



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 at 519-608-6007 or email at:
holytrinity.grandknight@gmail.com

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.

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



The Baptism of the Lord – Some Musings

"You are my Son the beloved; with you I am well pleased."

A grey dawn broke over the grey earth below. The day did not look promising in those early morning hours. It appeared that the day would be cold and gloomy, cloudy with freezing rain to add to the difficulty of those who needed to travel and then a rent in the clouds let in a ray of sunshine and I thought how much life is like that. Life can seem fraught with trials and troubles and we see no help when suddenly the Lord sends a ray of sunshine to us. It comes to us in the guise of a friend bringing cheer in a warm casserole, a cheery voice on the end of the phone, a warm hug from a child.

The baptism of the Lord did the same thing for the world – He brought life to the world when He came to live among us and to die for us. When He is baptized He begins His mission of teaching and then ratifying a new covenant with the shedding of His blood, and He does not leave us without His presence in the form of His Body and Blood to nourish, strengthen and sustain us on our own work of mission. Just as the baptism of Jesus begins His ministry so to does our baptism begin ours. As small children we may think that we can't do much in the way of ministry but I've always found the faith of small children inspiring perhaps because they have come so recently from the Father. The faith of children is not encumbered by rules and regulations, it simply "is".

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord ends the Christmas season and leads us again into that lovely, lengthy season I like to call "extra" Ordinary Time. For me it's a season in which I believe we do most of our living, serving and loving. It's a season with the extraordinary events that occur in our daily lives; the season with ups and downs of living, the season of those memorable events of our lives. Our lives are not lived on the mountain tops where all is good and wonderful, nor are they lived in the dark valleys but rather in the foothills of ups and downs.

As we enter this lovely time, let's ask for the courage to live as a people of faith, a people called as a royal priesthood, a people set apart for His own possession and work with calm hearts, peaceful souls, joyful spirits working to make this Ordinary Time extraordinary in His world. This New Year has just begun so let's resolve to be the people about whom our Lord can say as we draw our dying breath, "You are my child, the beloved, with you I have been well pleased."

Wishing you a new year of life and love and many small miracles.

Happy New Year,
Betty Bruch

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.

Baptism Update

The directives received from the Diocese of London, state the following:

"The Baptism of infants and young children must NOT be celebrated communally, i.e. with several families at the same time. With the exception of maintaining physical distancing among family and friends, and the priest or deacon sanitizing his hands before and after pouring the water and anointing, the sacrament of Baptism is celebrated in the usual manner according to the Rite of Baptism. The water in the font is to be replaced after each baptism. Priests and deacons are to wear masks for the celebration of baptism for the protection of the infants and children being baptized."

Please contact the Church Office to arrange to pick up the information sheet and set an individual day and time for your child's Baptism. You will be individually orientated for the celebration of Baptism.

Thank you parents for your patience and understanding during this time of pandemic. Contact: (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:

On coming out of the water Jesus saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Reflection:

John the Baptist promised that Jesus would baptize us with the Spirit. Baptism inaugurated Jesus' mission and Mark reminds us that, through our baptism, we too are sent on mission. We are not baptized into a stay-at-home community to enjoy our gatherings, sing our hymns and say our prayers. Through our baptism each of us has been called to serve others in Christ's name.

So, we ask ourselves:

Am I aware that baptism means more than membership in a church?

What mission has the Holy Spirit given me as a baptized Christian?



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:

**** Marie MacDonald, mother of David, Bonnie Lampman, John & Marianne**

**** Charles Czerniawski, father of Christiine, Susan, Mary, Helen, Barbara & Edward**

**** Catherine Foster, mother of Tom, Ed, Ann & Jim**

**** Robert Wardell, father of Rob, Cindy Murdoch & Sue Wilford**

**** Judith Wilson**

****Mary Longtin, mother of Jacques & Lisa**

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.



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!

| MASS SCHEDULE | | | | |
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| Date | Time | Intentions For | Requested By | Please Pray For |
| Sunday January 10 | 8:30 am Holy Trinity Livestream | For parishioners of Holy Trinity | | Rev. Josef Denys |
| Monday January 11 | | | | Rev. Frances Thekkumkattil, C.S.T. |
| Tuesday January 12 | 9:30 am Holy Trinity Livestream | Jose Botelho Dang Cao Nguyen (Repose) Leanne Tavares Dee White | Arthur Botelho Sandy's 12 pm Choir Marlene Circelli & Family Nancy VanRyswck | Ms. Cathryn Hall, Pastoral Minister <i>Needs of the Prayer Line</i> |
| Wednesday January 13 | 9:30 am Holy Trinity Livestream | Krzysztof Sliskit (Repose) George White (Repose) Jose Moniz daCosta Rosemary George (Gift of Healing) | Friends Patricia Kipfer Jaime & Nelia deMelo Dorothy Ireland | Rev. Michael Parent <i>Homebound Parishioners</i> |
| Thursday January 14 | 9:30 am Holy Trinity Livestream | Trudy Wolanski (Birthday Blessings) Antonio Furtado do Couto Claire Wong (Repose) Michael Conlon (Gift of Healing) | Halina Nistizak Manuel do Couto Paul & Julie Tremblay Mary Butler & Family | Sister Mary Boere, C.S.J., Pastoral Minister <i>Parishioners in Hospital</i> |
| Friday January 15 | 9:30 am Holy Trinity Livestream | Olga Patterson (Repose) Fr. Rick Dales (Repose) Tara Hartman & Family (Gift of Healing) Maria Ngothi Lien | Nancy VanRyswck Dorothy Ireland Pilon Family Chinh & Thi Nguyen | Rev. Jude Ogbenna, C.S.Sp. <i>Parishioners in Nursing Homes</i> |
| Saturday January 16 | | For parishioners of Holy Trinity | | Deacon Thomas MacLeod |

New COVID Directives from London Diocese

As of December 26, 2020 to Saturday, January 23, 2021 ALL MASSES AND SERVICES IN OUR CHURCH ARE **SUSPENDED**. We will livestream Mass on Sundays at 8:30 am and weekly Masses from Tuesday to Friday at 9:30 am. Confessions will be by appointment and also on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall, lining up outside as before. We can only have 10 people TOTAL in the whole building at a time.

God Bless and Stay Safe

Changes and Pastoral Appointments

Rev. Dariusz Jagodzinski, in addition to his role as Parish Administrator of Holy Trinity, Woodstock, and Holy Cross Polish Catholic Community, is appointed Parish Administrator of Sacred Heart, Ingersoll, effective **February 4, 2021**. Rev. Sekar L. Raj, in addition to his role as Parochial Vicar of Holy Trinity, Woodstock, and Holy Cross Polish Catholic Community, is appointed Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart, Ingersoll, effective **February 4, 2021**. An additional priest for weekend coverage to be announced at a later date.

Rev. Gilbert Simard, currently Pastor of Sacred Heart, Ingersoll, is retiring in **February 2021**.

Men of Faith Conference - January 16, 2021 Online Event from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

For men of all ages, the "Men of Faith Conference" seeks to provide an opportunity for men to reinvigorate their Catholic faith with dynamic speakers, Q&A sessions, and fellowship with like-minded men serious about living their faith in the world today. Guest speaker will be Patrick Sullivan. The online event begins at 9:00 am with Mass.

Stewardship Corner



December 25 and 27, 2020

This Sunday's monetary offering was \$14,579.75 compared to \$15,223.00 in 2019. Our Debt Reduction contributions for this week are \$2,833.75 and Christmas donations \$10,230.00 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.