

PRAY PLEASE FOR: John Schonberger

*Whoever is in Christ is a new creation
(2 Corinthians 5:17-21) or Ephesians 5:8-14.*

WEEK AT A GLANCE (Apr 1- 7)

Mon	1:30 pm	Bible Study
	8:00 pm	AA
Tues	9:00 am	CWL Lenten Lunch Preparation
	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
Wed	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion
	12:00 pm	Lenten Noon Hour Service & lunch
	1:00 pm	Calendar Pastoral Team meeting
	1:30 pm	Prayer Shawl 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
	1:00 pm	Finance Meeting
	7:45 pm	RCIA
Fri	10:30 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	11:45 am	Benediction
	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat	8:00 am	Confessions before Mass
	9:00 am	CWL Presidents Meeting
	9:30 am	Confessions until 10:00 am
	10:00 am	Confirmation Decision Point
Sun	Solidarity Sunday	
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	7:30 pm	VIA Practice

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

Altar Server (April 2 & 4) Gabriella Vermeeren

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.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – MAR 23/24

Regular Envelope	\$ 5775.40
Parish Centre	\$ 6000.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 517.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 175.00
Loose	\$ 292.50
Capital/Building Fund	\$ 670.00
Total	\$13429.90



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (April 6/7)

Saturday (5 pm)

Commentator: Faith In Action Team
 1st, 2nd Lector: Faith In Action Team
 Gift Bearers: Faith In Action Team
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Heather Campbell, Valerie Claessens, Randy Keba, Jeannette Keba
 Greeter: Faith In Action Team
 Rosary: Vince Molloy

Sunday (9 am)

Commentator: Anne Stancek
 1st, 2nd Lector: Andrew Stancek, Janine Vink
 Gift Bearer: Barbara Libon
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sara Leonard, Barb Compeau, Liz DeWaele, Mae Feeney
 Greeter: Joanne Maertens
 Rosary: Kathy Myny

Sunday (11 am)

Commentator: Kathy Holly
 1st, 2nd Lector: Kim Smith, Lorraine Gilbert
 Gift Bearer: Nora Marie Bruder
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Norma Roczen, Norbert Vanhooren, Helen Borbely, Pat D'Hulster
 Greeters: Linda DeSutter
 Rosary: Barry Govia

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (April 1-7)

Tues	7:00 pm	Harry Vandenberg Sr. Deceased members of Helen Peacock Family
Wed	10:00 am	Tony Horvath Jose Borges Nick Doneff
Thurs	3:30 pm	Mass- Tillsonburg Retirement Centre Paul Herman
	7:00 pm	All Souls in Purgatory John Schonberger
Fri	10:00 am	DeDecker & Allen Families A special intention for Julia Hall from the CWL
Sat	9:00 am	Deceased members of the Sen Than Family Karl & Anna Kisilak Fr. Mike Langan
	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

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

From the Discalced Carmelite Order...

I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of Hosts. -- Elijah 1Kings 19:10

Our community in Tillsonburg is a secular order. We are connected with the world wide order of Discalced Carmelites which consists of priests, nuns and secular (lay) men and women. Our Constitution is approved by the Pope and based on the Rule of St. Albert. We are a prayer community that is devoted to the teachings of Jesus with a firm commitment of placing Him first in our lives, through detachment and by practicing the evangelical virtues of faith, hope and charity. We strive to seek His will in all things and commit ourselves to a consistent prayer life including the Divine Office, the rosary and daily mass when possible.

We have as our patrons, Mary, the mother of Jesus and St. Joseph. The order is connected to Elijah because of his zeal for the Lord on Mount Carmel, where he fought with the pagan priests of Baal and eliminated them. In the 12th century, Our Lady of Mount Carmel appeared to St. Simon Stock, a Carmelite priest in England, to present the brown scapular, a symbolic garment of our order.

Mount Carmel where hermits lived and prayed in Israel is now the site of a Carmelite monastery. We study the writings of the saints of our order (St. Teresa of Avila, St. Therese -- the Little Flower, and St. John of the Cross and many others) in conjunction with the Bible. By devoting ourselves to daily meditation, we strive to develop a prayerful communion with Jesus (Constitutions V.31 a). Our Carmel-Lights Magazine keeps our communities within Eastern Canada connected. We are committed to pray for each other and urgent family needs through a prayer chain. As well, we attend a Congress every 3 years to celebrate together and learn from talks presented by distinguished priests of our order.

Father Dominic Borg is our Provincial Delegate in Eastern Canada. Many of you will recall him being an assistant to Fr. Mike back in the 1990's. That's how our order started here at St. Mary's. We are open to accepting new members, (aspirants) every fall. Watch for information about this introductory meeting in the bulletin around that time. Our program for new members is based on studying the Saints of the Order, developing a consistent prayer life and learning about the levels of commitment (Promises) that accompany development stages within the order.

Kathy Myny, Formator of St. Mary's community, Tillsonburg

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Brian Hanley, Deacon
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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: 8:00 am -8:45 am & 9:30 am - 10:00 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

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.



STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2019 – CAN YOU HELP?

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! To save a spot for the conference please drop \$75 deposit off at the rectory by March 31st.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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! Any youth wishing to volunteer as group leaders must be entering grade 8 this year. Application forms for youth leaders will be out the end of April and registration forms for VBS will be out the end of May. For more information about volunteering or registering please contact Mrs. Hanley at 842-3324 ext 23 or chanley@dol.ca.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Our next session for Confirmation preparation is Wednesday April 3rd (6:30-8:30 pm) or Saturday April 6th (10 am-noon). It is our last meeting together as we prepare for the Rite of Confirmation Sunday May 5th at 2 pm. Please continue to pray for our confirmation candidates, their sponsors and their families.

GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT - SONG OF THE SHADOWS BY JOSEPH MARTIN

Presented by the Ingersoll Choral Society on Friday, April 19, 2019 at 8:00 PM. Sacred Heart Church, Ingersoll, ON.

2018 CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS

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

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

At the entrances to the Church and at the back of the Church you will see baskets of empty baby bottles. Each year our parish participates in the Baby Bottle Drive that supports Fresh Start. Fresh Start has been providing 'hope and a future' to pregnant and parenting women in crisis for over 30 years! All of us are encouraged to fill an empty baby bottle with change or bills or include a cheque payable to FRESH START during Lent, to help protect the dignity and sanctity of life and to help fill a need in our community. Please return your bottle no later than Palm Sunday (April 14th) in the offertory or at the parish office.

CHILL ZONE

Our April Chill Zone will be cancelled to allow all our elementary youth and high school youth to attend Stations of the Cross Friday April 12th at 7 pm. Our High School Team will be presenting the Stations of the Cross and concluding Stations with the Via Dolorosa Liturgical Dance. Chill Zone will resume Friday May 10th.

BIBLE STUDY

Monday April 1st from 1:30-3:00pm. We will begin with "The priests plot against Lazarus" John 12.9-11. "The Holy Spirit can help us bring the message of Scripture to bear on new questions and new situations presented to us in the circumstances of our individual lives." Dei Verbum



ST. MARY'S PRAYER CHAIN

Interested in praying for others? It's time to do our annual update of the St. Mary's Prayer Chain. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please phone Andre & Bonnie De Decker 519-913-3533.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TO OTTAWA

There is a motor coach chartered for the trip from Ingersoll to Ottawa for the March for Life on May 9th, 2019. Those who take the bus will participate in the largest annual Pro Life event in Canada. For more information see the poster inside the front entrance of our church.

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.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE

The Religious articles store will be open after all masses on Saturday April 6th & Sunday April 7th.

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.

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 31 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.

CWL NEWS

The Catholic's Women's League in the Diocese of London are asking all CWL councils to collect **ONLY NEW 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.**

LENTEN LUNCHEON- APRIL 3, 2019

If someone can bring finger desserts (squares) to the Lenten luncheon on April 3, 2019, please call Sandra at 519-842-7575 to let her know.

RUMMAGE SALE

April 27th is quickly approaching!! Is your Spring cleaning underway? Please keep our sale in mind when getting rid of your gently used items. We accept all clean saleable items. Just label them "RUMMAGE SALE" and leave them by the large coat rack area on the north side of the church hall. Any assistance that you can offer is also appreciated. Set up begins on Friday April 26th at 1:00 pm. Assistance is also needed for Saturday from 9:00 am until approximately 12:30 noon.



LENTEN JOURNEY INFORMATION

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Weekly Stations of the Cross are this Friday evening at 7 pm with the Discalced Carmelite Community leading us in prayer.

LENTEN NOON HOUR SERVICE

St. Mary's will be hosting the Tillsonburg Ministerial Lenten Noon Hour Service Wednesday April 3rd beginning at 12 noon in the Church. After the service there will be a soup and sandwich luncheon downstairs prepared by St. Mary's CWL.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday mornings during Lent, after the 10 am morning Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be on the altar for adoration. Benediction will conclude the period of adoration at 11:45 am. Come and spend an hour with Jesus.

DAY OF CONFESSIONS

This year's diocesan Day of Confessions is being planned for Wednesday, April 10. This special opportunity helps us to set aside our old ways, to be renewed in heart and soul, and to be reconciled with our merciful and loving God. As Pope Francis reminds us, confession is where we encounter Jesus. Confession times in our parish are: **9:00 am to 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm until finished.** Our diocesan website (www.dol.ca) offers some excellent resources and information about Lent and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Share the journey with those forcibly displaced in Colombia

In Colombia, over 6.5 million people have been forcibly displaced due to conflict, violence, natural disasters, and development projects. With your support, Development and Peace's partner the National Agrarian Coordination (NAC) is working with indigenous women, many of whom are victims of forced displacement, to help them gain the skills and confidence to be intermediaries with the authorities. By promoting inclusive and participatory democracies, we are addressing one of the root causes of forced migration! Next week is **Solidarity Sunday**, when the Share Lent collection in support of the work of Development and Peace will take place. **Attached to the bulletin is an envelope for Share Lent-Development & Peace and return next week in the offertory. Please make your cheque payable to St. Mary's Church so we can give you a tax receipt.** Your generosity has a real impact on the lives of our sisters and brothers in the Global South!