

**PRAY PLEASE FOR:**

**Holy Souls in Purgatory**

*Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38).*

**WEEK AT A GLANCE (Jan 14-20)**

<b>Mon</b>	4:00 pm	SSVP Membership Meeting
	4:00 pm	SSVP- Talk/Discussion- Social Justice
	8:00 pm	AA
<b>Tues</b>	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
<b>Wed</b>	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:00 am	Liturgy of the Word
	10:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion
	1:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	5:00 pm	Friendship Dinner
	6:30 pm	Folk Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	CWL General Meeting
<b>Thurs</b>	11:30 am	Jollymakers - Bingo
	7:45 pm	RCIA
<b>Fri</b>	9:30 am	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	10:00 am	Liturgy of the Word
	7:00 pm	Ultreya
<b>Sun</b>	9:00 am	Sunday School
	3:00 pm	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.*

**Altar Server (Feb 5 & 7)** Kherington Spanjers  
*Knights of Columbus Can Collection*

**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

**2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

The 2019 offertory envelope boxed 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.

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (Jan 19/20)**

**Saturday (5 pm)**

Commentator: Ed DeDecker  
1st, 2nd Lector: Dave Mulholland, Kathy Myny  
Gift Bearer: Betty-Ann Mulholland  
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Veronica Holly, Randy Keba, Dave Bertling, Linda Bertling  
Greeters: Betty-Ann Mulholland  
Rosary: Moma Fardella

**Sunday (9 am)**

Commentator: Mariola Pleli  
1st, 2nd Lector: Nicole Gubesch, Anne Stancek  
Gift Bearer: Joanne Maertens  
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sara Leonard, Mary Virag, Carol Van Moerkerke, Eric Van Moerkerke  
Greeter: Ann Schroder  
Rosary: Anne Stancek

**Sunday (11 am)**

Commentator: Teena Mendonca  
1st, 2nd Lector: Rachel Parker, Heather Pelland  
Gift Bearer: Helen Borbely  
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Norbert Vanhooren, Helen Borbely, Barry Bruder, Nora Marie Bruder  
Greeters: Janet Guralski

**MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Jan 14-20)**

<b>Tues</b>	7:00 pm	<b>Mass Cancelled</b>
<b>Wed</b>	10:00 am	Liturgy of the Word
<b>Thurs</b>	3:30 pm	<b>Woodingford Lodge - Cancelled</b>
	7:00 pm	<b>Mass Cancelled</b>
<b>Fri</b>	10:00 am	Liturgy of the Word
<b>Sat</b>	9:00 am	<b>Mass Cancelled</b>
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Sun</b>	9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY – JAN 5/6**

Regular Envelope	\$6949.70
New Year's Day	\$3256.10
Initial Envelope	\$1266.10
Loose	\$ 493.70
Christmas	\$ 185.00
Capital/Building Fund	<u>\$ 3356.00</u>
Total	<u>\$15506.60</u>



**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.



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

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**From Colleen ...**

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus! I wanted to share with you this reflection from Henri Nouwen titled "Anchor Yourself in God's Love", it is so beautiful and reinforced that I am a child of God!

*When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, he heard a voice from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). These words revealed the true identity of Jesus as the beloved. Jesus truly heard that voice, and all of his thoughts, words, and actions came forth from his deep knowledge that he was infinitely loved by God. Jesus lived his life from that inner place of love. Although human rejections, jealousies, resentments, and hatred did hurt him deeply, he remained anchored in the love of the Father. At the end of his life, he said to his disciples, "Listen: the time will come— indeed has come already—when you are going to be scattered, each going his own way and leaving me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me" (John 16:32).*

*I know now that the words spoken to Jesus when he was baptized are words spoken also to me and to all who are brothers and sisters of Jesus. My tendencies toward self-rejection and self-deprecation make it hard to hear these words truly and let them descend into the center of my heart. But once I have received these words fully, I am set free from my compulsion to prove myself to the world and can live in it without belonging to it. Once I have accepted the truth that I am God's beloved child, unconditionally loved, I can be sent into the world to speak and to act as Jesus did.*

My wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ, as we bless ourselves with Holy Water remind yourselves that each and everyone of you are children of God!



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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

**JANUARY 13, 2019**

**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

Our next preparation meetings are Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup> (10am-noon) or Wednesday February 6<sup>th</sup> (6:30-8:30 pm) in the Father Langan Parish Centre. Please continue to pray for the candidates, their families and their sponsors.

### 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 this Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup>. These nights are open to all high school students and will include games, faith formation, prayer and of course food! We will be discussing upcoming opportunities for service like our upcoming Grade Six retreat and opportunities for faith formation like the Pure Life Retreat and Steubenville Toronto. We will be hosting High School Nights at the Parish Centre in Room 9. See you Sunday night!

### GRADE ONE TOUR

We are very excited to have our Grade One classes join us for Mass on Wednesday January 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 am and after Mass our Grade One Classes will enjoy a tour of our Church! Please make our wee parishioners feel welcome! (Please note: there will be no OLOPH devotions that day)

### FIRST COMMUNION NEWS

At all the Masses, the weekend of February 2-3, our children preparing for the Sacrament of their first Holy Communion will be recognized. They have celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation and are now preparing for Holy Communion! Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they journey towards Holy Communion Learning Centres March 22- 24th.

### ANNOINTING MASS

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be available on February 13<sup>th</sup> at the 10 am Mass. Following the Mass everyone is invited to spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament praying for the sick in our parish until noon (Benediction at 11:45 am). For more information please call the parish office.

### REACH OUT MINISTRY MEETING

We invite our Reach Out Ministry team members to attend an important get together on Friday February 1<sup>st</sup> after the 10 am Mass at 10:30 am in the Parish Centre room 5. A great opportunity to share best practices, grow in faith and enjoy some light refreshments.

### STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2019

On July 12-14, 2019 our parish will be sending a bus of youth going into high school or already in high school to this amazing Conference! If you have a child in grade eight they are eligible to come to Steubenville this year! Mark you calendars ... we all BELONG! The cost is \$200 which includes the conference, lodging, bussing and food. If you want to know more information or to secure a spot on the bus, drop of the initial payment of \$75 to the rectory or see Mrs. Hanley. More info will be available next week!

### 2019 PURE LIFE SUMMIT

Calling all high school students! Save the Date for the 2019 PURE LIFE SUMMIT "Into the Deep" on FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup> @ St. André Bessette Catholic Secondary School from 8:30 am until 10 pm. Personal testimonies, faith sharing, opportunities for Reconciliation and Adoration, great food and a over 300 high school and university students belting out praise and worship music! Deadline to register is January 20<sup>th</sup>! Cost is \$20 for an amazing day that will change your life! We will be carpooling from St. Mary's Church – if you are interested and want more information please contact Mrs. Hanley (519-842-3324 ext.23 or [chanley@dol.ca](mailto:chanley@dol.ca)) as soon as possible.

### PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA, SPAIN & LOURDES

Join us from May 5-14, 2019 on a 10 day pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain & Lourdes with Fr. Tom Ferrera and 206 Tours, the leader in Catholic Tours! Your trip includes centrally located first class hotels, transfers, breakfast and dinner daily, transportation by air-conditioned motor coach and the assistance of a professional local guide. Fr. Tom will be offering spiritual direction and mass daily. Cost is \$3,820 per person, based on double occupancy, plus airfare. Anyone interested in this great opportunity can visit and register online at [www.pilgrimages.com/frferrera](http://www.pilgrimages.com/frferrera). For more information please call Carol VanMoerkerke at 519-877-2355 or Karin Lansink at 519-550-0304.

### CASUAL NOON HOUR ASSISTANT WANTED

St. Joseph's Catholic Elementary School, Tillsonburg is currently accepting applications for a Noon Hour Assistant from 11:45-12:45 Monday to Friday. Anyone who is interested in this position, please contact Laurie Davids at 519-660-2783.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - WE ALL WIN! WINNERS FOR DECEMBER- CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Patricia Benoit      Diane Ward  
Ron D'Hulster      Barb Wareing



### *Happy Feast of the Baptism of the Lord! A perfect weekend to remember all those who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism this past year!*

Alexus Mai-Ling Nguyen  
Hayden Noelle Marie Kmita  
Connor Kyle Gillespie  
Hattie Marie Vandepoele  
Dominic Antonio Oliveira  
Hayden Elizabeth Costa  
River Orion Crocker-Kosir  
Kaia Kaleigh Kosir  
Lennon Paul Koteles  
Marnar Luke Koteles  
Addison Danielle Fick  
Conrad Brian Cornelius VanQuaethem  
Cyril Joseph Anthony VanQuaethem  
Macy Jane Cadotte  
Dannah Marlene Cadotte  
Alice Olivia May Mills  
Carter David Winston Mills

Brookelyn Bergman  
Jennifer Nicole Mills  
Brandy Lynn Koteles  
Cheyanne Jane Koteles  
Agramonte DJ Graham  
Chaviana Melba Graham  
Austin Benjamin Michael Frei  
Beau Henry Gignac  
Emma Grace Walton  
Morgan Patrice Arsenault  
Emerson Maria Pagliaroli  
Madison Cecily Harwood  
Link Anthony Benson Kersten  
Adianna Cindy Van Leeuwen  
Matthijs John Van Leeuwen  
Anneke Jes Van Leeuwen  
Adriaan Joshua John Bes

Aaliyah Cornelia Teuntje Bes  
Zac Gjalt Mulder Bes  
Cameron David Stuyt  
Ethan Joseph Downes  
Oliver Lachlan McQuinn  
Vera Evelyn Martin  
Rowan Michael Mc Cabe  
Leonardo Gerard O'Hearn  
Jeremiah Kenneth Frassati Norman  
Camden Cole Booker  
Simone Mary Elizabeth Szikszay  
Wade Paul Hansford  
Alianna Kimberly Demaris Barton  
Jackson Reid Stanbridge  
Jaylen Emma Mc Corquodale  
Lucas David Wade Kirby  
Riley Marie Fitch

### 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 20 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 at 519-550-0304.

### CWL PAINT DAY

Open to all CWL members and their friends. Sat Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, (12:30 till 3:30) join your CWL members and friends as they take part in a Painting adventure. Jesse will walk us through a spring time beach scene, and although we will each be painting the same picture, the result will be as unique as the artist. Everything necessary will be supplied. Tickets are \$45.20 and \$15.00 from each ticket will go back to the CWL as a fundraising effort. Come join your friends for an afternoon of fun and laughter. You can do this! Please call Rosanne at 519-842-4372 for tickets. Thank you, Rosanne

### RIGHT TO LIFE INFORMATION

The January edition of the **Interim** and the Winter issue of **Oxford Right to Life Newsletter** are available at the back of the church. **Thank you** to the parishioners who are using the **Right to Life** envelope in your box of Sunday offering envelopes to renew your membership.

**ULTREYA** will be held on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY REPORT – DEC 2018

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul enters into 2019 in the spirit of social justice. On Mon, Jan 14, at 4 pm, in the church basement, Jim Paddon, from the Regional Level, will come to speak about the ways we can be involved in social justice in our community. Everyone is welcome. Some pertinent issues for social justice advocacy are Pharmacare, Affordable Child Care, and Affordable Housing. In our ministry we often encounter families and single adults without sustainable housing, who have no place to go if they lose the support of relatives or need smaller accommodation because of lost income. In 2018 alone, we assisted 31 single adults and 19 families with rent. As we help those in need, we see the underlying social conditions which trigger the need. Throughout December, the SSVp emergency phone line assisted three single adults and six families with food; three single adults with rent; two families with hydro; one family with a gas bill; one single adult with paralegal services; three families with car fuel; and two single adults with medication. In addition, we served our regular Friendship dinner on Dec 5, for 74 guests and on Dec 12, we welcomed 97 to our Christmas Dinner. The evening was full of joy: decorations graced our walls and tables, poinsettias brightened the room, candy bags gifted all, music entertained with piano, trumpet and percussion, and delicious turkey -- with all the fixings -- warmed our stomachs. We were honoured to share this Christmas celebration, the gladness of the birth of our Saviour, with our guests. Happy New Year to St. Mary's parish from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and thank you for your support, for believing that we all radiate Christ through love and service. Anne Stancek