

**PRAY PLEASE FOR:**

**Linda Blondeel**

*Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).*

**WEEK AT A GLANCE (Dec 3 - 9)**

<b>Mon</b>	6:30 pm	Folk Choir Practice
	8:00 pm	AA
<b>Tues</b>	9:00 am	Grade 3 Reconciliation (St. Joseph's School)
	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
<b>Wed</b>	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion
	10:45 am	Fatal Flaws Movie Presentation
	5:00 pm	Friendship Dinner
	6:30 pm	Confirmation- Decision Point
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Communal Penance</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	10:00 am	Rosary (Woodingford Lodge)
	11:30 am	Jollymakers (Bingo & Cards)
	7:45 pm	RCIA
<b>Fri</b>	9:00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:00 pm	Altar Server Bowling Tournament
<b>Sat</b>	9:30 am	First Confessions
	10:30 am	Confessions
<b>Sun</b>	9:00 am	Sunday School
	7:00 pm	High School Ministry

*In the event of a funeral Mass on Wednesday or Friday, Mass will be cancelled and the Mass Intentions will be offered at the funeral.*

**Altar Server (Dec 4 & 6) Alison Donkers**

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY – NOV 24/25**

Regular Envelope	\$ 4704.00
Loose	\$ 332.40
Capital/Building Fund	\$ 570.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5606.40</b>



We welcome into our faith community through the waters of baptism: **Jackson Reid Stanbridge, Lucas David Wade Kirby & Jaylen Emma Mc Corquodale.** May they and their families always be guided by the Lord.

**MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Dec 3-9)**

<b>Tues</b>	7:00 pm	Henrico Parisio Mr. & Mrs. George Virag Daniel McGarity Hector Verhoeve
<b>Wed</b>	10:00 am	John Cavanagh Deceased members : Sen Than Family Hank Schroder
<b>Thurs</b>	3:30 pm	Mass - Tillsonburg Retirement Centre Brian Stephenson
	7:00 pm	Steven Choma Sr. Sean Ketchabaw Denis Turcotte
<b>Fri</b>	10:00 am	Bill & Rieky Wiggers Tullio Cecchetto Desmond R. Kennedy
<b>Sat</b>	9:00 am	John Off David Ferraro Julius Markovics
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Sun</b>	9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (Dec 8/9)**

**Saturday (5 pm)**

Commentator: Ed Decker  
 1st, 2nd Lector: Carla Matos, Dave Mulholland  
 Gift Bearers: Dan, Melissa & Jack Peloso  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Linda Bertling, Kathy Myny, Pat Molloy, Vince Molloy  
 Greeters: Dan, Meliisa & Jack Peloso  
 Rosary: Moma Fardella

**Sunday (9 am)**

Commentator: Brian O'Rourke  
 1st, 2nd Lector: Nicole Gubesch, Mary Virag  
 Gift Bearers: Mike & Violetta Bell & Family  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Liz DeWaele, Mae Feeney, Irene Gubesch, John Oliveria  
 Greeter: Ann Schroder  
 Rosary: Irene Gubesch

**Sunday (11 am)**

Commentator: Teena Mendonca  
 1st, 2nd Lector: Richard Reeneboog, Ron Semenuk  
 Gift Bearers: Larry Duyck  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Barry Bruder, Nora Marie Bruder, Vicky Luki, Ted Novakowski  
 Greeters: Janet Guralski  
 Rosary: Barry Govia



Let your roots go down into Christ, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.  
Colossians 2:7

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**From the Desk of Father John**

**1. Communal Penance**

This coming Wednesday (Dec 5th), we will have our Communal Penance for Advent. There will be a short preparation, followed by individual Confessions. There will be a number of Priests present. I would encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

**2. First Reconciliation**

Our young people in Grade Two will be receiving this Sacrament during the Advent Season on Saturday mornings - If you plan on coming to Confession on these Saturdays, please try to accommodate the young people.

**3. Fatal Flaws**

I spoke about this documentary a few weeks ago in my homily. It deals with the issue of Assisted Suicide. When I watched this a few weeks ago, I felt that I was enlightened about this issue. We are having two showings this week - Tuesday, December 4th after the 7:00 PM Mass and on Wednesday, Dec 5th after the 10:00 AM Mass. This will take place in the Parish Centre.

**4. Pilgrimage to Ireland**

Have you ever wanted to see the land of St Patrick? I have planned a pilgrimage trip there for next September (2019). The plan is to depart from Toronto on Monday, September 23rd and return on Thursday, October 3rd. We will visit the shrine at Knock, where in 1879, 15 townspeople saw apparitions that included the Virgin Mary, Joseph and Jesus, as the Lamb of God. We will also visit the Mountain of St Patrick, where St. Patrick fasted for 40 day in the year 441. We will also visit the grave of St. Patrick, along with many other places. More details will be in upcoming bulletins. For further information, you may call Cheryl Johnston at 1 877 735 5633 extension 6225. We have invited the Tour Representative to make a presentation here - I will let you know the time and date!

Have a great week!

Fr John

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Colleen Hanley, Pastoral Minister  
Teena Mendonca, Business Manager  
Melissa Sioen, Secretary

**Office Hours:** Mon, Wed, Fri  
(9 am - 12 pm, 1 pm - 4 pm)

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm  
Sunday Masses: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

**Daily Mass**

Tuesday, Thursday: 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, Friday: 10:00 am  
Saturday: 9:00 am

**Reconciliation**

Saturday: 9:30 am -10:30 am or by appointment

**Children's "Sunday School"**

Oct to May, @ 9 am Mass

**Catholic Schools**

St. Joseph School: (519) 660-2783  
Msgr. O'Neil School: (519) 660-2772  
St. Mary's High School: (519) 675-4435

**Baptism Preparation**

Contact Father John, ext. 22

**Weddings**

By appointment, and 6 months notice

**DECEMBER 2, 2018**

**ATTENTION: Bulletin submissions must be received by 4 pm Tuesdays, thank-you for your cooperation.**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

Sunday School is a program for children who are age 3 (or toilet trained) until they enter grade 2 to help them learn the rituals of mass and hear the Gospel story in child friendly language, through craft and song. Father John, at the beginning of Mass, calls the children forward and they process to the Parish Centre with their leader and return to you during the offertory song. This year Sunday School will be available at the Sunday 9 AM Mass. For more information please contact Colleen Hanley ([chanley@dol.ca](mailto:chanley@dol.ca)) or call the office.

### **CONFIRMATION NEWS**

Preparation meetings for Confirmation are the 1st Wednesday (6:30 – 8:30 pm) or 1st Saturday (10 am – noon) of each month. Our next preparation meetings are Saturday December 1st (10am-noon) or Wednesday December 5th (6:30-8:30 pm) in the Father Langan Parish Centre. For more info please contact Colleen Hanley (519-842-3224 ext23 or [chanley@dol.ca](mailto:chanley@dol.ca)).

### **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Our Grade 2 students will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation the four Saturdays of Advent following the 9:00 am daily mass. To accommodate the young parishioners, Fr. John will hear confessions for seasoned parishioners from 10:30 am to 11:30 am during the Advent season.

### **ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS**

Save the date! Friday December 7th from 7-8 pm the Annual Altar Server Bowling Trophy is up for grabs! Please check your emails and the sacristy for information and permission forms and return no later than Wednesday December 5th to Mrs. Hanley. Hmmm ... I hear Fr. John is a pretty good bowler!

### **FAMILY CATECHISM**

We are a group that offers family faith formation in a welcoming setting - teaching your children the fundamentals of the Catholic Faith with other like minded parents is fun and effective! We offer classes for JK - Gr. 9, as well as an adult video and discussion. Our next meeting is on Sunday, December 2 at 2:55 pm in the Father Langan Parish Centre. For more information please visit [www.famfi.ca](http://www.famfi.ca) or talk to John & Karin Lansink.



### **HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY**

Our monthly High School Nights are back! They are the second Sunday of the month from 7-9 pm and our next night is Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup>. These nights are open to all high school students and will include games, faith formation, prayer and of course food! Why come? Be a part of a community of your peers who share values and views that will help you navigate the prevalent culture that is at school and in the media. We will be hosting High School Nights at the Parish Centre in Room 9. Please share this with all the high school aged youth in your life and we hope to see you this Sunday!

### **CHILL ZONE**

Chill Zone is a drop in Centre for youth in grade five and up. Youth can socialize and experience a safe community to play video and card games, participate in sports in the gym, enjoy the creativity of the craft room and find nourishment in the tuck shop! Our next Chill Zone is Friday December 14<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm. We are looking for adult volunteers to help lead games or sports in the gym and to help supervise throughout the year. If you are interested please contact Colleen Hanley (519-842-3224 ext. 23 or [chanley@dol.ca](mailto:chanley@dol.ca)).

### **THE LEGACY OF ST. PATRICK - PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND**

As you enjoy a 10 day tour to the Emerald Isle, you will experience the history, culture and faith of Ireland that came through the missionary efforts of St. Patrick in the 5th century. This pilgrimage includes visits to many historical churches as well as a visit to Knock, where in 1879, Mary appeared to 15 townspeople. In addition to your Irish Guide, as part of this pilgrimage, Fr. David Johnston and Fr. John Pirt will be offering daily Mass. Cost is \$2639 per person (Based on twin) - airfare extra. For further information, contact Cheryl Johnston, 855 St. Clair St., Chatham, ON N7L 0E9 Phone: 519-354-6040 or 1 877 735 5633 ext 6225 Email: [cjohnston@selloffvacations.com](mailto:cjohnston@selloffvacations.com)

### **MARIAN PILGRIMAGE- MAY 5-14, 2019**

Join us on a pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain & Lourdes with 206 Tours and Fr. Tom Ferrera! Anyone interested in this great opportunity can visit and register online at <http://pilgrimages.com/frferrera/>. For more information please call Carol Van Moerkerke at 519-877-2355 or Karin Lansink at 519-550-0304.

### **FATAL FLAWS MOVIE PRESENTATION**

A repeat showing of "Fatal Flaws Legalizing Assisted Death" will be presented on Tues Dec 4th at 7:30 pm and Wed Dec 5th at 10:45 am in the FLPC Rm # 5 following the daily mass.

### **SUNDAY MISSALS**

The Daily Missals are to be used in the church only (not taken home). If you would like to purchase a subscription, please contact the office (519) 842-3224.

### **RIGHT TO LIFE**

Thank you to parishioners who supported the Quilt Draw again this year. The draw took place at the Right to Life breakfast at Henderson Hall on Nov. 24th. The winners were: Dianne Waugh, Woodstock – the quilt; Pat Payne, Woodstock – the mini iPad ; Joan Ford, Woodstock - \$150 grocery vouchers.

The guest speaker was Michael Hale, President of Alliance for Life Ontario and President of London Right to Life. His talk touched on many facets of our work including the need for young people to invigorate our movement, promotion of political involvement in decisions being made and the need to oppose in a peaceful way a selfish culture. He encouraged us to be brave, stand up, speak up and make people aware of the truth so that they may make informed decisions. He asked everyone to sign the petition of One Million 2019 ([www.petitionofonemillion.ca](http://www.petitionofonemillion.ca)) which will be presented in Parliament in 2019. In conclusion, he told us to continue remaining in the public eye with our public displays, walks, life chains, etc. and to motivate our children to step up and do their part. "Communicating our views," he said, "is critical."

**Campaign Life Coalition Christmas Cakes** are available now. Regular (600 grams) - \$20.00 or Deluxe (1 kg) - \$27.00. To place an order phone Bonnie De Decker at 519-913-3533.

### **REACH OUT MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS**

There is an important meeting for all volunteers who take communion to shut-ins and to the nursing/retirement homes, those who visit parishioners in their homes and nursing/retirement homes as well as any ministry ( Rosary, Music, Mass Set-up) in the nursing/retirement homes on Friday December 14th at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall following the daily Mass. If you are a Reach Out volunteer and currently not assigned anywhere we ask you to please come to this meeting.

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

There are special envelopes at all entrances for donations for Christmas flowers in memory of your loved ones. Their names will be in the Christmas bulletin. Thank you for your donations.



### **CWL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Please come to our CWL Christmas dessert social on December 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the FLPC, Rm # 7. We will have a cookie Exchange. Please bring 2 dozen cookies or squares. Dress Christmas attire. Everyone is welcome !

### **ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE CELEBRATION**

On Wednesday December 5th, St. Mary's will be hosting a Communal Penance Celebration in the Church. It will begin at 7 pm with a short preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation followed by individual reception of the sacrament. There will be several priests from the deanery present to hear confessions. For more information please see Fr. John.

### **ST MARY'S GIVING TREE**

Now is the time to start thinking of your possible gift for the giving tree. The Giving Tree is a wonderful way to help provide for those in our community seeking assistance with food and gifts for their family this Christmas. During the first three Sundays of Advent (Dec 1-2, Dec 8-9 & Dec 15-16) you can place your gift at our Giving Tree located at the back of the Church by the large crucifix before all the Masses. Our gifts are for children up to 17 years in age. The gifts may be toys, clothing, books, toiletries, etc. Please NO war toys or used items. Please do not wrap the gifts. Gift Certificates (food or non food) are great ideas! If you would like to donate a monetary amount in lieu of a gift, put your name and address on an envelope. The cheque can be made payable to either St. Mary's Church or Tillsonburg Knights of Columbus. A tax receipt will be issued. For more information please contact Deacon Andre.



## **Christmas Schedule...**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

5:00 pm - Children's Choir  
7:30 pm - Folk Choir  
Midnight Mass - Sunday Choir  
(Incense only at the Midnight Mass)

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

10:00 am

### **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

Dec 31 - 5:00 pm  
Jan 1 - 10:00 am