

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (Dec 29/30)**Saturday (5 pm)**

Commentator: Cathy Palmer
 1st, 2nd Lector: TBD, Dorothy Lipsit
 Gift Bearers: Dave & Ellen Devlin
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Pat Molloy, Vince Molloy, Jeannette Keba, Kathy Myny
 Greeters: Linda Bertling
 Rosary: Helen Borbely

Sunday (9 am)

Commentator: Mike Bossy
 1st, 2nd Lector: Tina Hopper, Anne Stancek
 Gift Bearers: Mark & Tina Hopper & Family
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Irene Gubesch, John Oliveira, Mariola Pleli, Sara Leonard
 Greeter: Ann Schroder
 Rosary: Mae Feeney

Sunday (11 am)

Commentator: Teena Mendonca
 1st, 2nd Lector: Kathy Holly, Audrey Jayne
 Gift Bearers: Darren & Ana Jayne & Family
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Ted Novakowski, Darlene Papaioannou, Norma Roczen, Norbert Vanhooren
 Greeters: Debbie & Dan Verbrugge
 Rosary: Allen J. Scovil

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Dec 24-30)

Mon	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve- Children's Choir
	7:30 pm	Christmas Eve - Folk Choir
	11:59 pm	Midnight Mass- Sunday Choir
Tues	10:00 am	Christmas Day
Wed	10:00 am	Boxing Day
Thurs	7:00 pm	Manuel Oliveira Henry & Agnes Vandergrindt Denis Turcotte Jeremy Vanparis
Fri	10:00 am	Lorette Pooley Dan Sawadski Ken Sawadski Irma Verschueren
Sat	9:00 am	Eric Loevenmark Ralph Patterson Karie & Dave Broughton A Special Intention
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sun	9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (Jan 5/6)**Saturday (5 pm)**

Commentator: Moma Fardella
 1st, 2nd Lector: Veronica Holly, Linda Bertling
 Gift Bearers: Gary & Kathy Myny
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Dave Bertling, Linda Bertling, Heather Campbell, Valerie Claessens
 Greeters: John & Adele Armstrong
 Rosary: Dorothy Lipsit

Sunday (9 am)

Commentator: Mae Feeney
 1st, 2nd Lector: Andrew Stancek, Anne Stancek
 Gift Bearers: Bob & Sandra Laking
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Carol Van Moerkerke, Eric Van Moerkerke, Mary Virag, Barb Compeau
 Greeter: Barbara Libon
 Rosary: John Oliveira

Sunday (11 am)

Commentator: Janet Guralski
 1st, 2nd Lector: Ashley Kamenar, Anna Kelly
 Gift Bearers: John & Diane Monsere
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Helen Borbely, Barry Bruder, Nora Marie Bruder, Pat D'Hulster
 Greeters: Nora Marie Bruder
 Rosary: Norbert Vanhooren

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Dec 31- Jan 6)

Mon	5:00 pm	New Year's Eve Mass
Tues	10:00 am	New Year's Day
Wed	10:00 am	Ralph Patterson Theresa & Julius Sheila Hoshoooley
Thurs	3:30 pm	Mass - Tillsonburg Retirement Odette Kurckaert Tullio Cecchetto
	7:00 pm	Deceased members: Sen Than Family Brian Stephenson Hank Schroder
Fri	10:00 am	Desmond R. Kennedy Sean Ketchabaw Daniel McGarity
Sat	9:00 am	Cecil Mounce Denis Turcotte Bela Szucsko Violet Alexander
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sun	9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's



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

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 Jack Grim, Deacon
 Brian Hanley, Deacon
 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

FORTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH DEC 23 & 30, 2018

*"Grant, we pray, almighty God,
 that, as we are bathed in the new radiance of your incarnate Word,
 the light of faith, which illumines our minds,
 may also shine through in our deeds."
 (Opening prayer from Christmas Mass at dawn)*

Dear Friends,

In a few short days we will all commemorate again this great reality as expressed in the prayer above - that we may once again be "bathed in the new radiance of your incarnate Word" - that we may encounter the Christ-child anew!

Some of the hurt, alienation, anger and discouragement felt by so many is caused in part by the loss of faith in this great mystery.

When all else goes wrong and we feel so confused and lonely - our faith in the mystery of the Incarnation - "God with us" comes to our assistance and we can "rejoice" in the "Good News" brought by the angels "For today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you a child lying in a manger" Luke 2:11-12.

This is what Christmas means. We make every effort to be with family and friends because we share a joy and happiness we can find no where else - because Christmas confirms God's closeness and love for all of us.

On behalf of the staff of St. Mary's, I would like to wish everyone of you a very Joyful Christmas!

Fr John

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) 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 Wednesday January 2nd (6:30-8:30 pm) or Saturday January 5th (10am-noon) in the Father Langan Parish Centre. Our candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrating the Rite of Enrolment at either the 5 pm Mass January 5th or Sunday January 6th at 9 am. Please continue to pray for the candidates, their families and their sponsors.

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, January 6 at 2:55 pm in the Father Langan Parish Centre. For more information please visit 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 January 13th. 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!



We welcome into our faith community through the waters of baptism: **Riley Marie Fitch**. May she and her family always be guided by the Lord.

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

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.

DAILY 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.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES BOX SETS ARE READY FOR PICK UP

The offertory envelope box sets are available in the new addition for pick up before and after all masses on the weekend. Please contact Teena Mendonca (519-842-3224 Ext. 24) if you need assistance or have any questions.

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 January 11th 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).

RIGHT TO LIFE

Thank you to everyone who placed an order for the Campaign Life Coalition Christmas Cakes.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL INVITATION

Everyone is invited to a talk and discussion on Social Justice and our role in the Church and Community.

Speaker: Jim Paddon

Date: **Monday, January 14th 2019**

Time: **4:00 – 4:30 PM**

Venue: **Church Basement**

Light Refreshments will be served.

WEEK AT A GLANCE (Dec 24 - 30)

Mon	8:00 pm	Office Closed AA - (Parish Centre)
Tues		Christmas Day- Office Closed
Wed		Boxing Day- Office Closed
Thurs	11:00 pm	Office Closed Rosary- Tillsonburg Retirement Centre
Fri	9:30 am	Office Closed Divine Mercy Chaplet
Sat	9:30 am	Confessions
Sun	9:00 am	Sunday School

Altar Server (Dec 27) Addison Jayne

WEEK AT A GLANCE (Dec 31- Jan 6)

Mon	8:00 pm	Office Closed AA - (Parish Centre)
Tues		New Year's Day- Office Closed
Wed	9:30 am 10:30 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Rosary Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion Calendar/ Pastoral Team Prayer Friendship Dinner Confirmation- Decision Point Folk Choir Practice
Thurs	10:00 am	Rosary- Woodingford Lodge
Fri	9:00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat	9:30 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Confessions Confirmation- Decision Point Rite of Enrollment- Confirmation
Sun	9:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 3:00 pm	Rite of Enrollment- Confirmation Sunday School CWL Installation of New Executive Family Catechism

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.

**SSVP Collection & Food Bank
Knights of Columbus Can Collection**

Altar Server (Jan 3) Jasmine Hopper



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

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

The parish office will be closed from Monday December 24, 2018 to Tuesday January 1, 2019. The office will re-open on Wednesday January 2, 2019.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA

Are you looking for a last minute Christmas gift for that hard to buy for CWL member in your life? I have the perfect idea. A paint night! Or rather in this case it will be a paint afternoon. On Saturday February 23rd, from 12:30-3:30 pm the CWL will be showing off their artistic side. Although we will all be painting the same beach scene, they will not all look the same. Tickets are \$45.20 and \$15.00 per ticket comes back to the CWL as a fundraising effort. Come join us for an afternoon of fun and laughter. Please call Rosanne at 519-842-4372 for tickets.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – DEC 15/16

Regular Envelope	\$5169.00
Loose	\$ 421.80
Christmas	\$ 30.00
Capital/Building Fund	\$ 485.00
Total	\$ 6105.80



PRAY PLEASE FOR:

Holy Souls in Purgatory

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