

WEEK AT A GLANCE (September 16- 22)

Mon	8:00 am	CWL Meat & Apple Pie Prep
	1:30 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	OCDS Carmelites Meeting
	8:00 pm	AA
Tues	8:00 am	CWL Meat & Apple Pies
	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
	7:00 pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at Sacred Heart Church, Langton
Wed	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Dev.
	1:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	7:00 pm	1st Rec. & 1st Com. Parent Meeting
	7:00 pm	CWL General Meeting
Thurs	11:00 am	Rosary- Tillsonburg Retirement
	11:30 am	Jollymakers-Bingo
	7:30 pm	Confirmation Candidate/Parent 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
	3:00 pm	Wedding
Sun	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
	12:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Breakfast

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Sept 16-22)

Tues	10:00 am	Mary Hamel Maria Sam Nguyen Margaret & Danile McGarity
Wed	10:00 am	Bill & Rieky Wiggers Irene Hasilo Joe Jansen Dave Mulholland
Thurs	3:30 pm 7:00 pm	Woodingford Lodge Joe Rego George Mendonca Yvonne VanHaecke
Fri	10:00 am	Adrian & Nellie Rockx Dave Mulholland Tim Mahony
Sat	9:00 am	Deceased members of Helen Peacock Family Cecil Mounce Christopher Carroll Manuel Oliveira
Sun	5:00 pm 9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's Parishioners of St. Mary's

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (Sept 21/22)

Saturday (5 pm)
 Commentator: Ed DeDecker
 1st, 2nd Lector: Moma Fardella & Bertha MacFarlane
 Gift Bearers: Ted & Bertha Gignac
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Ellen Devlin, Sue Harrison, Gary Myny, Doug Shwaluk
 Greeter: Veronica Holly
 Rosary: Vince Molloy

Sunday (9 am)
 Commentator: Mariola Plesi
 1st, 2nd Lector: Miriam Schernekau & Anne Stancek
 Gift Bearer: Rose Henry
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Steve Leonard, Rob Schonberger, Robert Verhoeve, Ana Rosa Oliveira
 Greeter: Barbara Libon
 Rosary: Anne Stancek

Sunday (11 am)
 Commentator: Heather Pelland
 1st, 2nd Lector: Teena Mendonca & Stephen Pelland
 Gift Bearers: Cory & Stephanie Hopper & Family
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Heidi Pasztor, Steve Pasztor, Ted Novakowski, Norma Roczen
 Greeter: Cheryl Rosillo
 Rosary: Barry Govia

Altar Server (September 17 & 19) Grace Verspeeten

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – SEPT 7/8, 2019

Regular Envelope	\$ 5,900.50
New Year's Day	\$ 20.00
Initial Envelope	\$ 10.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 1,570.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,212.00
Loose	\$ 364.85
Total	\$ 9,077.35

Thanks!



**Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary
 Paul & Cecil De Cloet
 on September 19, 2019**



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

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Rev. John Pirt, Pastor
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 Brian Hanley, Deacon
 Colleen Hanley, Pastoral Minister
 Teena Mendonca, Business Administrator
 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

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

From the Knights of Columbus,

It is by the path of love, which is charity, that God draws near to man, and man to God. But where charity is not found, God cannot dwell. If, then, we possess charity, we possess God, for God is Charity -- St. Albert the Great

Charity and service – the two greatest things all Catholics can and should aspire to do well. We, the Knights of Columbus, have taken this to heart as our first and foremost principle. We are a fraternal Catholic organization of over 15 900 councils and 1.9 million members in 17 countries worldwide. Locally we have supported countless numbers of charitable works, uplifted many unfortunate and needy causes, and provided many thousands of hours of volunteer work and service to the greater mercy of the Church.

One of the many programs that has provided service to our parish and local community at large is our monthly breakfasts here at St. Mary's. The breakfasts give us a chance to give back to our Church community and say thank you for many years of charitable love and kindness. Through your generous donations at these breakfasts, we have been able to support many local charities and worthy causes. These breakfasts are also a chance to share a communal meal with one another thereby allowing us to deepen our connection to one another and the Church at large.

We would invite you to come out to our next breakfast on Sunday September 22nd following the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses and enjoy a delicious breakfast while helping us to better serve our community. Our Catholic faith teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

For more information on the Knights or to inquire about membership, please contact:
 Alex Hanley @ 519-983-0373

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Our Sunday school program will begin next Sunday September 22nd at the 9 am Mass. 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.

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.

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.

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).

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.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY HELP

One of our greatest treasures in our Parish is our high school aged young people. Their enthusiasm for sharing their faith with each other and other young people in the elementary schools is amazing. They have a love of Christ and their zeal is infectious! If you would like to be a part of this amazing ministry – as an adult mentor or faith leader, please contact Colleen Hanley as soon as possible. Our High School Ministry program will begin in October.

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.

CWL BAZAAR GRAND DRAW TICKETS

Once again we will be having our Grand Draw as part of our Annual Bazaar November 9th, 2019. We are looking for some help to sell tickets for the Grand Draw this year, if you are interested in helping with this please contact Irene Gubesch at 519-842-3312 & Marg Wilson at 519-842-9910. *The cost of the tickets are \$2.00 a ticket or \$5.00 for tickets with the following prizes:*

- 1st Prize: \$1000.00 Cash**
- 2nd Prize: \$200.00 Cash**
- 3rd Prize: \$100.00 Cash**

If you can help us sell a book of tickets to your friends or family that would be a big help! Thank you for your support.

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, Irene Gubesch at 519-842-3312 or Margaret Mahu at 519-842-2506.



CWL PENNY TABLE

Penny Table items for the Bazaar would be greatly appreciated once again. Please leave NEW ITEMS ONLY at the church office clearly marked for Penny Table. Thank you

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).

THE INTERIM

The September Issue of the Interim has arrived and is available on a small table in the annex.

FORMED

PICK FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS

FEATURED IN SEPTEMBER PRAYER

STUDY	WATCH	
LISTEN	YOUTH	READ
FOR CHILDREN	SPANISH	

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

CENTREFEST 2019 UPDATE

Many thanks to all our parishioners & friends who turned out for our 14th Annual Centrefest Celebration last Sunday! The weather was perfect and the food was great! We fed over 280 hungry people! A great big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped before, during & after this event. There would not be this celebration without YOU! We had a 50/50 Cash Draw that day & the winner was Paul VanWynsberghe. With your support & generous donations we raised about \$4000 for the Centre. Check St. Mary's Facebook page for some great photos of the day. As always, thank you for supporting the Father Langan Parish Centre!

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.

PRAY PLEASE FOR:

Rica Hillhorst, Andre Van Hove & Marcel Verstraeten
There is great rejoicing in heaven and among the angels when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]).