

PRAY PLEASE FOR:
John Hunt (father of Elaine Hill)
Harry Van Ryswyck (husband of Maria)
You sent your holy spirit from on high and thus were the paths of those on earth made straight (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

WEEK AT A GLANCE (September 9- 15)

Mon	8:00 am	CWL Meat & Apple Pie Prep
	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	4:00 pm	SSVP Exec./Membership Mtg
	8:00 pm	AA
Tues	8:00 am	CWL Meat & Apple Pies
	7:30 pm	Baptism Prep Meeting
	8:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wed	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Dev.
	5:00 pm	Friendship Dinner
	7:00 pm	CWL Executive Meeting
Thurs	1:00 pm	Team Meeting
	7:30 pm	RCIA Meeting
Fri	9:30 am	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	10:30 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	11:15 am	Benediction
Sat	8:00 am	Confessions
	9:30 am	Confessions

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Sept 9-15)

Tues	7:00 pm	John Schonberger Dave Mulholland A special intention for Danny, Lian Fortier & Family
Wed	10:00 am	Manuel Oliveira Mary Hamel Maria Sam Nguyen
Thurs	10:00 am	Opening School Mass Yvonne VanHaecke A special intention for George Mackelbergh Priscilla Lemire
	3:30 pm	Maple Manor
	7:00 pm	For victims/survivors of sexual abuse and for reparation for the sins of abusers
Fri	10:00 am	Irene Hasilo Joe Jansen Margaret Lounsbury
Sat	9:00 am	Deceased members of Sen Than Family Karl & Anna Kisilak
Sun	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary's
	9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (Sept 14/15)

Saturday (5 pm)
 Commentator: Moma Fardella
 1st, 2nd Lector: Veronica Holly, Dorothy Lipsit
 Gift Bearers: Dave & Ellen Devlin
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Dave Bertling, Dave Devlin, Phil Harrison, Elizabeth VanHooren
 Greeter: Linda Bertling
 Rosary: Dorothy Lipsit

Sunday (9 am)
 Commentator: Brian O'Rourke
 1st, 2nd Lector: Steve Norman, Tina Hopper
 Gift Bearers: Dustin Donais Family & Mike & Angila Donais
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Mariola Pleli, Mark Hopper, Judy Schonberger, Wim Vink
 Greeters: Michael Jaffray Family
 Rosary: Irene Gubesch

Sunday (11 am)
 Commentator: Kathy Holly
 1st, 2nd Lector: Ed Roczen, Heather Pelland
 Gift Bearer: Michael & Kathy Holly
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Darren Jayne, Dave Martin, Jessica Martin, Stephan Pelland
 Greeter: Jack Parker

Altar Server (September 10 & 12) Theresa Cuff

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – AUG 31/ SEPT 1, 2019

Regular Envelope	\$ 5,250.90
Initial Envelope	\$ 5.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 397.00
Building Fund	\$ 727.00
Loose	\$ 196.35
Sept. Pre-Authorized- Reg. Sunday	\$ 3,130.00
Sept. Pre-Authorized- Building Fund	\$ 795.00
Total	\$ 10,501.25

Thanks!

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
 Are you interested in developing your families' faith and in connecting with other families who share a common purpose? The Family Catechism program begins Sunday, October 20 and is open for registration online. Families with children and youth of all ages are welcome to attend. Please visit www.famfi.ca or contact Karin Lansink at jklansink@gmail.com or 519-550-03304.



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

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From Colleen ...
 I was watching a movie recently and at the very end of the movie (*Two Weeks Notice*) there was a dialogue between the father and his daughter about making a decision. It went like this:
Mr. Kelson: As long as people can change, the world can change.
Lucy: But what if people can't change?
Mr. Kelson: Let me put it this way.
I'm sitting here eating a piece of cheesecake made entirely of soy.
And I hate it. But I'm eating it.
 Mr. Kelson made a decision. He had to choose to include soy cheesecake in his diet. His priority is his health and his sacrifice is his love of cheesecake made with cream cheese. This week's readings are prodding us to weigh the costs of our decisions and our choices, to set priorities and be willing to make sacrifices. There are those who sacrifice for their children's sports, or sacrifice for the wellbeing of their families through their jobs. We all set our priorities in life. All our big decisions affect others. Jesus gives us two parables of how people's decisions affect others. These parables depict a man staring at a foundation he can't build on and a king contemplating a war in which he is outnumbered 2 to 1. How many times have we been in this kind of situation, when we are faced with a task without means to complete it? These two parables urge us to count the cost of discipleship and to commit to following Jesus all the way that lies ahead. But this cost and this commitment can only be viewed in the context of God's commitment to us. The cross conveys God's extreme commitment to us. The resurrection conveys God's power to see us through every obstacle that litters the path ahead. It is as if, God scoops us out of the waters of baptism and says, "Yes! This is exactly what I had in mind when I created you". Turning away from and detaching ourselves from people, possessions and work so that we can follow Jesus means that: suddenly we no longer work to justify our own existence, we work simply because there is work that needs doing. We work because God has given us work that no one else can do, and because if we don't do it, it simply won't get done. Suddenly our possessions no longer prove our worth; they are simply gifts from God. They are given to us to serve God and God's people: our homes so that we can provide hospitality to strangers, our wealth so that we can share it with others. And suddenly our families no longer justify our existence; they merely surround us with love and care. Our fathers are not there to be lived up to, but to love us and accept us. Our mothers love us not because we deserve it, but simply because we exist. Our sisters and brothers can be companions for the journey, walking alongside us enjoying the scenery. And children can be more than just something we put our stamp on and raise to be just how we want them, they can be signs that God is at work in the world, constantly bringing new life, constantly opening up the future. Following Jesus means dying to self, to everything we have, to everything we are. But it also means being reborn and receiving all of life as a gift. So the next time we are faced with a decision or a choice, take up your cross first. Without the cross we truly cannot be His disciples.

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 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

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Our Sunday school program will resume Sunday September 22nd. 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 only at the Sunday 9 AM Mass. For more information please contact Colleen Hanley at chanley@dol.ca or 519-842-3224 ext. 23.

HOW DO I BECOME CATHOLIC?

RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the Church's process for calling adults to a conversion of mind and heart and preparing them for a full and active life in the Church as disciples of Jesus. The process of becoming a mature Christian involves more than just learning about the faith of the Church. The RCIA aims to transform the entire person into an individual who has truly put on Christ Jesus. Our process will begin early in September, so if you are interested in entering into the process please contact Colleen Hanley (519-842-3224 ext. 23). The first step is just to meet over coffee and chat and share information.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation is usually conferred on youth in grade 8. If your family has a young person entered into grade 8 this year, you do not want to miss the Confirmation Family Information Night on Thursday September 19th at 7:30 pm, the meeting will follow the 7 pm Mass and will be in the Church. You will be given information concerning the sacrament, the process and registration packages. If you cannot attend but have a family member interested in being confirmed, please contact Colleen Hanley (519-842-3224 ext.23).

DO YOU WANT TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER?

Youth currently in grade 4 and up are most welcome to become altar servers. We will train you to assist at the altar during weekday and Sunday masses, weddings, funerals, special feast days and Holy Week. If you, or someone in your family, are interested in this rewarding ministry please complete the green sign up sheet at the back of the church by the main doors or contact Mrs. Hanley at chanley@dol.ca. Our Orientation & Training Night will be Tuesday October 1st at 6:30 pm in the church for all new and experienced altar servers.



**Happy 50th Wedding
Anniversary
Don & Joanne Jones
on September 6, 2019**

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

The Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are normally celebrated in grade two. If your family has a child entered into grade two this year, you do not want to miss the Parent Only meeting on Wednesday September 18th at 7 pm in the Church. Information about the program, dates and registration packages will be available at the meeting. If you cannot attend but have a family member interested in celebrating the sacraments of First Reconciliation and Communion, please contact Colleen Hanley (519-842-3224 ext.23).

FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is Friday morning immediately after the 10:00 AM Mass and end with Benediction at 11:15 AM. For more information contact Fr. John.

GROWING IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

We are excited to offer to the parish "Growing in the Spirit of Our Catholic Faith" this fall. It's not a new program or a series; rather it is simply an opportunity for you to grow. "Growing in the Spirit of Our Catholic Faith" will be an offshoot of the RCIA process – you come and listen to a presentation then spend some time in discussion how the Holy Spirit is calling you to grow in your faith. Presentations will focus on calling you to conversion of mind and heart, confirming your baptismal call, going deeper into our rich Catholic faith to be full and active missionary disciples. It will begin Thursday October 3rd at 7:30 pm following the 7 pm daily evening Mass. You will receive a schedule with all the different presentations and you can choose to be present for all or just some of them – you determine what you need to hear to grow in the Spirit of our Catholic Faith. After each presentation those "Growing in the Spirit" will have the opportunity to have table discussions, ask questions, etc. There is no cost to attend but you will have an opportunity to purchase resources if you wish to. For planning purposes you will need to register – for now there are blue registration forms at the back of the Church by the main doors for you to complete and return to the rectory office or mail slot. Deadline to register is Friday September 20th. Any questions please contact Colleen Hanley at the office.

ROSARY IN THE SCHOOLS

We are in need of help! If you would be interested in helping to pray the Rosary with children in grades 1-8 at St. Joseph's School or Msgr. O'Neil please contact Olga Patterson at 519-842-8773.

SUNDAY CHOIR

The Sunday Choir begins Sunday September 15th at the 9:00 am mass. New voices welcome!

FOLK CHOIR PRACTICE

Folk Choir practice will be starting up again on Wednesday September 25, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Please contact John Vermeeren at 519-842-6161 for any new members.

CELEBRATE THE WORD

A NOTE FROM DEACON JACK

Our CELEBRATE THE WORD Sunday Reading Reflection Group will begin meeting again weekly on Tuesday September 17th from 1:30 to 3 pm. Please come and join us as we share our faith and life together in a friendly setting of respect and caring and especially prayer. Always lots of laughs and sometimes a tear or two. New faces "always more than welcome"!!! These get-togethers are set up so that you can come as you are able. They will continue to about the end of May. Hopefully we will be able to meet in room 4 at the Centre, if not, God will provide. For further info call me at 519 879 6843.

SSVP MONTHLY REPORT – JULY AND AUGUST 2019

Whether we own a house or rent an apartment, home means security, comfort, and rest. Can you imagine not having reliable shelter, nowhere to keep out of the rain, find warmth and a bed? In many communities, not only is housing scarce, but housing has become too expensive. On OW, an individual receives \$721 per month, \$384 for shelter allowance. Even a single room in a boarding house, if available, is around \$500/month. Here in Tillsonburg, SSVP serves people every week who experience unstable housing. Who is at risk of homelessness? Whom do we help?: a woman leaving an abusive relationship; a man who has been laid off and can no longer afford his apartment; an elderly couple looking for harvest work; a man who is experiencing mental health issues; a young woman who is traumatized by a serious accident and needs two months in the hospital, without work or pay; a young mother with a toddler, whose partner has abandoned her; a woman needing to escape where she has been couch surfing, because of bad company and drugs. This year alone, from January to August, SSVP assisted 36 single adults and 12 families with a night in a motel to keep them off the street or with some contribution to a month's rent so they are not evicted. The crisis is growing; throughout all of 2018, we assisted 31 single adults and 19 families. We are only in our eighth month. Rather than descend to discouragement, however, we continue to serve, heartened by the new low income housing that is being built and thankful for the generosity of our parish. "God is our refuge and our strength," (Ps: 46) and we trust in God's love and providence for the poor. Responding to our SSVP emergency phone line, throughout July, we assisted twelve single adults and ten families with food; four single adults with rent; two families with hydro; one family with Union Gas; one single adult and one family with car fuel. Throughout August, we assisted fifteen single adults and eleven families with food; four single adults and three families with rent; two families with hydro; one single adult with car fuel; one single adult with shoes; one family with clothes; and one family with baby formula. We served 74 meals at our August Friendship Dinner and look forward to our dinner in September. Thank you again, for making all our work possible. You are the ones who truly house the homeless. Anne Stancek

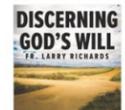
FORMED

PICK FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS



FEATURED IN SEPTEMBER
PRAYER

 LECTIO PRAYER STUDY	 ARE THE SAINTS AWARE OF OUR PRAYERS? WATCH	
 DISCERNING GOD'S WILL LISTEN	 Prayer YOUTH	 DEEP CONVERSION DEEP PRAYER READ
 Let's Pray! FOR CHILDREN	 ECHO SPANISH	

Visit Formed.org and use our Parish Code: **GKKYTH**

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study starts up again on Monday September 9th and 16th from 1:30-3:00 pm in the office meeting room. New members are welcome to come and see what we are about. "The dialogue between the historical context of the Bible and the realities of our own times aids in interpretation."
Dei Verbum

RIGHT TO LIFE

Right to Life information: 40 Days for Life begins September 25th and continues on weekdays to November 2nd. St Mary's Church will be participating as a parish on Tuesday, October 15th from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm near the LHSC Victoria Hospital at the corner of Wellington & Commissioners. Consider joining us for 1 or 2 hours. Contact Deacon Andre for car pooling arrangements (519-913-3533).

CWL MEAT & APPLE PIE SALE

St. Mary's CWL is taking orders for Meat & Apple pies. The cost is \$4.00. To place an order, please call: Nora Marie Bruder at 519-842-8460 or Irene Gubesch at 519-842-3312

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

Ray McLennan
Neil Crampton
James Clark
Robert Bamford
Diure Hussey

