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† Mass Times & Schedule †

Monday ~ No Mass

Tuesday ~ 8 am (St. Gregory site)
7 pm (St. William Site)

Wednesday ~ 9:15 am (St. William Site)

Thursday ~ 7 pm (St. Gregory Site)

Friday ~ 8 am * (St. Gregory Site)
* or 9:30 am if there is a school mass

& 10 am (La Chaumière Retirement Home),
1023 County Rd. 22, Puce

Saturday ~ 5 pm (St. Gregory Site)

Sunday

8 am; 10 am; 12 noon (St. Gregory Site)
9 am; 11 am (St. William Site)

Baptisms

Please contact Sue Bitacola (St. Gregory Site)

Reconciliation (Saturdays)

9 - 10 am (St. Gregory Site)
11 am - 12 noon (St. William Site)

Parish Office Hours ~ Monday - Friday

9 am - 12:00 noon (St. William Site)
9 am - 4:00 pm* (St. Gregory Site)
(*Closed 12 noon - 1:00 pm for lunch)

3rd Sunday of Advent ~ December 13, 2009

Dear Friends:

The Transition Parish Pastoral Council and I have been working with people from the Diocese of London regarding the Parish Pastoral Council and the new directives from the Diocese of London. Because of the change in direction for the Pastoral Council that is helping to do Pastoral Planning, the leaders of the Diocese saw the need to revise the election and membership process accordingly. We used to call this Council the Advisory Board, but now we are looking for members that will help plan for the future, not just advise or share information.



In light of this new process, I take this opportunity today to thank all those who just about three years ago, took on a daunting task of developing a Parish Constitution with election procedures. Early last year, when we became Good Shepherd Parish, we were informed that the Diocese was in the process of revising Parish Pastoral Councils and that we would be informed and guided through this new process before bringing it to the parish. The final document came from the Diocese on June 17, 2009 and now with our training complete, we will share this revised process with you early in the New Year.

Today just to give you a little information, I would like to share with you some of the roles and functions of the Parish Pastoral Council. The primary responsibility of the Parish Pastoral Council is pastoral planning. The pastoral planning process is an ongoing, cyclical process which is always mission-motivated. Pastoral planning involves discernment, consensus, prioritizing goals & objectives, implementation, and evaluation.

The PPC works with the pastor to discern needs, to ensure that they are met, and continually move the parish towards the greater fulfillment of its mission. Through constant attention to the life of the parish and the greater community, the Council identifies areas of concern and enables the parish to reach out to those in need. The traditional hallmarks of Christianity – Word, Worship, Community and Service – guide the Council in the evaluation of needs and the parish's response to them. Knowing that a parish cannot do all things at once, prioritizing goals helps to determine areas of greatest need or activities that are achievable within a 2-3 year time frame.

Selecting members for the PPC should not be a popularity contest. Nor should it be about "winners and losers." A pastor seeks those who are recognized as having gifts which will help the parish to vision and plan for a future living out the mission of Christ in a particular time and location, and therefore the Diocese is recommending a selection process of Discernment of Gifts rather than an Election.

In the New Year, we will go through a nine week process of sharing information and the discernment of gifts process for new members for the Parish Pastoral Council. As we work through this time of discernment, pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Look around the parish to see those individuals whom you would recommend to serve on Council - maybe that might be yourself.

Father Gary

✠ Masses for the Week of Dec. 15 - Dec. 20 ✠

Tuesday, Dec. 15 ~ St. Gregory Site ~ 8:00 am

John Wyrzykowski (10thA) & Evelyn Wyrzykowski (19thA).....
..... Marilyn & Roger St. Pierre
Fred & Jennie Cada..... The Family
Henry Marentette..... Wife Dorothy

Tuesday, Dec. 15 ~ St. William Site ~ 7:00 pm

Marco Antonio Carraro Gabbana Frank
The Dupuis Families Dr. & Mrs. Poisson
Errol Lesley..... Fiona Sookhai

Wednesday, Dec. 16 ~ St. William Site

School Mass ~ 9:15 am

Wilfred Smith Helen Smith & Family
Armando Martin Luigia & Al Martin
Thomas Poisson Dr. & Mrs. Poisson
Denise & Gerard Grenier Angeline Grenier

Thursday, Dec. 17 ~ St. Gregory Site ~ 7:00 pm

Gordon Ruggaber..... Henriette & Family
Don Grant John & Ruth-Anne Begin
Edward Curnutte & daughter Michelle..... Family

Friday, Dec. 18 ~ St. Gregory Site ~ 8:00 am

Paul Saddy (21stA)..... Saddy / Ristic Family
Eleanor Coughlin Jack & Louise Boyde
Tony Toldo..... Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Mass at St. Anne High School ~8:30 am

Gary Awad..... Helmut & Colleen Dietz

La Chaumière Retirement Home ~ 10:00 am Mass

Souls in Purgatory..... Dr. & Mrs. Poisson
Yvonne Gevaert Hunter Genevieve Hermann
Int. for Residents of La Chaumière Retirement Home

Saturday, Dec. 19 ~ St. Gregory Site

5:00 pm ~ Special Intentions of All Parishioners

Confessions (Saturday) ~ both sites

9:00 - 10:00 am (St. Gregory Site)
11:00 am - 12 noon (St. William's Site)

Sunday, Dec. 20 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 & 10:00 am; 12 noon (St. Gregory Site)
9:00 am & 11:00 am (St. William Site)
Special Intentions of All Parishioners



Christmas 2009 Mass Schedule


Christmas Eve ~ Thursday, Dec. 24th
5pm (St. William Site)
6pm; 8pm & 12 midnight (St. Gregory Site)


Christmas Day ~ Friday, Dec. 25th
9 & 11 am (St. William Site)
10 am & 12 noon (St. Gregory Site)


New Year's Eve ~ Thursday, Dec. 31st
5pm (St. Gregory Site)

New Year's Day ~ Friday, Jan. 1st, 2010
11am (St. William Site)

Readings for Dec. 20 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

 **First Reading:** Micah 5:2-5a
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

PRAYERS FOR DECEASED ~ We pray for the repose of the soul of **Gail Miller; Rene Morin; Anna Ferrera**, mother of Nina Coco; **Dr. Robert Hupka**; and **Gary Morrison**, son of Rose Kavanaugh. *May they rest in God's peace & love.* 

 **Holy Baptism** **Domenico Ronald Scott Recine**, son of Anthony & Allison; and **Mitchell Peter Wayne Carroll**, son of Martin & Lee-Ann; were baptized at Good Shepherd Parish. *Congratulations & may God continue to Bless you.*

Attention: Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors ~ There are sign-up sheets at the back of the church (both sites) for the Christmas / Holy Family / New Year's masses. *Thank you.*

Offertory Families for Christmas & New Year ~ There will be a sign-up sheet at both sites, for anyone interested. *Thank you.*

Holiday Office Hours ~ The offices (at both parish sites), will be **closed at noon on Thursday, December 24th**, and will **re-open on Monday, January 4th, 2010.**

Sunday Offertory Collection ~ Dec. 6, 2009

Good Shepherd	\$ 11, 049.00
Loose.....	930.00
Giving Tree	940.00
Flowers.....	750.00
Mission	2,065.00
Par Weekly	649.00

Thank you very much for your generous donations!



THE WINNER of the GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH LOTTERY DRAW for Dec. 6th is Lee Ann Levis (\$100). **Congratulations!**



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATION

Remember a loved one this Christmas. The Church is traditionally decorated with poinsettia plants during the Christmas Season. We invite you to donate towards these Christmas flowers in the Church, in memory of loved ones. Christmas flower envelopes are available at the entrances of the church (both sites). Simply put your donation in the envelope with **your name & the name of your deceased loved one** you would like remembered at Christmas. Please drop the envelope in the collection basket. *The names of your loved ones will be posted in the Church & they will be prayed for during the Christmas Season.* **Many thanks!**

St. Vincent De Paul ~ A *few good men* are needed to assist Roy Brothers for one morning or afternoon this month, at your convenience. **Please contact Roy at 519-735-4836. Thank-you**

St. Vincent de Paul (Dec. 9/09) Poor Box; \$77.25 Special; \$60.00 Church Collection; \$3,390.00

News from the CWL ~ All women of Good Shepherd are invited to the pot luck dinner on **Thursday, Dec. 17**, following mass, in the St. Gregory site hall. Bring your favourite dish, as well as a wrapped gift (recycled or new) to be auctioned off. *All proceeds donated to the St. Vincent de Paul.* **Memberships** for 2010 of **\$20** can be paid and new permanent membership cards to be collected at the dinner. Call Denise Masse at 519-727-3260, if a ride is needed. The St. Vincent de Paul is most grateful for the socks and goodies donated for our November meeting.

MEETINGS for the Good Shepherd Parish

DATE	TIME	GROUP & ROOM
Wed., Dec. 16	9:30 am 7:00 pm	-Faith Sharing (Marian Rm.) -Donna's Choir
Thurs Dec 17	<i>Foll. mass</i>	- CWL Potluck (Hall)
Fri., Dec. 18	9:00 am	-Family Learning Ctr. (Hall)
Sun, Dec. 20	10:00 am	- 4th Sunday of Advent -Sunday School (Hall)

****Please note: Above meetings are held at the St. Gregory Site unless otherwise specified.**

FUNDSCRIP ~ **please remember** to fill out your Fundscrip forms & complete your on-line ordering before the last Sunday of the month. **Thank you.**

From St. Vincent de Paul ~ We wish to say a special **thank you** to all who came forward this past year to donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul - gifts of money, food, clothing, & furniture - to assist us in helping those in need. You are in our prayers always. We are requesting a mass to be said for your intentions, in the new year. Please see the bulletin for the date & time. **Gratefully,**
Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Essex Food Bank Needs Your Help! With winter fast approaching, we are in need of children's winter coats and clothing, sizes newborn to 16. Warm winter blankets and snow boots are also needed. Donations can be dropped off at the Emeryville Site. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. **Thank you.**



Holy Family Retreat House, 121 Victoria Street, R.R.1, Harrow. For information on any of the up-coming retreats, please call 519-738-6136, or visit www.holyfamilyrh.com.

Trinity Praise & Worship Prayer Group at **St. Anne's church**, 12233 Tecumseh Road East, **each Tuesday evening, 7:30 - 9pm**, after Mass, in the Chapel.

Healing Mass celebrated the **first Friday** of every month, 7pm, **Immaculate Heart /St. Michael's Church.**


Remember our Children ~ A support group, peer led by others who have felt your pain. We reach out to one another with kindness, understanding and hope. Our children of all ages, have died from many different causes, but our love for our children unites us. Monthly drop-in group for Parents, Grandparents, and Siblings (16 yrs. & older), on the **4th Wednesday of each month**, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, 1400 Windsor Ave. (large East Mtg. Room). Supported by the Canadian Mental Health Association, Windsor-Essex County Branch. For more information, please contact: bvigneux@xplornet.com or elaine@granniesbears.com.

Catholic Men's Fellowship ~ Each month a group of Catholic men gather for breakfast to discuss life's events in relation to their faith journey. You are welcome to join us. We meet at Ivy Rose restaurant, 2885 Howard Ave. on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 8:30. For info, call Deacon Mike Horoky: 969-1348.

Prayers for vocations...

- Dec. 14 ~ *Memorial of John of the Cross; For Hospital Ministry*
- Dec. 15 ~ Fr. Emmanuel Ngiruwonsanga
- Dec. 16 ~ *For the underemployed & unemployed*
- Dec. 17 ~ *For retired priests*
- Dec. 18 ~ Fr. Eugene Bugala
- Dec. 19 ~ Fr. Maurice Charbonneau
- Dec. 20 ~ **4th Sunday of Advent; For Priests & Religious of the Eastern Rite Catholic Churches**





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