


**PRAY PLEASE FOR:**  
**Ron Semenuk & Cheryle McQuiggan**  
 My sheep hear my voice; I know them and give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).


**WEEK AT A GLANCE (May 13-19)**

<b>Mon</b>	1:30 pm	Bible Study
	4:00 pm	SSVP Executive Meeting
	8:00 pm	AA
<b>Tues</b>	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
	7:30 pm	Baptism Preparation Meeting
	8:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
<b>Wed</b>	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion
	5:00 pm	May Friendship Dinner
	6:30 pm	Folk Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	CWL Meeting
<b>Thurs</b>	11:30 am	Jollymakers - Bingo
	7:45 pm	RCIA
<b>Fri</b>	9:30 am	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	10:30 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	11:45 am	Benediction
	5:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Ultreya
<b>Sat</b>	8:00 am	Confessions
	9:30 am	Confessions
	2:00 pm	Wedding
		McCorquodale/Cannon
<b>Sun</b>	9:00 am	Sunday School

**Altar Server (May 14 & 16) Owen Hayes**

  
 We welcome into our faith community through the waters of baptism: **Mackenzie Elizabeth Pili Salvador**, May her and her family always be guided by the Lord.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY – MAY 4/5**

Regular Envelope	\$ 5,966.20	
Initial Envelope	10.00	
Youth Ministry	242.00	
Easter	25.00	
Loose	1,222.70	
Building Fund	1,152.00	
May Pre- Authorized Regular	3,170.00	
May Pre- Auth. Building Fund	785.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,572.90</b>	

**ATTENTION: Bulletin submissions must be received by 4 pm Tuesdays, thank-you for your cooperation.**

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (May 18/19)**

**Saturday (5 pm)**  
 Commentator: Moma Fardella  
 1st, 2nd Lector: Dorothy Lipsit, Kathy Myny  
 Gift Bearers: First Communicants  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Veronica Holly, Randy Keba, Dave Bertling, Linda Bertling  
 Greeters: John & Adele Armstrong  
 Rosary: Vince Molloy

**Sunday (9 am)**  
 Commentator: Brian O'Rourke  
 1st, 2nd Lector: Tina Hopper, Andrew Stancek  
 Gift Bearer: First Communicants  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Wim Vink, Mariola Pleli, Miriam Schernekau, Sara Leonard  
 Greeter: Ann Schroder  
 Rosary: Mae Feeney

**Sunday (11 am)**  
 Commentator: Kim Smith  
 1st, 2nd Lector: Rachel Parker, Heather Pelland  
 Gift Bearer: First Communicants  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Ted Novakowski, Darlene Papaioannou, Norma Roczen, Norbert Vanhooren  
 Greeters: Debbie & Dan Verbrugge



**MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (May 13-19)**

<b>Tues</b>	5:00 pm	Agnes Vandergriendt Manuel Oliveira John Mahony
<b>Wed</b>	10:00 am	Nick Doneff John Schonberger Irene Hasilo
<b>Thurs</b>	3:30 pm 7:00 pm	Mass- Woodingford Lodge Mary Hamel Wendy Smith John Mulhall
<b>Fri</b>	10:00 am	Mary Roose
<b>Sat</b>	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary's Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Sun</b>	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 EASTER**


**MAY 12, 2019**

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Shawls....symbolic of an inclusive, unconditional loving God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace! We create shawls for many different reasons. They can celebrate anniversaries and birthdays, provide consolation to those who are grieving, comfort those who are ill, and bring hope to those who are in despair. The makers of these special shawls pray before the shawl is made, pray while working on the shawl, and pray after it is finished. Prayers that accompany the shawls ask God to help renew the body as well as the spirit. They ask him to restore the recipient to hope, strength, and healing. When completed, the shawls are blessed and then distributed by the Pastoral Team to those in need.

At St. Mary's Church in Tillsonburg, the Catholic Women's League began the Prayer Shawls Ministry as an outreach ministry in January 2006. This ministry is open to any parishioner at St. Mary's Church who would like to participate in creating these shawls and lap blankets. Supplies are provided by the funding received from the CWL. We meet on the first and third Wednesday of every month from September to May from 1:30 to 3:00 in the Father Langan Parish Centre.



  
**KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.**

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 Jack Grim, Deacon  
 Brian Hanley, Deacon  
 Colleen Hanley, Pastoral Minister  
 Teena Mendonca, Business Manager  
 Melissa Sioen, Secretary

**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 available at 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 extension 23 or chanley@dol.ca.



### VBS WASH CLOTH SALES

Get your toonies out! We will be selling our famous wash cloths at all the Masses May 25th & 26th! All the money raised will go to providing all our campers with saint cards to take home! Wash cloths will be on sale for \$2 or five for \$10! Thank you so much for your support!

### HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Our monthly High School Nights are the second Sunday of the month from 7-9 pm and our next night is this Sunday May 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 in 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!

### 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.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**THANK YOU!**

### VOLUNTEER THANK YOU BREAKFAST

We invite all those who volunteer with their time, money or prayers to breakfast on Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> after the 9 am and 11 am Masses. It is one little way that we, our parish, can say thank you for all that you do! Breakfast will be provided by our wonderful Knights of Columbus – save the date!

### 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!

### PRIEST PENSION FUND COLLECTION

The Priest Pension collection date is June 15/16 - Father’s Day weekend. Please look for a special insert and envelope in our weekend bulletin and give as generously as you can. Please also keep all our priests in your prayers. Your generosity is a sign of the care and affection that we feel for our priests, who retire after many decades of years having ministered to our spiritual needs. Our priests give us a lifetime of service, this Father’s Day let’s give back!

### BIBLE STUDY

Monday, May 13th at 1:30pm. “The Bible is the book of the Church, and the words of the Bible cannot express their full meaning when understood apart from the living community of faith.” Dei Verbum.

### MAY IS RESPECT FOR LIFE MONTH

Thank you to the parishioners who pledged vigil candles for the March for Life in Ottawa. We sent \$315 to Campaign Life Coalition to support the March for Life this year.

### THE INTERIM

The May issue of The Interim, Canada’s Life and Family newspaper, is available at the entrances to the church.

### RESPECT FOR LIFE PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, May 22nd, 7 pm at St. Mary’s Church. All are welcome. Social to follow.

### ANNUAL RIGHT TO LIFE WALKATHON

Saturday, May 25th Registration: 9 am at Emmanuel Church, Clarke St., Woodstock. Call Mary at 519-421-0029 or 10 am at the First Baptist Church, Thames St. South, Ingersoll. For info call 519-485-2603.

### 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.

### 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.

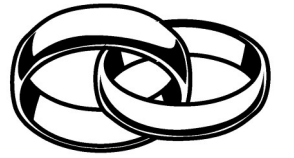
### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY REPORT -- APRIL 2019

On April 29, the church celebrated the feast of St. Catherine of Siena, a great 14th century mystic who was directed by God to serve the most vulnerable in society. In her dialogues with God the Father, God speaks: “... love of Me and of her neighbor are one and the same thing, and, so far as the soul loves Me, she loves her neighbor, because love towards him issues from Me. This is the means which I have given you, that you may exercise and prove your virtue therewith; because, inasmuch as you can do Me no profit, you should do it to your neighbor. This proves that you possess Me by grace in your soul....” ( The Dialogue of St. Catherine of Siena) As our volunteers serve the many who attend our dinners, as we give food to the many families that don’t have enough for groceries, and as we support the many in our community who experience unstable housing, who sleep outside, couch surf or eke out an existence at a local motel, we are reminded that this love of neighbor expresses our love for God; our service, which “issues from” God, is thus returned to Him. We have had many opportunities throughout April to honour this Grace of God. Our Friendship dinners have been packed, culminating in the highest number on the very last of our weekly suppers. We welcomed 72 guests on April 3; 77 on April 10; 75 on April 17; 87 on April 24. We will continue to serve a dinner once a month throughout the summer, excluding July, and then return to our regular schedule in October. In addition, our SSVP emergency phone line assisted eleven single adults and nine families with food; eight single adults with rent; one family with hydro; one single adult and one family with car fuel; and one family with formula and diaper needs. We thank you for demonstrating your love for God in loving your neighbor by supporting the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Anne Stancek



### 2019 ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Wedding Anniversary Mass honoring all married couples in our diocese will be held on Sunday, June 2 at 3:00 pm. 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 by 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.

### 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 Tillsonburg. One ticket gets you 52 chances to win and you can win more than once.

### AVOW – VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUPS FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN

Every woman is called to make a gift of herself in love. Discovering the form the gift will take is the art of discernment. Avow is a small group for Catholic women, ages 18 to 35, who gather for heart-to-heart conversation and study as they embark on the journey of discernment together. Avow is not a program to recruit or convince you of your vocation; rather it is designed to create an atmosphere of freedom and openness for the authentic pursuit of the Father’s will. Groups are guided by the discernment principles of St. Ignatius of Loyola. In London & Surrounding Regions: Meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month. Please contact Marjorie Braatz at mbraatz84@gmail.com.

