

PRAY PLEASE FOR:

Holy Souls in Purgatory

*I have been taken possession of by Christ Jesus
(Philippians 3:8-14) or Romans 8:8-11.*

WEEK AT A GLANCE (Apr 8- 14)

Mon	1:30 pm	Bible Study
	4:00 pm	SSVP Executive/Membership Meeting
	8:00 pm	AA
Tues	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
	7:30 pm	Baptism Meeting
	8:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wed	ALL DAY CONFESSIONS	
	9:00 am to Noon	Confessions
	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Confessions
	5:00 pm	Friendship Dinner
	7:00 pm until finished	Confessions
Thurs	11:30 am	Jollymakers - Bingo
Fri	9:30 am	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	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	RCIA Retreat
	9:30 am	Confessions until 10:00 am
Sun	PALM SUNDAY	
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	3:00 pm	Family Catechism
	7:00 pm	High School Ministry

Altar Server (April 9 & 11) Audrey Jayne

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 30/31

Regular Envelope	\$ 4882.00
Initial Envelope	\$ 5.00
Parish Centre	\$ 50.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 575.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 300.00
Easter	\$ 5.00
Loose	\$ 267.95
Capital/Building Fund	\$ 90.00
Total	\$ 6174.95



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (April 13/14)

PALM SUNDAY

Please remember to wear red!

Saturday (5 pm)

Rosary: Moma Fardella

Sunday (9 am)

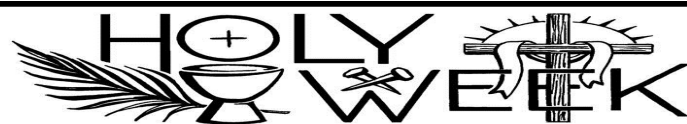
Rosary: Mae Feeney

Sunday (11 am)

Rosary: Lorraine Gilbert

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (April 8-14)

Tues	7:00 pm	Marcel VanHaecke Dea Herault
Wed	8:00 am	Terry Hein Margaret & Daniel McGarity
Thurs	3:30 pm	Mass- Maple Manor Olga Odorjan
	7:00 pm	Julia Hall A special intention for Davin & Anna Kelly
Fri	10:00 am	Nick Doneff John Schonberger Theresa Kelly
Sat	9:00 am	Fred Portelli Maria Arruda
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sun	9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's



Mass of Chrism

April 15 - 7:00 pm St. Peter's Cathedral, London

Holy Thursday

April 18 - 7:00 pm (Incense will be used)
Adoration Chapel (8 pm until midnight) in the Parish Centre

Good Friday

April 19 - 10:00 am (Children's Choir)
- 3:00 pm (Sunday Choir)

Holy Saturday

April 20 - 10:00 am Easter Vigil Rehearsal
- 11:00 am Blessing of Easter Foods

Easter Vigil

April 20 - 8:00 pm (Folk Choir, Incense will be used)

Easter Sunday

April 21 - 9:00 am (Sunday Choir)
- 11:00 am (Cantor)



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

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 7, 2019

From the Desk of Father John

- All Day Confessions - This coming Wednesday, the priests of the Diocese of London, will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our Churches. Here, at St. Mary's, I will be available from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM and again at 7:00 PM until finished. If you plan on receiving the Sacrament this Lent, I would encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.
- Due to the All day Confessions, Mass next Wednesday will be at 8:00 AM.
- Holy Week
Palm Sunday is next weekend. All Palm Sunday Masses will begin outside (weather permitting) with the Blessing of Palms and the first Gospel. Afterwards, we will process into the Church to commemorate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. On Monday, the priests of the diocese will be spending the afternoon in prayer with our Bishop. At 7:00 PM we will be gathering at St. Peter's Cathedral for the Mass of Chrism. All are most welcome!

It is on Thursday evening at 7:00 PM that we will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. In this celebration we mark the institution of the Eucharist and of the Priestly Order and the commandment of the Lord concerning fraternal charity. This will be followed by quiet prayer in the presence of our Lord until Midnight.

As Masses are not allowed on Good Friday, we will have two services that day. The morning service, at 10:00 AM is geared for the children of our parish, while at 3:00 PM, we will have the Solemn Good Friday Service. **At both of these services, we will hear a reading of the Passion of Our Lord, have an opportunity to Venerate the Cross and receive Holy Communion.**

On Holy Saturday, by most ancient tradition, we have the Easter Vigil. This is the night for keeping vigil for the Lord. Our Vigil Mass begins at 8:00 PM.

On Easter Sunday, Masses will be at 9:00 AM and at 11:00 AM. I am sure that they will be crowded, so please arrive early!

Peace
Fr John

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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.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Our monthly High School Nights are the second Sunday of the month from 7-9 pm and our next night is Sunday April 14th. 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!

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! 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY STATIONS OF THE CROSS & VIA DOLOROSA

This 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. Please come and support our youth.

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.

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

Janet Lane Jean Morrissary
Frank Gergich Andrea Harley
Ed Patenaude



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

At the entrances to 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.**

BIBLE STUDY

Monday April 8th from 1:30-3:00pm. We will begin with “the parable of the two sons” Mtt 21.28-32. “The differing literary forms in the Bible are central to its understanding.” Dei Verbum.

ASSUMPTION CHRISTIAN CULTURE SERIES

The Assumption University Christian Culture Series presents “Megaphone or Echo Chamber: Canada and the Prophetic Voice of Pope Francis” with Archbishop Paul-André Durocher on April 29 at 7 pm at St. Anne’s Church Hall, 12233 Tecumseh Road East, Tecumseh. All are welcome, admission and parking are free. Archbishop Durocher will present some of the Pope’s main ideas on contemporary issues and reflect on how they challenge us here in Canada. For more information email cbertrand@assumptionu.ca or phone 519-973-7033 x 0. Please note that Archbishop Durocher will receive the 2018 Christian Culture Gold Medal at this event.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY REPORT -- MARCH 2019

On March 16, some members of our Society attended a regional Meet and Greet in Simcoe. Spending time with our sisters and brothers in the society from Simcoe, Delhi and Port Dover, we learned about their commitment to community dinners, to the elderly in nursing homes, and to the hungry. Our mission is to “see Christ in anyone who suffers, come together as a family, have personal contact with the poor, and help in all possible ways.” (ssvp.on.ca) This mission is a holy mission, and by the Grace of the Holy Spirit, we honour it here at St. Mary’s. Throughout March, our SSVP emergency phone line assisted thirteen single adults and nine families with food; six single adults and four families with rent; two families with hydro; two single adults with car fuel; one single senior with insurance; and one single senior with Internet costs. At our Friendship Dinners, the numbers have been fluctuating with the weather. We served 60 guests on March 6; 68 on March 13; 82 on March 20; 60 on March 27. There are 360 SSVP Conferences across Ontario working to live up to the words under our logo: “serviens in spe” which means “to serve in hope, the hope that comes from our Lord Jesus Christ.” (ssvp.on.ca) How blessed we are that the parishioners of St. Mary’s make our service possible. Anne Stancek

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.

EASTER FLOWERS

Special envelopes are available at all entrances for donations for Easter Flowers in memory of your deceased loved ones. The names will appear in the Easter bulletin. Thank you for your generosity.

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, April 14 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.**

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

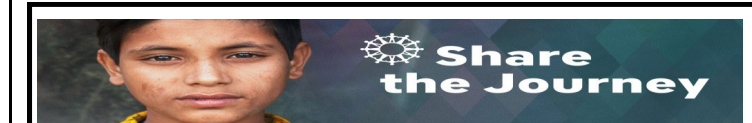
Weekly Stations of the Cross are this Friday evening at 7 pm with St. Mary’s Youth Ministry leading us in prayer.

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 Frances 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 Syrian refugees in Lebanon

Since the war broke out in Syria in 2011, some 12.5 million Syrians have had to flee their homes. Development and Peace partner House of peace (HOPE) is working to build bridges between Syrian refugees and their host communities in Lebanon.

On this Solidarity Sunday, we extend a warm thank you for your generosity. Your donation will help our sisters and brothers across the world, from Columbia all the way to Lebanon, Nigeria, and elsewhere! Thank you for helping us build a world of peace and justice, where no one will be forced to flee their home! devp.org/give

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All are welcome to attend the Development & Peace Caritas Canada annual general meeting for the Diocese of London at Villa Angela, 20 Merici Way, Chatham, from 9:30 am to 1 pm. The guest speaker will be Mr. Gilbert Iyamuremye, Director of the Refugee Office for the Diocese of London. The cost of \$15 includes snacks and lunch. Please RSVP and mention your dietary restrictions, if any, to marian.blonde@hotmail.com or gosmit@execulink.com.

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.