



Holy Trinity Catholic Women's League

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You can email us at cwlholytrinity@hotmail.com

CWL News

CWL is accepting Membership fees and New Members for the 2021 season. It has been a tricky time to get your dues in, so thanks to a third of our members who have used their offertory dues envelope, mailed their dues to the church, or even just slipped their own envelope in the Church's back door mail slot near Fr. Rick's garden. CWL has still been very active even with all the restrictions and your dues are especially needed without our ability to have fundraisers or socials. Please read the CWL, Our Voice Newsletter to see all that's been Happening! Check your email or find it on our parish website www.holytrinity@dol.ca. If you have no computer access, call Carmen Velocci at (519)469-3042 for a black and white copy.

These activities happen because you and so many members contribute in so many ways. Do you remember why you joined? I know that a friend asked me to join and now I want you to ask a friend. Share the newsletter with them and let them know that when the restrictions are lifted, we will have a social event to renew our friendships and make new ones. Need a Christmas gift for your Mom, friend, or any other female? Send them a \$25 gift card of a new membership or this year's dues. Just email us at cwlholytrinity@hotmail.com. Please remember you are always welcome back if you are a past member or have been a CWL member in another parish.

Christine Nowak, Membership Coordinator



Knights of Columbus, Council 3515

Contact information for the Grand Knight:

John Warden, GK at 519-608-6007 or email at:

holytrinity_grandknight@gmail.com

Next General Meeting

Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm on-line. Invite by email will be sent 3-5 days prior.

2021 Membership Fee is \$45 & Due in January

Please mail your cheque to Grand Knight at Holy Trinity or drop off in mail slot at side office door (Staff Entrance door), or e-transfer by email.

Brothers, due to lack of fund raising activities, payment of dues is critical during these trying times. Thank you for your support!

Cans & Bottle Drive

Drive by on the 1st Sunday after all the Masses!. You can also drop off in the bin 24/7. 100% of the money goes to Missions.

We are collecting aluminum pop & beer cans and alcoholic bottles. Please keep beer cans separate.

Please **NO** tin plates, plastic containers/bottles or non-returnable glass containers.

Activities and Resources for Families

The Diocese of London offers an abundance of resources/activities for parishes, families and individuals for the COVID-19 Pandemic. There are resources for spiritual care, videos, prayers, crafts, games ideas to name a few. Go to the Diocese of London website for all this plus more.



The 1st Sunday in Lent – Some Musings

"Repent and believe in the good news."

The first Sunday in Lent! My back deck is blanketed with a covering of brilliant white snow and when the sun shines on it it seems to be sprinkled with diamonds. It's a beautiful sight and it reminds me that winter has not said its final farewell to us. It seems that Lent has come so suddenly to me. In the next 40 days we'll make attempts to improve the way in which we live and worship our Lord. Will we really repent and believe in the good news? I wonder how successful I'll be. Will I keep to those promises that I make on Ash Wednesday or will I find myself sliding back into my old sloppy ways? Making the decision to change is ever so much easier than keeping to that decision. My old ways are comfortable and I know what to expect but making decisions to improve requires that I spend some time considering how to make those decisions lasting and real.

For me, Lent is a time of trial. It begins with those opening arguments that make me hopeful that I can keep to the path I set for myself. The changes I want to make are not so overwhelming that I know I'll never be able to accomplish them but they must be challenging enough that to keep to them means effort and diligence on my part. Keeping those challenges ever in mind is difficult. So many things in my life distract me from them. I want to stay more focused when I pray but there's always that task that needs my attention. The phone will ring and it will be someone looking to sell me something and instead of just letting it go to voicemail, I usually take the call and engage in a courtroom dialogue with the individual which neither of us can win.

Keeping focused on prayer is a challenge that I struggle with each time I sit to pray. There's always something invading that precious time I want to spend with the Lord. I consider the issue that one of my children may be facing and instead of leaving it in the Lord's hands for the moment I worry or fret about ways in which to be of assistance. Or I plan a menu for dinner the next day, and the list goes on.

I don't have a solution to these problems other than to draw myself back to prayer and ask for His help in staying focused on Him and my relationship with Him. I don't give up things during Lent as I've found that an easy road and I'm never sure what to give up. I'm not one to need a number of things. Instead this year I'll ask Him to unlock the slumbering spirit within me, awakening me again to the joy of His presence in my life, of His uplifting words as I read His words, of His compassion and love for us all. I'll ask again that He breathe the breath of His Spirit on me and awaken again those dreams of innocence and holiness. While the earth is still wrapped in winter's icy grasp, I'll pray for the grace to see beneath the snow and ice to promise of Spring, reminding me again of His Resurrection and promise of eternal life.

The other morning, the sunrise washed the sky and earth below with shades of orange and brilliant red. The snow, painted in these colours, was ready to welcome the coming day in joy and praise. I asked again for the grace to live as His child, doing His will, repenting and believing in the good news.

Wishing you a week of much reflection and many small miracles.

Betty Bruch

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is a sacramental formation process that aims to prepare individuals and communities for a particular way of life – a life dedicated to the person of Jesus Christ and His message and mission.

RCIA helps to prepare men and women who are seeking God and community in their lives. The RCIA process focuses on the following:

- ** **Developing healthy and trusting relationships**
- ** **Asking the important faith and life questions**
- ** **Naming and sharing personal and communal 'stories'**
- ** **Discovering the many ways God is present**
- ** **Responding to the call for conversion**
- ** **Discerning the personal invitation to embrace the Catholic faith**
- ** **Living out the mission to bring hope to others in a confusing world.**

A similar and adapted process is also available for children seven years and older who are preparing to receive the Sacraments and to become full members of the Catholic Church.

If you, a family member or a friend are interested in learning more about the RCIA process please contact our office at (519) 539-0876.

Confirmation 2021

We are presently in the planning stages for this sacrament and due to COVID, Confirmation will look differently than in previous years. Preparation will be done online. Once plans are finalized it will be posted on our parish website and bulletin. The sacrament will take place in the Spring as long as we are not in a lockdown.

From today's Gospel reading:

God said to Noah...

"See I am now establishing my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark."

Reflection:

The covenant God made with Noah and his descendants states that God wants to continue working with us to care for what God has created. God's good purpose not only includes humans and their care, but also all of the natural world which the Book of Genesis tells us, God called "good." What God calls good we must also treasure and protect.

So, we ask ourselves:

What can I do to protect human life in all its stages?
 What must I do to protect the environment so that it will continue to be a blessing for generations who follow us?



Keep the Parish Office Informed

If you have recently moved or changed your phone number, please contact the parish office to inform them of the change and provide the updated information. It is important to keep our records accurate. Thank you!

Bereavement Support

"A parent's death often leaves adult children with a sense of abandonment and even panic that catches us by surprise. But why are we caught off guard when the death of the 'ma-ma' or 'da-da' whose name we struggled to utter as tiny tots leaves us reeling or depressed or sleepless?"

We may have lived enough years to be an adult but we will always be a child in relation to our parents. Even if we find ourselves 'parenting our parents' before their deaths, it is the parent of our youth and childhood that we bury. And, as author R. Scott Sullender says in *Losses in Later Life*, 'The world is a different place after our parents die.'

(Grieving the Loss of Your Parent; by Judy Ball; Care Notes)

For supportive companionship and/or bereavement information please contact the parish office at (519) 539-0876.

Bereavement News

Holy Trinity Parish extends heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the families and friends who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

We especially remember and hold in prayer:

** ***All of those who have died***

We offer our prayers to those who grieve their deceased loved ones. In this most challenging and difficult time may grieving families experience inner strength and comfort.

We especially remember and hold in prayer and in our hearts the thousands of corona virus victims and their grieving families.

***God revealed the mysteries of
 heaven to His beloved children.***



Baptism Update

As of **Thursday, January 14, 2021**, and until further notice, in light of the newest restrictions, Baptisms may be celebrated only in emergency cases.

Once these newest restrictions are lifted, we will be able to resume Baptisms again.

Until then, we thank you for your continued patience and understanding during this time of the pandemic. Please contact the parish if there is an emergency or if you have any questions at (519) 539-0876.



PRAYER LINE ~ If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Line, please call **519-537-3633**.

Please continue to pray for all on the prayer line as we presently have 257 prayer requests.

MASS SCHEDULE				
Date	Time	Intentions For	Requested By	Please Pray For
Sunday February 21	8:30 am Holy Trinity	For parishioners of Holy Trinity		Rev. Mark Maloney
Monday February 22				Deacon Larry Lamphier
Tuesday February 23	7:00 pm Holy Trinity	Justin Mezenberg (Repose) Deceased Members of Conlon & Butler Families Barbara Somers (Repose) Antonio Camboia (Birthday Remembrance)	McCormick Family Mary Butler & Family Lydia deMelo Camboia Family	Mrs. Chrisandra Skipper, Campus Minister <i>Needs of the Prayer Line</i>
Wednesday February 24	9:30 am Holy Trinity	Mary B. Nadalin (Repose) Jim Northcott (1st Anniversary of Death) Jose & Maria Raposo Diane Mitchell (Repose)	Rose M. Nadalin Pat, CarolAnn & Steven Eulalia & Agostinho Raposo DeSousa Family	Rev. Ronaldo (Ronnie) Tagnines <i>Homebound Parishioners</i>
Thursday February 25	9:30 am Holy Trinity	George White (Repose) Katarina Arbelj (Repose) Maria Jose Silva (Repose) John Aguiar (Repose)	Helen Croxford Peter & Emina Krech Eulalia & Agostinho Raposo Maria, Teresa & Margaret	Mrs. Kim Bornais, Coordinator of Youth Ministry <i>Parishioners in Hospital</i>
Friday February 26	9:30 am Holy Trinity	Gertrude Vader (Birthday Remembrance) Pablo Villanueva (Repose) Jose Aguiar Deceased Members of CWL	Rick Vader Wife & Children Eulalia & Agostinho Raposo Holy Trinity CWL	Mrs. Maria Mollica, Coordinator of Youth Ministry <i>Parishioners in Nursing Homes</i>
Saturday February 27	5:00 pm Holy Trinity	For parishioners of Holy Trinity		Rev. Pio D'Oria

New COVID Directives from London Diocese

We are re-opening this coming weekend, February 20 & 21, 2021, for Saturday and Sunday Mass at **30% capacity**. Please register either on-line through our Parish website or by phoning the church office.

Weekday Masses, Adoration and Confession will return as per lockdown directives on Tuesday, February 23, 2021.

All restrictions are in place for capacity, distancing, the use of masks and cleaning protocols.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience. God Bless and Stay Safe.

Junior Kindergarten Registrations

St. Michael's and St. Patrick's Catholic Schools

Junior Kindergarten Registration is happening now! Registering your child is easier than ever. Junior Kindergarten students will be children born in 2017, while Senior Kindergarten students will have a birth year of 2016.

Please go to ldcsb.ca website - click the register button. Please make sure that you choose the 21-22 school year. You will need the child's birth registration, the child's Catholic Baptismal Certificate. If your child is not baptized Catholic, then we need the Catholic parent's Catholic Baptismal Certificate.

If you are new to the area and would like to register your child to attend a Catholic School the registration process is the same.

Parish Photo Directory

At last, our Parish Photo Directory is here! For all parishioners who had their picture taken for the Directory, they will be available by calling or texting Lois Whalley at 519-539-8335 between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm to arrange pick up.

Stewardship Corner



February 7, 2021

This Sunday's monetary offering was \$3,790.75 compared to \$8,674.45 in 2020. Our Debt Reduction contributions for this week are \$603.75. Included are donations from direct deposit plus drop off donations and e-transfers.

We continue to encourage your financial support for the parish during these difficult times as our monthly bills do continue to come in. Your donations can be made through direct deposit, e-transfers, mail or by dropping an envelope off at the church.

God bless and stay safe.

Thank you for your continued generosity in support of our parish.