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1st SUNDAY OF LENT
Sunday, March 1st, 2020

When does Lent begin and end? The Universal Norms state: 28. The forty days of Lent run from Ash Wednesday up to but excluding the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive. This means that Lent begins at 12:01 a.m. on Ash Wednesday and runs to just before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on the evening of Holy Thursday. As soon as the Mass of the Lord's Supper starts, it's a new liturgical season: Triduum.

Stations of the Cross – As in previous years, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday evening of Lent, after the 7:00 pm mass. Please consider making this one of your Lenten practices.

Lenten Booklets are available for you to purchase in the Narthex for Lent. This is a prayer aid to help with our Lenten practices. The cost is \$3.00 per booklet.

St. John the Divine Prayer Line
519-281-9580

Sunday Mass
Saturday 5:15 pm; Sunday 9:00 & 11 am

Weekday Mass
7 pm—Tuesday
12 noon—Wednesday
8:30 am—Thursday
***8:30 am—Friday (* at 7pm during Lent)**

Parish Rosary
half hour before each weekday mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 11 am - 12 noon—Wednesday

Children's Liturgy
11 am mass—September to June

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday 6:15 - 6:50 pm
Wednesday 11:15 - 11:50 am
Saturday 4 - 5 pm
or by appointment


Baptism - Please make arrangements at least 12 weeks in advance with Fr. Don

Marriage - Arrangements to be made one year in advance

Daily Mass this week.....
Tuesday, March 3rd - 7 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hilario & Elvira Mendes - Maria Pereira Karl Hepp - Carrie Armstrong Maria Virone - The Cosentino Family Elizabeth Donovan - The Winspear Family
Wednesday, March 4th 11 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon - Mass <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents of Maria Esteves - Maria Lourdes Yolande Smith - Jim & Pat McLaughlin The Simler Family - Walter & Matilda Simler Anne Marie Maddigan - Ron & Verlyn Clifford
Thursday, March 5th - 8:30 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marilyn Metron - Paul & Kathy Meyer Rick Suddard - Joan Henderson Cecilia O'Malley - Leo & Rose Marie Carter Paul LeFrank - Frank LeFrank
Friday, March 6th - 7 pm* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bessie Gillis - Ruby Seward Emmett Gray - Catholic Women's League Eamon Collins - Marion Collins Int. Chris Fleck - The Fleck Family
<i>*during Lent, Mass is celebrated in the evening, followed by Stations of the Cross. (There is no morning mass on Friday during Lent)</i>

Brothers & Sisters:
 On the **first Wednesday of every month, at the noon mass**, we will be having the reception of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Those who need to receive the sacrament, who are suffering, will be called forward by me. *Fr. Don*

Come and join us on April 19th for Divine Mercy Sunday. Starting at 3 pm with a Liturgy of the Word, Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, with time for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and silent adoration. Confession will also be available, so come out and join us at St. John the Divine this Blessed day.
Fr. Don Pumputis

 **Annual World Day of Prayer**
Friday March 6, 2020
at 2:00 p.m.
Westmount Presbyterian Church -
521 Village Green Avenue
Please plan to attend. Everyone is welcome!


Meat Pies are still available - \$4 each - Chicken and beef
 Call Mary Anne 519-472-6049

The Parish Family of St. John the Divine extends their sympathy and prayers to the family of **Betty Worrall**. Please remember to keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

 **Enviro Tip: Shift what appliances you use to off-peak hours (after 7 pm or all-day on weekends)**

Offertory Collections from February 22nd / 23rd, 2020		
Envelopes	191	\$4,229.00
Loose Collection		\$266.84
Renovation Fund	7	\$110.00
<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish community!</i>		

For the Month of February 2020	Offertory	Renovation Fund
# of Contributions for the month from envelopes & pre-authorized donations	818	130
Total \$ Envelopes, pre-authorized & loose money	\$22,666.89	\$2,381.00
Target (Budget) this month	\$24,501.40	\$2,750.00
Target (Budget) for next month	\$24,501.40	\$2,750.00

 Are you in your 20s or 30s? Are you a student or working, married or single, with or without children? If so, **i.d.9:16** might be just what you are looking for. It is a wonderful way to meet other young adults. In September of 2018, we began a new initiative in the Diocese called **i.d.9:16** through Renewal Ministries in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The monthly gatherings, which are called "Disciples' Nights" invite young adults in their 20s and 30s to grow in their faith, and be active members in their respective parishes. The "Disciples' Nights" are held on the first Thursday of each month, except for January and July, at St. Michael's Parish, 511 Cheapside Street, London. Each evening will begin with Mass at 6:15 pm, (Fr. Danny Santos, Director of Vocations and Seminarians for our Diocese will preside) followed by the sharing of a meal and drinks at 7 pm, and a live-streamed talk and small group discussions at 8 pm. The evening will go on until 9:30 pm. Check us out on Facebook at LondonOntarioid916. Nursing babies are most welcome! The cost of dinner and talk is \$10 with an RSVP, \$15 without an RSVP, \$5 if coming for talk only. Please RSVP no later than the Sunday before the Disciples' Night via Facebook event or email id916london@gmail.com. If you do not RSVP by the Sunday prior, you will not be on the RSVP list. February 2020 a new series begins called "Why Am I Still Catholic?".

Youth Ministry

Steubenville Toronto July 2020

It is that time of year again and we are gearing up for Steubenville Toronto July 3-5th 2020! So far we have 15 young people who would like to go this year. The cost per student is \$375 and for the past two years our parish has generously supported our young people. Once again we are asking for your support. All donations are eligible for a tax receipt. Below are some options for donating:

1. Full sponsorship for one youth - \$375
2. Monetary donation of any amount

All cheques should be made payable to
St. John the Divine Parish

Envelopes will be available in the Narthex as well as the Parish Office. Donations can be placed in the offertory. Please clearly include your name and envelope number if you are a parishioner. If you are not registered you are still eligible for a receipt – please include name and address with the donation.

Thank you for your continued support of our young people. The youth will be having some more fundraising events in the coming months to raise funds for this amazing opportunity. If you have questions please contact Bridget Corneil at bcorneil@dol.ca or call the office at 519-471-7022

We encourage everyone to attend the **London Area Right to Life Annual Gala Fundraiser** being held on April 30th at the Marconi Club, 120 Clarke Road, London. Tickets cost just \$45 for adults & \$25 for students. For ticket enquiries and further details, contact Bonnie at 519-659-3334 or info@right2life.ca

Would you like to have your new home blessed? A new car? Please speak to Fr. Don at Mass or call the Parish Office for an appointment for him to administer this special blessing.

Are you, or a family member sick at home or in hospital? Are you going to be having surgery? Please speak to Fr. Don at Mass or call the Parish Office for an appointment for him to see you to administer the Sacrament of the Sick.

Looking for healing? Closure? If you are divorced, separated, or civilly remarried, consider applying for a declaration of nullity (an “annulment”). The Roman Catholic Diocese of London would like to help you. If you are interested in a Declaration of Nullity or if you simply have questions, please give us a call at 519-439-1553. There is no obligation in calling, and the process is free of charge.

The Three Pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving and what does that mean?

- **Prayer:** Needs little explanation for we all pray in different ways

Clarity is needed between fasting and abstaining.

- **Fasting:** Eating less food than normal (does not necessarily mean no food). *What you can eat?* One normal, full-sized meal, and two smaller meals which if combined would not exceed one full meal.

Why? "Denying material food, which nourishes our body, nurtures an interior disposition to listen to Christ and be fed by His saving word. Through fasting and praying, we allow Him to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being: the hunger and thirst for God." —Pope Benedict XVI

- **Abstinence:** Do not eat meat.

What you can eat? Fish and seafood

Why? "Catholic peoples have set apart Friday for special penitential observance by which they gladly suffer with Christ that they may one day be glorified with Him. This is the heart of the tradition of abstinence from meat on Friday where that tradition has been observed in the holy Catholic Church." —CCB

- **Almsgiving:** Material generosity to the less fortunate.

What you can give? Money, goods, acts of charity

Why? Almsgiving "represents a specific way to assist those in need and, at the same time, an exercise in self-denial to free us from attachment to worldly goods . . . Almsgiving helps us to overcome this constant temptation, teaching us to respond to our neighbor's needs and to share with others whatever we possess through divine goodness." —Pope Benedict XVI

Did you know that we have monthly, pre-authorized payments available for Sunday Offertory, the Renovation Fund and other special collections? If you are interested in using this method to make your donations to the Parish, please contact Pam in the Parish Office 519-471-7022. You can start this at any time of the year.