

## EAST WINDSOR CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

Our Lady of the Atonement | St. Anthony of Padua | St. John Vianney | St. Vincent de Paul

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#### Sunday, May 22, 2022 The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Our Easter Season now invites us to turn our attention to preparing for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Just as Jesus prepared His disciples to be open to receive the Spirit and to be attentive to the Spirit's promptings, so too we are all invited and encouraged to be open to the Holy Spirit. To be open means finding time for quiet so that we can be attuned to the voice of the Holy Spirit and not be distracted by the noise that surrounds us. We see in the Acts of the Apostles that "fake news" was a reality even then. How it easy it was to spread misinformation and lead people astray. The same easily happens today. That is why we need the help of the Holy Spirit who allows us to discern the truth and to remain firm in it.

The Book of Revelation reminds us of the power of the Resurrection which restores wholeness to the human family. As messengers of the Risen Lord, let us strive each day to bear witness to the truth, to do good, to love openly and generously, seeking to respond to everyone with kindness.

As we celebrate with the children and their families their reception of the Eucharist for the first time, this is a perfect opportunity for all of us to remember that we are grounded in Christ who strengthens and sustains us at all times.

There are a few pastoral challenges that the team is working on each week as we strive to get things back on track. Slowly and patiently we are encouraging all parishioners to the return of the their church attendance as they feel comfortable, resume ministry and activities, welcome new families through baptism and the other sacraments and generally seek to provide a stable experience of faith.

#### **WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS**

"Prayer is the raising of the mind to God. The actual words matter less." **St. John XXIII** 

"A joyful heart is more easily made perfect than a downcast one." **St. Philip Neri** 

#### **Pastoral Team**

#### Pastor:

Fr. Rob Rocheleau

#### **Associate Pastor:**

Fr. Jim Higgins

#### **Pastoral Minister:**

Rachelle Leslie

#### **Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministry:**

Maria Mollica

#### **Priest Chaplains to St. Anthony:**

Fr. Barnabas Kiss OFM & Fr. Angelus Ligeti OFM

#### New Mass Schedule (Temporary times due to COVID-19):

#### Saturday

5 pm Our Lady of the Atonement 5 pm St. John Vianney

#### Sunday

8:30 am Our Lady of the Atonment for St. Vincent de Paul Parish 9:00 am St. John Vianney 10:30 am Our Lady of the Atonement The mass for Hungarian Community is on hold for time being

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available by appointment only at this time.

Call the office to arrange a time.

#### **Baptism**

Contact the Pastoral Minister to discuss baptism.

#### Marriage

Contact the office at least eight months in advance.

Marriage preparation is required.

#### Sacrament of the Sick

Communal Celebrations Seasonally.

Individually anytime - Speak to one of the priests.

#### **Office Hours**

Monday: 9 am-3 pm Tuesday-Friday: 9 am-4pm

Vocations Calendar Please pray for	Mel Brown- wife Mary & Family Ray Bourdeau-Anna Meloche Viola Legault-Marie Lachine Nellie Drouillard-Teresa Grandi  Maria Del Proposto- Mike & Maria Caschera & Family Inez Caschera- Mike & Maria Caschera & Family Frank DiCarlo-Robin & Dave Orosz Bruno & Evelina Monis Galizio- Susan, Lina & Jun Winifred Fitzsimmons- Micheline Shepherd	
Tuesday, May 24 9 am @ SJV Blessed Louis-Zephirin Moreau Fr. Louis Rivard		
Wednesday, May 25 9 am @ OLA Fr. William Kornacker		
Thursday, May 26 9 am @ SJV St. Philip Neri	Nerry Mendoza-Her Family Katherine Chan- Dave & Rachelle Leslie Angela Alexander-	
Fr. Piotr Wojakiewicz C.S.M.A.	Rachel Morneau  Ken Owen-Madeline Owen	
Friday, May 27 9 am @ OLA Ms. Shirley Markham	All Souls in Purgatory- Susan, Lina & June Paul Ratko-K of C #8919 Nick Mucciaccio- wife Anna Maria & Family Nunzio Antonio Ruccolo- Sister Anna Maria & Family Michael & Nicolina Mucciaccio- sister Anna Maria & Family Luigi & Antoinetta Ruccolo-	
Parish Nurse	Daughter Anna Maria & Family	
Saturday, May 28 5 pm @ OLA & SJV Miss Jessica Lemon Campus Minister	Intentions of the Parishioners	
Sunday, May 29 Ascension of the Lord 8:30 & 10:30 am @OLA 9:00 am @ SJV	Intentions of the Parishioners	
Dcn. Christopher Stoesser		



#### SYNODAL LISTENING SESSIONS

Rachelle and I want to thank the participants in the four Listening Sessions for their valuable contributions. These conversations have been sent to our Bishops and

Episcopal Council to collate with the other contributions from across the Diocese. These will be sent to the Canadian Bishops who will then send them to Rome to be collected with others from across the universal church to be shared by the bishops attending the Synod in 2023. I was impressed with our groups and the insights that were shared.

Fr. Jim



#### MONTH OF MAY DEDICATED TO MARY

During this month we can seek the intercession of Mary by praying the Rosary each day. Her intercession allows us to hear the call of Jesus and follow Him more closely.

The Rosary is meant to be a

private devotion primarily, helping an individual to enter into a spirit of meditation. It can be prayed communally on occasion. Lately we have been asked if the Rosary might resume prior to weekday mass.

Since the pandemic began, we have noticed that the time before daily mass has provided an excellent opportunity for many to take advantage of the silence and spend time in individual prayer. This has proven to be of great spiritual benefit for both those attending and the priests preparing to celebrate the mass. As a result, this time before weekday mass will continue to be offered as time for silent prayer. Those wishing to pray the rosary are asked to do so individually in silence.

We will on occasion offer opportunities for a communal praying of the rosary. The first will be on Tuesday, May 31st, the Feast of the Visitation of Mary following the 9 am mass at St. John Vianney. Weather permitting, we will pray the rosary in the garden.



**Confessions** normally take place the 1st Saturday of the month at St. John Vianney and the 3rd Saturday of the RECONCILED month at Our Lady of the Atonement from 11 am-noon.

> Our next scheduled confessions are: Saturday, June, 4th at St. John Vianney Saturday, June 18th at Atonement

Confessions can also be arranged by appointment or check with one of the priests before or after daily mass if time permits.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK is also available if you are preparing for surgery or seeking the Lord's healing strength in a time of illness. We often can do this right after a weekend or weekday mass.

#### There is a Time for Everything under Heaven...

Let us all pray for all those who are in need of healing, at home, nursing homes or in hospital, and all those who care for them. Let us pray also for our deceased parishioners and family members who have died:

Lynne Copat, Ed Marontate & Mike Vandbossche

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.



Date & Time	Parish	Group & Location
Tues. May 24 @ 7 pm	SVDP	K of C General (Hospice)
Wed. Jun 1 @ 7:30 pm	SVDP	Prayer Group (St. Francis Hall)
Mon. Jun 6 @ 7 pm	SJV	Society of St. Vincent de Paul (St. John Vianney Hall)
Tues. Jun 7 @ 7 pm	OLA	K of C General (St. Francis Hall)
Thurs. Jun 9 @ 7 pm	SJV	K of C General (St. John Vianney Hall)
Thurs. Jun 9 @ 2 pm	OLA	CWL General (St. Francis Hall)
Tues. Jun 14 @ 7 pm	SJV	CWL General (St. John Vianney Hall)
Tues, Jun 21 @ 6 pm	OLA	Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Atonement Family Centre)
Tues. Jun 28 @ 7 pm	SVDP	K of C General (Hospice)

#### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We are in need of Kraft dinner if you are able to bring some over the next few weekends.

**CLOTHING BUNDLE DRIVE:** June 16/17 @ OLA SJV: later this summer



#### FIRST EUCHARIST

Celebrations are scheduled for May 21/22 and May 28/29 at all the parish masses. These celebrations are moments of joy for us as we witness the children receiving the Eucharist for the

first time. We are reminded just how precious the gift of the Eucharist is for us. Let us keep the children and their families in our prayers.

#### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**



We love to acknowledge couples celebrating their wedding anniversary with a blessing at mass. Their faithfulness to this sacrament is a witness to the grace working in their marriage. If you would like a blessing, phone the office and

speak to Robin and she will make sure to schedule it in with Fr. Rob and Fr. Jim.



#### Catholic Women's League News

#### Bursary Program (OLA)

A \$500.00 bursary will be awarded to a graduating student from high school who will be pursuing post-secondary education in the fall. The following criteria to be considered:

The student must be a parishioner of Our Lady of the Atonement and planning to purse post-secondary education upon graduating from high school this year.

Please pick up an application form and criteria outline in the parish office or St. Joseph H.S. guidance office.

The completed application form and letter must be submitted in a sealed enveloped to the Catholic Women's League Council by June 15th.

#### **Bursary Program (SJV)**

St. John Vianney CWL offers a \$100.00 bursary for any grade 8 student attending St. John Vianney School whose family is registered at St. John Vianney Parish. The student must be confirmed and registered to attend a Catholic High School. The deadline for the application is June 6th, 2022.

For more information contact Pat Lafontaine, President by email at: faithsvdp@hotmail.com

#### Mums Sale (SJV)



The CWL will take orders for their annual Mums Sale after mass June 4th & 5th @ St. John Vianney. They are available in a variety of beautiful colours.

Delivery of the Mums will be the first week of September.

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