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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 1st, 2019



*You have approached
Mount Zion and the city of
the living God.*

~ Hebrews 12:22a

Did you know that the RCIA – the Right of Christian Initiation of Adults - is available in our parish? This is for anyone who is wondering and inquiring about the Catholic Religion. It is available for adults who would like to become Catholics or are exploring this possibility. What do you believe? Do you attend mass with your spouse but are of another faith and wonder what it is that makes you come with your spouse? Do you have questions or thoughts you wonder about? Is there a belief in our Creed that you struggle with? An invitation is extended to our Catholic Parish

Community to invite someone you know who is not Catholic to go on this journey of many discoveries about who we are. If you would like to explore these questions please contact either Fr. Don or Nives at the parish to set up an appointment. This is a great time to meet with us and talk about joining the RCIA.

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
Tuesday, September 3rd - 7 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leo Assis - The Family • Tillie Zabehaylo - Ted Bartlett • Maria Profenna - Mary & Luigi Liberatore
Wednesday, September 4th <i>There will be NO EXPOSITION, CONFESSIONS OR MASS on this day as Fr. Don will be attending a workshop.</i>
Thursday, September 5th - 8:30 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norm Seward - Ruby Seward • Dec'd Members of the Caldarozzi & Pompile Family - Ginetta Gentile • Patricia Murray - Paul Murray
Friday, September 6th - 8:30 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Int. Fr. James DeVita - His Family • Int. Sallu - Jane & Wayne Lonsway • Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

Brothers & Sisters:
 Starting in October, 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*

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Training Reminder – This is a reminder of Fr. Don’s training for ALL Eucharistic Ministers (in all areas) and Lectors. There are changes being made for which all need to be present if you are serving in either of these ministries. The training is taking place Saturday, September 7, 10:00 am in the church and followed by lunch made by our C.W.L.

PYX – Do you have a PYX that you are finished using? If so, could you kindly return the PYX to the parish? Your help with this is greatly appreciated, as is bringing the Eucharist to one of our parishioners. Thank you to those who returned their PYX.

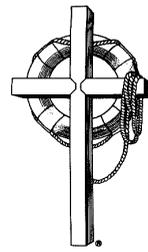
Altar Servers – We are in **dire** need of altar servers, most especially at the 11:00 am mass. This Ministry is open to anyone who has made their First Communion right through to adults. Families, this is a great way for you to serve together. This teaches your children the importance of the mass and being actively part of a faith community. Fr. Don is looking forward to expanding the Altar Guild.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR FUNERALS are also needed. If you are available during the day and would like to help with this Ministry, please call the Parish Office to be put on our list.



Enviro Tip: Don't use more product than the directions indicate. Pouring in extra laundry detergent or fabric softener won't get your clothes any cleaner or cuddlier.

St. John the Divine Pays it Forward
 After the purchase of the new Gather Hymnals, we had approximately 500 old Gather Hymnals to recycle. We had a surplus of these items. It has taken several months, but at last these books have found new homes: 30 went to Parkwood; 100 went to Mount Hope; and the remaining 22 boxes of books were delivered to the Diocesan Centre last week to be distributed to four different communities. As the hymnals were still in good condition, we are so glad that we were able to assist other congregations in this way. *Johanna*



Retrouvaille London/St. Thomas Marriage Help Program: If your marriage has lost the sense of closeness it once had, if you are living more like roommates, Retrouvaille can help you recapture that closeness. To learn more about Retrouvaille, or to register for the upcoming weekend September 27-29, 2019 at the Michaelite Centre, email retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com. Visit us on the web at www.helpourmarriage.com.



The Parish Family of St. John the Divine extends their sympathy and prayers to the families of: **Leo Assis**, brother of Doug Assis; **Jane Lonsway**, wife of Wayne Lonsway; **Joyce Nagle**; **Bishop John Michael Sherlock**, **Kathleen (Kay) Brennan**, **Dan Shearon**, brother of Mary Ryan. Please remember to keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

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.

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.

Floral Donation Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. These donations will be used for the purchase of flowers and various decorative articles to enhance our liturgies throughout the year. You can make the donation in memory of a deceased loved one. Please remember to put your name on the front, and the name of your loved one on the back of the envelope.

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

Confirmation Update: This year we are opening up Confirmation to both grade 7 and 8 students. We will also be offering our formation in the fall with the Rite of Confirmation being conferred at the weekend masses of December 7th and 8th. Our Parent and Candidate Information Night will be held on **Thursday September 26th @ 7 pm in the Parish hall.** Registration packages will be sent out to students at Jean Vanier and St. Jude schools. For all other registrations you will be able to pick up a package at the Parish Office or on-line at www.stjtd.ca (Sacraments – Confirmation) after September 6th. If you have any question please reach out to Bridget Corneil at bcorneil@dol.ca

CEMETERY SUNDAY SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 15th

It is a day of remembrance, of prayer, and of witness to our love for our deceased family and friends and to our hope in the Resurrection. **The WAY OF THE CROSS will be led by Fr. Nelson Cabral at 3:00 p.m. on the grounds of St. Peter's Cemetery.** In case of rain, the service will be held in the Mausoleum Chapel. Everyone is welcome.



CWL RAFFLE: The CWL is holding a raffle this year in conjunction with the Christmas Bazaar on November 16th. The prizes are \$1000, \$500 and \$200. The entire profit from this raffle will be given directly to the Parish.

CWL members are asked to pick up their books of tickets, in the Narthex after Mass the weekend of September 7/8 or September 14/15. It is hoped that all members will be able to sell 2 books of tickets.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2019 - Saturday, November 16

The Team is working hard getting ready for this year's Bazaar. In order to make it a great success, we are calling on every able man, woman and youth of our parish, to help in anyway that they can. We need help setting up the week of November 10th, or two to four hours of your time at the Bazaar, or your donation of items for our penny table, silent auction, wheel of chance or any of the numerous tables.

Our preserve table is very popular and for that, we are asking all those who are making jams, jellies, relish, pickles, chili sauce, or antipasto to please make an extra jar or two for us.

For further information, or to volunteer, please contact Donna Anglestad
519-474-1584, danglestad@hotmail.com

The Passing of Bishop Sherlock

On Monday, August 12, 2019, the Most Reverend John Michael Sherlock, DD, entered eternal life at the age of 93. Bishop Sherlock was born in 1926, ordained to the priesthood in 1950, ordained to the episcopacy in 1974, and installed as the ninth Bishop of the Diocese of London in 1978. When he became a Bishop, he chose *Omnia et in omnibus Christus* as his episcopal motto: "There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything" (Col. 3: 11). These words guided him throughout his episcopacy and until his last hour.

Bishop Sherlock led the Diocese through the final quarter of the twentieth century, a time of social upheaval when the Church searched for new ways to continue its mission. With his leadership, the Diocese adopted a profound shift in the concept of ministry, one which affected not only priests and religious, but the laity and diocesan administrators.

On April 27, 2002, Rome accepted Bishop Sherlock's resignation. He chose to spend his retirement years in the diocese which he considered his home. Even in retirement, he remained active by teaching, conducting retreats and parish missions, helping at parishes on weekends, and participating in diocesan celebrations. He continued hearing confessions and celebrating Mass almost every Monday at the cathedral into late 2018.

To read the biography of Bishop Sherlock, please visit www.dol.ca/former-bishops. A number of beautiful photos are also available on the diocesan Facebook page at www.facebook.com/www.dol.ca.



55 and Over is a group of seniors who play Euchre on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. You are welcome to join us on the days you are available. We start on Tuesday, September 10, at 1pm, there is a fee of \$2.

Our **Spring Enviro Collections** were a great start but it shouldn't stop there. Here is the list of where the collections were taken for recycling:
Batteries - Home Depot on Wonderland Road
Paint Cans - Recycle Depot on Manning Drive
Electronics - Goodwill Industries on Southdale Road
Please continue to recycle. *Jane & Owen*



Please consider ST. JOHN THE DIVINE PARISH when preparing your Will

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY will now take place at the 9 am Mass on Sundays.

Children's Ministry will begin on Sunday, September 15th. Please register your child each week at the Children's Ministry Table in the Narthex.

If you are interested in becoming a Children's Ministry Leader, please contact Bridget Corneil at the Parish Office 519-471-7022 or bcorneil@dol.ca. Your commitment would be approximately one time every 6 weeks.

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.

Do you currently use Offertory Envelopes? Do you use our Visitor's Envelopes when making your weekly donation? Do you wish to start making contributions to this community?

If you wish to begin making monthly, pre-authorized payments available for Sunday Offertory, the Renovation Fund and other special collections, please contact Pam in the Parish Office 519-471-7022. You can start this at any time of the year.

Thank you from the Golf Committee:

We would like to thank all of our parishioners who participated in our Golf Tournament at FireRock Golf Course on Saturday, August 17, 2019 and also the CWL members and everybody else who assisted in ensuring a successful event.

\$5,700.00 was raised for The London Food Bank

\$5,700.00 was raised for the London Particular Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Society

Fr. Don opened our Golf Tournament with special prayers and a great time was had by all of our golfers and dinner guests.

We are already planning next year's event and will be in touch in 2020 with all the details



London Public Square Rosary Rally

Saturday, October 12, 2019

Victoria Park Bandshell, London

Gathering Time: 11:55 AM - Duration: An hour or less

Come pray with us to celebrate the anniversary of the Miracle at Fatima for peace in the world, for our Church, for Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Religious, for our individual needs and intentions and for the conversion of Canada. Sorrowful Mysteries in 2019, using Bishop Sherlock's Scriptural Rosary Booklet.

Free will donations accepted to help cover our expenses.

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Canada needs the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima.

We need to understand, live and spread her Fatima Messages for conversion, repentance, prayer and The Saturdays of Reparation.

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Learning & Support Group for Adult Survivors of Childhood Trauma. For survivors who want to find healthy healing, get non-judgmental answers to your questions, just listen, or simply feel you are not alone, this group is a FREE, safe and welcoming space. We meet in 1st floor Tonda Room at the Central Library, 251 Dundas Street, London. Next dates are Saturdays: September 7 & 21, October 5 & 19 and November 2 & 16, from 10 am to 12 noon. No need to register. Facilitator Sheila Stevenson is a survivor and Certified Life Coach. For more info call her at 519-671-5225 or visit www.londonpubliclibrary.ca/programs/ or the library's free ACCESS Magazine, under Health & Wellness.

Catholic Engaged Encounter

The Catholic Engaged Encounter (CEC) provides quality preparation for marriage in a weekend retreat presented in a prayerful atmosphere. The weekend is truly a spiritual experience, enriched by the availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the celebration of the Eucharist. The weekend is Catholic in thought, morality, ritual and expression. It gives couples the opportunity to discover the deep meaning of the Sacrament of Marriage within the Catholic Church and offer couples a unique experience which focuses strongly on fostering good communication in marriage and the importance of God in their relationship. The program solidly supports Church teaching in all areas. New dates available: November 1-3 2019; March 6-8 2020, and October 17-19, 2020. Please contact Terry and JoAnne Burrell (St Thomas Aquinas Parish-Sarnia) 519-542-8826, jotab@cogeco.ca.