

PRAY PLEASE FOR:

Richard Popp

We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

WEEK AT A GLANCE (Mar 4- 10)

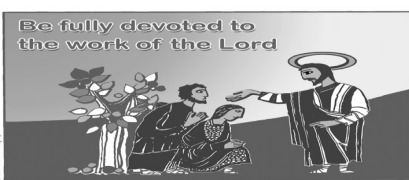
Mon	1:30 pm	Bible Study
	8:00 pm	AA
Tues	Shrove Tuesday	
	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
	1:45 pm	Burning of Palms at Monsignor O'Neil School (outside)
	2:20 pm	Burning of Palms at St. Joseph's School (outside)
	5:00 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Wed	Ash Wednesday	
	1:30 pm	Prayershawl Ministry
	5:00 pm	Friendship Dinner
	6:30 pm	Confirmation Decision Point
	6:30 pm	Folk Choir Practice
Thurs	10:00 am	Rosary- Woodingford Lodge
	11:30 am	Jollymakers - Bingo
Fri	9:30 am	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	10:30 am	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
	11:45 am	Benediction
	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
	7:00 pm	Chill Zone
Sat	8:00 am	Confessions before Mass
	9:30 am	Confessions until 10:00 am
Sun	9:00 am	Sunday School
	3:00 pm	Right of Election- St. Peters Cathedral
	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 (March 5 & 7) Keira Spanjers

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – FEB 23/24

Regular Envelope	\$ 4439.50
Initial Envelope	\$ 510.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 20.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 5.00
Loose	\$ 202.55
Capital/Building Fund	\$ 645.00
Total	\$ 5822.05



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (March 9/10)

Saturday (5 pm)

Commentator: Ed DeDecker
 1st, 2nd Lector: Kathy Myny, Linda Bertling
 Gift Bearers: Dave & Ellen Devlin
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Randy Keba, Pat Molloy, Vince Molloy, Veronica Holly, Linda Bertling
 Greeter: Linda Bertling
 Rosary: Deacon Andre De Decker

Sunday (9 am)

Commentator: Mike Bossey
 1st, 2nd Lector: Tina Hopper, TBD
 Gift Bearers: Pat & Diane Collins
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Irene Gubesch, John Oliveira, Mariola Pleli, Sara Leonard
 Greeter: Barbara Libon
 Rosary: Mae Feeney

Sunday (11 am)

Commentator: Heather Pelland
 1st, 2nd Lector: Steve Norman, Kathy Holly
 Gift Bearers: Darren & Ana Jayne & Family
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Helen Borbely, Darren Jayne, Nora Marie Bruder, Pat D'Hulster
 Greeter: Diane Monsere
 Rosary: Allen J. Scovil

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Mar 4- 10)

Tues	7:00 pm	Hank Schroder Theresa Knab Linda Marie Wilson
Wed	Ash Wednesday Masses	
	10:00 am	Nick Doneff Tony Donck
	1:30 pm	Flossie & Joe Fardella
	7:00 pm	Manuel Oliveira
Thurs	3:30 pm	Mass- Tillsonburg Retirement Centre Jeanne DeBruyn
	7:00 pm	Mark Bridle Special Intention Ben Lefebvre
Fri	10:00 am	Evanoff-DeBoey Family Alphonse Demerest Special Intention for Sam Goldman
Sat	9:00 am	Deceased members of the Sen Than Family
	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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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

8TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

March 3, 2019

From the Desk of Father John

1. Confessions

A few weeks ago, due to a funeral out of town, I offered the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to the Morning Mass on Saturday. Some indicated that they would rather have confessions prior to Mass, so beginning the First Saturday of Lent, Confessions will be on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 8:45 AM and from 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM.

2. Shrove Tuesday

We will be at both of our Schools this coming Tuesday for the burning of the Palms. I have been doing this in the various parishes I have been assigned to and I have found that it is a wonderful opportunity to teach the children about Palm Sunday and Ash Wednesday. We will be at Msgr. O'Neil at 1:45 PM and at St. Joseph's at 2:20 PM. You are most welcome to join us! Also, there will be a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM provided by a joint effort of the K of C and the CWL. Thanks!

3. Ash Wednesday

There are 3 Masses in the parish on Ash Wednesday - 10:00 AM, 1:30 PM and 7:00 PM. As both schools will be attending the 10:00 AM Mass, and the Church will be filled to capacity, I would ask that you consider coming to either the 1:30 PM or the 7:00 PM Mass.

4. Fridays during Lent

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on the Fridays during Lent immediately after the 10:00 AM Mass and end with Benediction at 11:45 AM.

The Way of the Cross will take place Friday Evenings at 700 PM.

May God bless us as we begin the journey of Lent!
Peace

Fr. John

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School is coming back this summer for one amazing week! Circle your calendars – St. Mary’s will be hosting a “Cool Kingdom Party” July 22nd – 26th!

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Our monthly High School Nights are the second Sunday of the month from 7-9 pm and our next night is next Sunday March 10th. 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 next Sunday!

STEBENVILLE 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 your calendars ... we all BELONG! The cost is \$200 which includes the conference, lodging, bussing and food. If you would like to offer some financial assistance to cover the cost for a young person to go to Steubenville – please contact Colleen Hanley - we are in need of your help with some young people who wish to go! Flyers are available at the back of the church for more information about this amazing conference!

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, March 3 at 2:55 pm in the Father Langan Parish Centre. For more information please visit www.famfi.ca or talk to John & Karin Lansink at 519-550-0304.

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 this Friday March 8th 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).

ADOPT A CATECHUMEN / CANDIDATE

Our Parish is blessed with four amazing people who gather weekly with their sponsor to learn about the Catholic faith. They are our Catechumen and Candidates. They are becoming full members of our faith at the Easter vigil which is fast approaching. We are asking for your prayerful support by adopting in prayer one of these four people. There are special slips of yellow paper at the back of the Church in a basket. Please fill one out and drop it into the offertory basket if you wish to participate. You will be mailed the information around the beginning of Lent. Your prayers for an individual are a vital part of the RCIA and a great way to show support to these wonderful people.

THE LEGACY OF ST. PATRICK - PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

As you enjoy a 10 day tour to the Emerald Isle, from September 24-October 3, 2019, 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

BIBLE STUDY

March 4, at 1:30 pm. Beginning at John 10.1-18. “As Jesus Christ, the Word of God made flesh, is fully divine and fully human, the sacred Scrip-tures are both divine and human.” Der Verbum

OXFORD RIGHT TO LIFE 44TH ANNUAL DINNER

Thursday, April 4th, 2019, Covenant Christian Reformed Church, 410 Lansdowne Avenue, Woodstock, 6:00 pm Social, 6:30 pm Beef Dinner: \$20 adults, \$10 students, 8:00 pm Speaker: Jakki Jeffs, Executive Director, Alliance for Life Ontario, Topic: Pro-life witness, a timeless voice! Everyone is welcome to hear our speaker even if not attending the dinner. To reserve dinner tickets, call Bonnie 519-913-3533 by March 28th.

CWL NEWS

The Catholic’s Women’s League in the Diocese of London are asking all CWL councils to collect ONLY SOCKS for men, women & children. We hope to collect 2019 pairs of socks. These socks will be returned to the regions to be distributed in their respective areas as needed. “We are women helping those in need.” **Please drop off socks in container in the new addition before April 13th.**

2018 CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS

The 2018 Charitable Donation Receipts are available in the new addition. Thank you for your co-operation in picking up your 2018 donation receipts.

SCENTS AT ST. MARY’S

We ask that all parishioners and visitors beware that heavy perfumes and scents can cause allergic reactions and sensitivities for those around them. Please be mindful of this when you come to St. Mary’s.

UPCOMING CURSILLO WEEKENDS

Men’s Cursillo March 21st to March 24th. Women’s Cursillo March 28th to March 31st. For more information call Andre or Bonnie at 519-913-3533.

SACRED HEART CHURCH, INGERSOLL NEWS

CWL- ANNUAL YARD & BAKE SALE

We invite you to our Annual Yard & Bake Sale. It will be held on Saturday April 6th at 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at Henderson Hall John Street in Ingersoll. There is a big variety on gently used items for everyone interested in treasures and good deals. The home baked goodies are fresh and delicious, a must to try out! All proceeds will go to our local and mission projects. Thank you for your support.

KING’S OPEN HOUSE

King’s University College will be hosting an open house for future students, friends, family and alumni on Saturday, March 9 from noon until 4 pm. All are welcome. Attend program Ted Talks, tour campus and residence, and meet professors and current students to learn about programs for Fall 2019. For more information visit <https://www.kings.uwo.ca/about-kings/media-and-communications/newsroom/kings-open-house-coming-march-9/>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - WE ALL WIN! WINNERS FOR

FEBRUARY- CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Darrel Verhoeve
Scot Gilvesy
Robert Demeyere
Carol McDonald



LENTEN JOURNEY INFORMATION

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS INFORMATION

We will have two Masses here at St. Mary’s at 1:30 pm and 7 pm for the reception of ashes at Mass. Please be advised that with both schools attending Mass Wednesday morning at 10 am, we are asking that our regular morning parishioners come to the Mass in the afternoon at 1:30 pm or in the evening at 7:00 pm.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

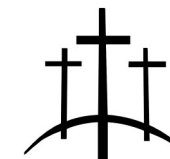
Everyone is invited to attend our Pancake Supper on March 5th from 5-6:30 pm – hosted by the CWL & Knights of Columbus in the Parish Hall. Costs are \$5 per adult, \$2 for Children 5-10 yrs old and free for Children under 5 yrs old. Pancakes, sausage and all the fixings!

LENT MATERIALS

Please see the table at the back of the Church for Lenten materials for young and old! If you would like to offset the cost of purchasing materials please use the free will offering box found on the table.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Weekly Stations of the Cross begin this Friday evening at 7 pm with the Celebrate the Word group leading us in prayer.



This Share Lent - lets create a culture of encounter

For this year’s Share Lent, Development and Peace- Caritas Canada encourages us to reach out to forcibly displaced persons and to share their journey. How?

1. Donate online at devp.org/give or give during the Solidarity Sunday collection on the 5th Sunday of Lent on April 7. The funds collected are used to support over 162 projects in 37 countries around the world!
2. Take part or organize a solidarity walk in solidarity with forcibly displaced persons: devp.org/walk
3. Read the Development and Peace Share Lent materials as a way to encounter children, women and men who have been forcibly displaced and to learn how their partners are making a difference.

For more information, please contact Rita Bailey by email: ruby101@sympatico.ca or Elena Luna at 1-647-561-1648 or email: eluna@devp.org.