection**—leave your donations at the back door of the church where you come into the building
- ◆ A reminder for **donations for the Sacred Heart Cemeteries**—please don't forget that it's our collective responsibility to upkeep these cemeteries, as part of our community, and for those loved ones who are deceased. Please label as Sacred Heart Cemetery donations and place in collection.



Pastoral Team/ Staff

Fr. Thom Blondin, Pastor ex. 22
Fr. David Johnston, Associate Pastor ex. 23
Fr. Steve Eckert, Associate Pastor ex. 25
Deacon Henry Tomaszewski
Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister ex. 26
Olga Ferreira, Office Administrator ex. 21
Anna Garcia, Secretary ex. 0
Marg VanderBurgt, Secretary ex. 24
**personal emails can be found on the website*

Festa do Divino Espirito Santo

Domingo 27 de Junho

Portuguese Canadian Club
375 York St., Strathroy

Para reservar sopas, facem o telefone para 519-245-4361. Podem ir buscar entre 12 – 3 horas da tarde no Domingo dia 27 de Junho Doações aceites Pensões disponiveis apenas por encomenda - Ligar ao Joao 519-245-5033 Custo: \$60 - por favor chamam antes para encomendar.

Feast of the Divine Holy Spirit

Sunday, June 27

Portuguese Canadian Club
375 York St., Strathroy

To order soup, call 519-245-4361 You can pick up your soup at the club between 12 – 3pm on Sunday, June 27th. Donations accepted. If you would like to receive “Pensões” which is translated into “Alms” call John at 519-245-5033 Cost: \$60 - please call ahead to pre-order. Includes a roast, loaf of bread, loaf of sweet bread and a bottle of wine which will be blessed. You can pick this up at the club on Friday, June 25th (John will give you a time for pick up).



“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”

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Office Hours

Office remains closed.

Messages are picked up regularly.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession)

By appointment. Please call the office.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Congratulations! Please call Julie to make arrangements at 519-245-0644 ext 26.

Sacrament of Marriage: *Congratulations! Please call the office to make an appointment.*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

WEST MIDDLESEX CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

All Saints, Strathroy	Saturday 5:00 pm
	Sunday 8:00 am/10:00 am
Sacred Heart, Delaware	
(At All Saints church site— June 20 at 11:30am)	
Sacred Heart, Parkhill	Saturday 5:00 pm
	Sunday 9:00 am
St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe	Sunday 9:00 am
June 13, 20, 27	Sunday 10:30am

Just a little reminder to sign up for the First Reconciliation & First Communion online program and to register for Confirmation online as well. Check out our website for more information.



Baptisms are happening in all four parishes, contact Julie at 519-246-0644 ext. 26 for a registration form and more information.