WELCOME TO THE STRATFORD CATHOLIC PARISH COMMUNITY
OF ST. JOSEPH’S & IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Dick Bester         Parochial Vicar: Fr. David Butler
Ron MacDonald: Pastoral Minister

Sunday, June 25, 2017
The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor’s Pen—Today, we celebrate the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Suffering is real, even for those who are called by God. We may understand this more readily in times of persecution or political unrest or observe it in other faith traditions. Choosing to live a Gospel life may overwhelm us. Despite the feeling of fear, Jesus said, “Don’t be afraid”

Next Sunday, July 2nd we will have our cluster swim and Parish picnic. Swimming will take place in the Lion’s Pool from 4:00—5:00 pm. and then we will be in St. Joseph’s Hall for our meal. We ask that you bring a salad or dessert, your own cutlery and plates. The meat will be provided. I thank the Pastoral Counsel for organizing this event, and the Knights of Columbus for doing the barbequing.

Anyone interested in becoming Catholic or seeking full communion with the Church, please let us know at the Parish office. For those who come to daily Mass, please watch the time and location of the Masses as we have a number or graduation Masses this week.

Our annual Mass at St. Anthony’s will take place on Sunday, September 10th at 2:00 pm.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK—

Monday:  Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4a, 5; Mt 7:6-12-14
St. Cyril of Alexandria—Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
The Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul!
Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4
First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church—This day is dedicated to the Christians martyred under the Emperor Nero in 64 AD.
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17
Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

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Sunday Masses:
Immaculate Conception Church
5:00 p.m. Sat. evening
10:00 a.m. Sun. Morning
Confessions:
A. Saturdays from 4-4:30 pm. or by appointment
St. Joseph’s Church –
Sunday Mornings
8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
Confessions:
A. Saturdays from 11 am—noon or by appointment
Children’s Liturgy of the Word
(For children JK – Grade 3)
Offered at Immaculate Conception Church at the 10 am. Mass and at St. Joseph’s Church at the 8:30 am. Mass.
Consecration of Our Country! As part of the celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of Confederation, the Bishops of Canada will be consecrating our country to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Not since the Marian Congress at Trois-Rivieres in 1954, when Cardinals James McGuigan and Paul-Emile Leger consecrated the nation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, has such an act been undertaken.

Given the challenges we face in our country, the hope is that each Parish will welcome a renewed act of consecration to Our Lady as an important opportunity for the proclamation of the Church’s mission in our country and in service to the world.

We invite you and your families to participate in the consecration of Canada, which will happen at all weekend Masses during the weekend of July 1 and 2. Please join us!

Prayer for Canada Day
Father Almighty and Creator God;
From the heights of a snow-capped peak in the Rockies,
to the depths of a mine in Sudbury,
From the crowds on the subway in rush hour
to miles travelled in Nunavut without seeing a soul,
From a huge pine tree in the forest to the croak of a bullfrog at dusk,
From the mighty moose to the tiniest spider, from maple syrup to hockey,
This is Canada, O Lord, our home that is a gift from you.
Today we honour that gift, and give thanks for it.
Father Almighty, continue to stand with us in this great land,
and pour out your love, protection and mercy upon Canada.
St. Joseph; Patron Saint of Canada, pray for us!
Amen!

Vocations Prayer Calendar—
This week please pray for:
Rev. Canon Peter Sanczenko, Martin Jimenez (Pastoral Worker), Fr. Tom Ferrera, Fr. Patrick Fuerth, Fr. Paul Baillargeon, Deacon Charles Stevens, Colleen Hanlry (Pastoral Minister), religious communities, Bishop Fabbro and Auxiliary Bishop Dabrowski, and for Pope Francis.

Please pray for those who have died—
Especially Art Monkel, brother of Betty Van Nes and Louise Dunseith. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Please pray for those who are sick—
especially: Eliah Rapien, Keith McKone, Cecilia Meagher, Rina Crisciti, Maria Sacco, Charles Bezzina, Joan Mezenburg, Edna Brake, Mackenna Jacobs, Cliff Morgan, Lorne Ellah, Brigitta Bokkers, and Raven Petrie.

The Saints’ Corner ~
“We greet you, Mother of God, you venerable treasure of the whole world, you inexhaustible lamp, crown of virginity, scepter of orthodox doctrine, everlasting temple, dwelling of Him whom no dwelling can contain! Mother and Virgin, we greet you! You who in your virginal womb enclosed the measureless and incomprehensible, through whom the holy Trinity was glorified and adored.”
-St. Cyril of Alexandria...whose Feast Day is this week.

Mass Schedule for the week of June 26-30

**Monday—6 pm. St. Joseph’s**  
St. Aloysius Graduation Mass
Intentions of Frank Krauskopf  
K of C Council 1431 3rd Degree
Jack Dietrich  
Norma McIver
Patrick Givlin  
Shirley & Ken McLea

**Tuesday—2 pm. at Anne Hathaway Residence**
Evelyn Lobinger  
Ray & Marilyn Dietrich
Mike Maloney  
Don & Lillian Morash
Riet VanderMeyden  
Peter & Annie Bokkers

**5 pm. at St. Joseph’s**  
St. Joseph’s School Graduation Mass
Joan & Terry Flanagan  
The family
Ken Abbott  
His family
Tony DeBrouwer  
Nellie DeBrouwer

(Eucharistic Adoration is cancelled this evening)

**Wednesday—8:00 am. Immaculate Conception**
Bob Skinner  
Marge Skinner & family
Bernard Murray  
Nico & Lynda Verwer
Franz Ebner  
Ottlie Schnuerer

**6 pm. at St. Joseph’s**  
Jeanne Sauvé Graduation Mass
Tom Hagen  
K of C Council 1431 3rd Degree
Mary Whaling  
K of C Council 1431 3rd Degree
Pauline Helm  
Veronica Kolman

**Thursday—9:30 am.**  
St. Michael Graduation Mass at the school
Corry Ruijs  
Harry & Eileen Thomas
Bernard Murray  
Aideen Moss & Michael Buckley
Judy Purcell  
Wally Ebner

**Friday—8:00 am. at St. Joseph’s**
Ken Chisholm Sr. (anniv)  
Ken & Mary Chisholm & family
The intentions of Jack & Mary Lou Palleschi—  
Anne Marie O’Hanley
Inez Haid  
Frances Leyser & family

Eucharistic Adoration follows this Mass until midnight
Regisration forms for campers, Gr. 7/8 and high school volunteers can be found on our bulletin boards and on our website. The new extended deadline for camper regisration is Monday, June 26th.

Our camp theme this year is EARTHKEEPERS—Pope Francis wrote us all a letter about creation, so we’ll learn what he said and what he’s asked us to do. We’re planning some fun songs, games, snacks, Bible stories, and much more as we learn all about God’s creation and the ways that we can care for it.

**When:** Monday, July 24th—Friday, July 28th **Time:** 9:00 am. to 12 pm. **Where:** St. Joseph’s Church

**Diocesan and other news...**

The Goderich Ultreya this month is today, Sunday, June 25 at the Goderich Knight’s of Columbus hall at 390 Parson’s Court at 7 :30 p.m. For further info call Eileen at 519-524-9400 or Marie at 519-395-5261. This is the final Ultreya until September.

Bishop Fabbro and Bishop Dabrowski invite parishes and parishioners to join them on pilgrimage to The Martyrs’ Shrine on Tuesday, August 22. A number of priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will be celebrated beginning at 1 pm. Bishop Fabbro will offer the Eucharist at 2 pm. Venerations of the relics and The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will follow at 3 pm.

Retrouvaille—The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don’t give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment please contact Retrouvaille for confidential information about, or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on August 25th-27th, 2017 at the Michaelite House Retreat Centre, London, ON. Please call 519-243-0687 or email: retrouvaillelondonskgIChomas@gmail.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org

Host families needed for International Students from Brazil, who will be attending high school this September. With Brazil being a predominately Catholic country, many students request Catholic families to live with. All we require is a loving environment, a spare room and time to share with these kids who will attend high school here. Homes can be seniors, singles, or families, and hosts are financially compensated. Please call or text Nicole Wallace at 519-301-0659 for more details. Please consider opening your heart and your home to these students.

**Sacraments**

**Baptisms**—Next baptism class takes place on Tuesday, July 11th at 7:40 pm. with baptisms taking place on Sunday, July 16th at Immaculate Conception Church.

**First Reconciliation** Prepararion begins again in October, 2017.

**First Holy Communions** Preparation begins again in January, 2018.

**Confirmation** Preparation begins in September, 2017. Please note this change of preparation date. By beginning earlier in the school year we will be able to fully complete the Confirmation program and honour a greater time of preparation for our candidates.

**Weddings**—should be booked six months to a year in advance. Please call the church office to book an appointment with one of our priests.

**Parish Supported Ministries**

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word** This is the last Sunday for our program until September. We thank all leaders who have made this program possible for children attending Mass.

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy**—Monday—Friday, 3-3:15 pm. at St. Joseph’s Church.

**The Thursday morning Lectionary Study Group** meets in the Cenacle fireplace room from 10:30 am.—12:00 pm. A great way to prepare for Sunday Masses! All are warmly welcome.
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

**Thursday morning breakfasts** at Immaculate Conception Church from 8:30—9:00 am. Everyone is welcome and invited to come out to enjoy good food and comradery.

**CWL NEWS**

**St. Joseph’s - Parish Cookbook!** We would like to thank all CWL members for all their contributions this year. Our successes are because of your efforts. Special thanks once again to Father David, Father Bester and the CWL women of Immaculate Conception for their continuing support. A big thanks to all who contributed to the cookbook! STAY TUNED for cookbook updates!!

**Immaculate Conception CWL** - Thank You to St. Joseph’s CWL for your special invitation to your tea social on June 19th. Our members enjoyed the evening of entertainment, music, tea, snacks and especially the warm welcome that was given to us.

We are ordering CWL scarves at a cost of $24.00 each and magnetic name tags for a cost of $12.00 to purchase. Please call Lorraine Hertel at 519-271-3076 by June 26th if you wish to purchase a scarf or name tag.

**St. Joseph’s Christmas Market**

Are you a creative person with a talent for knitting, sewing, crocheting, woodworking, hand made crafts or other arts and crafts. Would you like to use your talents to support St. Joseph’s Restoration? We invite you to make and donate items to our Christmas Market which has been a great community event! If you make homemade jams, jellies or preserves please consider making a donation of one or two jars of these very popular food items. They have been a quick sell out last year. For more information or to help with the event please call Elia Forte (519-271-2728) or Mary Jacob 519-271-7894. All proceeds will go to the St. Joseph’s Restoration Fund. More details to follow including the date for this event!

**Happy Anniversary!**

We congratulate Eugene & Leanne Desando on the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary. Lord, we pray that You will honor their commitment to each other and to You by granting them many more years of happiness together.

**Baptisms**

This past weekend we celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism. With great joy we welcome to our Church our newly baptized!!

- **Lennon Blair Love De Jong**, child of Chris & Katelyn De Jong.
- **Brynn Elizabeth Feeney**, child of Bill & Michelle Feeney.
- **Laken Michael James Ignor**, child of Matthew & Jenalyn Ignor.
- **Nadia Ariel Elise Reany**, Anna Nadira Elouise Reany,
  Anna Nadira Elouise Reany, and **Evelynn Judith Amadea Reany**, Elijah John Samuel Reany,
  children of Joseph & Laurel Reany.

“May the Lord give His angel charge over you, to guide you in all your ways.”

Psalm 91:11