

PRAY PLEASE FOR:
Gregory Pocius
I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me
(Psalm 30).

WEEK AT A GLANCE (May 6- 12)

Mon	1:30 am	Bible Study
	8:00 pm	AA
Tues	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
	5:30 pm	CWL Annual Dinner
Wed	OFFICE CLOSED - Office Meeting	
	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion
	6:30 pm	Folk Choir Practice
Thurs	10:00 am	Easter Joint School Mass
	11:30 am	Jollymakers - Bingo
	7:45 pm	RCIA
Fri	9:30 am	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	10:30 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for Palliative Care Intentions and Prayers
	4:45 pm	Benediction
	7:00 pm	Chill Zone
Sat	8:00 am	Confessions
	9:30 am	Confessions
Sun	9:00 am	Sunday School
	7:00 pm	High School Ministry Meeting

Altar Server (May 7 & 9) Max Lansink

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 VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION DINNER
 St. Vincent de Paul Members and Volunteers: Our annual celebration dinner will be held at the Carriage Hall, social hour at 5:00, dinner at 6:00, on Wednesday, May 22. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased after Sunday masses on May 4/5 and May 11/12 OR by calling Helen at 519-842-5423.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – APRIL 27/28

Regular Envelope	\$ 5034.00
Initial Envelope	\$ 5.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 225.00
Good Friday	\$ 30.00
Easter	\$ 295.00
Loose	\$ 349.40
Capital/Building Fund	\$ 65.00
Total	\$ 6003.40

Thanks!

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (May 11/12)

Saturday (5 pm)
 Commentator: Ed DeDecker
 1st, 2nd Lector: Linda Bertling, Veronica Holly
 Gift Bearers: First Communicants
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Jeannette Keba, Kathy Myny, Pat Molloy, Vince Molloy
 Greeters: Merna Vermeeren
 Rosary: Dorothy Lipsit

Sunday (9 am)
 Commentator: Marlene Kirwin
 1st, 2nd Lector: Miriam Schernekau, Brian O'Rourke
 Gift Bearer: First Communicants
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Barb Compeau, Liz DeWaele, Mae Feeney, Irene Gubesch
 Greeter: Joanne Maertens
 Rosary: Kathy Myny

Sunday (11 am)
 Commentator: Ed Roczen
 1st, 2nd Lector: Teena Mendonca, Steve Norman
 Gift Bearer: First Communicants
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Darren Jayne, Nora Marie Bruder, Pat D'Hulster, Ana Jayne
 Greeters: Jack Parker
 Rosary: Barry Govia



MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (May 6-12)

Tues	5:00 pm	Patricia VanDenHeede Evanoff-DeBoey Family
Wed	10:00 am	Nick Doneff Julia Hall John Schonberger
Thurs	10:00 am	Easter Joint School Mass Robert Lorne Henry John Schonberger
	3:30 pm	Mass- Maple Manor
	7:00 pm	Yvonne VanHove John Mahony Irene Hasilo
Fri	10:00 am	Barbara Hanchuk Alan Winegarden Sr. Mary Hamel
Sat	9:00 am	Harry Moyer
	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

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2019

Dear Parishioners
 A few items today:

Confirmation

Please keep in your prayers the young people who will be Confirmed this afternoon. This marks the completion of the Sacraments of Initiation for them. These young people have been meeting monthly for the past six months in preparation for this day. The preparation program we have been using is "Decision Point" with Matthew Kelly of Dynamic Catholic. The young people have been challenged to become the best version of themselves - and this is accomplished when we cooperate with God!

First Communion

Over the next few weeks, many children will be making their First Communion. Most of them would have received their First Reconciliation this past December. It is always a wonderful day for families from far and wide to gather here at St Mary's to celebrate this day. May we be a most welcoming parish to these many visitors!

Special Thanks

I would like to thank Colleen for her great effort in preparing the young people for the reception of these Sacraments. I would also like to acknowledge the volunteers who assisted her!

Planning Day

This coming Wednesday the parish office will be closed in order that we can plan for the coming year (July 2019 to June 2020). This is a time for the parish team to review the past year and look forward to the coming year! This is essential in any parish to ensure that things run smoothly! One thing I always remind the team is that we have to be open to the Holy Spirit! I remember seeing a fridge magnet at a parish in Chatham - it said "we plan, God laughs". Please keep us in you prayers this Wednesday.

Have a great week.
 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.

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! Vacation Bible School is open to all children entering JK/SK until grade 6 in September. Registration forms for campers will be out the end of May. **Application forms for youth leaders (those young people wishing to volunteer at VBS) are at the back of the Church – the deadline to submit your application for volunteering as a youth leader is May 27th.** For more information about volunteering or registering please contact Mrs. Hanley at 842-3324 ext 23 or chanley@dol.ca.

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 May 10th 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).

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 May 12th. 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!



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 your calendars ... we all BELONG! The cost is \$200 which includes the conference, lodging, bussing and food. We have only a few spots left – deadline to register is May 5th. Our first group meeting will be May 5th at 7 pm in the Parish Centre. For more information about this amazing conference please contact Colleen Hanley (519-842-3224 ext. 23 or chanley@dol.ca).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Our children and their families will begin celebrating their first Communion during the weekend Masses in May. We are so blessed to have a generous parish who has been praying for our children and their families. Our first communicants will be greeters at their chosen Masses so please stop and shake their hand!

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

During the Fridays of the Easter Season we will continue to have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after the 10:00 AM Mass and end with Benediction at 11:45 AM.

22ND NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE IN OTTAWA

Thursday, May 9th, marks 50 years of abortion on demand in Canada. To attend the March for Life you can travel on the bus that leaves Highway 19 & 401 at 12:30am. The cost for the bus is \$60/adult & \$40/student. For more info and to book a seat please call Deacon Andre at 519-913-3533.

RESPECT FOR LIFE PRAYER SERVICE

On Wednesday, May 22nd, 7 pm at St. Mary’s Church, 137 Rolph Street there will be a prayer service for Respect for Life with a social to follow. For more information please contact Bonnie or Deacon Andre at 519-913-3533.

ANNUAL RIGHT TO LIFE WALKATHON

The annual Right to Life walkathon will be held Saturday, May 25th. Registration begins at 9 am at the Emmanuel Church, Clarke St. Woodstock (contact Mary at 519-421-0029) or you can register at 10 am at the First Baptist Church, Thames St. South, Ingersoll at 519-485-2603.

WE ALL WIN

Just want to remind those who buy those tickets they are available to one and all. Either from a Knight or the Credit Union in town. One ticket gets you 52 chances to win and you can win more than once.

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

Tom Andrews Dave Mackenzie
Al & Heather Benton Nancy Puhr



BISHOP'S DINNER FOR LONDON & SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

The eleventh Annual Bishop's Dinner for London & Surrounding Communities will be held on Wednesday, June 12 at the London Convention Centre. This annual event gathers our community with Bishop Fabbro in a “Celebration of Faith, Friendship and Charity” to raise vital funds for Vocations London and St. Peter's Seminary. This year we welcome three-time Juno nominee Emm Gryner with her band. For tickets or sponsorship information, please email Mrs. Frances Barnard at bishopsdinner@dol.ca or phone 519-432-1414 or 1-888-548-9649, ext. 255.

ST. MARY'S CWL NEWS

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to those who HELPED IN ANY WAY in making our rummage sale another great success. Even the weather was on our side. People began lining up in the annex a half hour before we opened, and others continued to arrive right up to closing! We could not do this without our donors, our volunteers, and of course, our shoppers!

ANNUAL DINNER

St. Mary’s CWL Annual Dinner will be on Tuesday, May 7th in the church basement with the Memorial Ceremony at 5:00 pm. Dinner is at 6:00 pm, entertainment starts at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$25 per person. Tickets will be available after all masses on April 27/28 & May 4/5. Please bring a paper product (Kleenex, diapers etc.) that evening for Fresh Start Maternity Support, it would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please call Janet Guralski at 519-842-9623.

12 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR PALLIATIVE CARE

The CWL of Canada calls all people of faith to join nationwide in 12 hours of Prayer for Palliative Care on May 10, 2019 during National Hospice Palliative Care week, as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life. All parishioners, family and friends are invited to join St. Mary’s in prayer and solidarity from 10:30 am to 5 pm at our church with Benediction at 4:45 pm. Those unable to attend are encouraged to join in prayerful support. There is a pressing need for all Canadians to have greater accessibility to palliative care. This end-of-life care is true compassion. It allows individuals who are facing death to not be burdened by pain and suffering but to receive the support that respects their human dignity both physically and spiritually. Pope Francis reminds us, “Let us not underestimate the power of so many voices united in prayer”.

A message from the president of St. Mary’s CWL



2019 ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Wedding Anniversary Mass honoring all married couples in our diocese will be held on Sunday, June 2 at 3:00 p.m. The Mass will be celebrated at St. Peter’s Cathedral Basilica in London with Bishop Fabbro as the main celebrant. All married couples are invited to register by contacting the parish office at 519-842-3224 Please call the parish office to register no later than May 17, 2019.

MARRIAGE ANNULMENT

Are you hoping to get married in the Catholic Church or to have a new union blessed? Or are you simply looking for some closure after a painful divorce? If so, consider applying for a Declaration of Nullity (“annulment”) from the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of London. The process is free of charge. We are here to help. If you want to start the process, or if you just have some questions about obtaining a Declaration of Nullity, feel free to call us at 519-439-1553 or Toll Free at 1-866-603-4317, or e-mail tribunal@dol.ca

CCLC CAMP – FULL IMPACT & EMPOWER

The Diocese of London Family and Youth Ministry Outreach is offering Summer Leadership Camp. We all have the gifts to lead others, and often times young people don’t recognize their own leadership capabilities. There are two 5-day camp options for students entering high school and a 3-day option for those going into grades 7 & 8. For more information and registration go to dol.ca/CCLC.

SHARE LENT CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generous support of the 2019 Share Lent campaign! Development and Peace- Caritas Canada thanks you for your Share Lent donations. Thanks to your generosity, **\$ 5129.00** was collected in our parish. This sum will help support the actions of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to donate online at devp.org/give. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.



We welcome into our faith community through the waters of baptism: **Ella Ruby Schultz, Aurora Rebecca Lynn Smith, Gabriel Ashery James Smith, Chantel Sarah Flegel, & Matilde Isabel Oliveira-Henriques.** May they and their Families always be guided by the Lord.