

WEEK AT A GLANCE (October 7-13)

Mon	8:00 am	CWL Meat & Apple Pie Prep
	1:30 pm	Bible Study
	4:00 pm	SSVP Exec./Membership Mtg.
	8:00 pm	AA
Tues	8:00 am	CWL Meat & Apple Pies
	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
	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 Devotion
	1:00 pm	Pastoral Team Meeting
Thurs	9:00 am	School Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions
	12:00 pm	Ingersoll Deanery Meeting
	11:30 am	Jollymakers - Bingo
	7:45 pm	RCIA & Growing in the Spirit
Fri	9:30 am	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	10:30 am	Adoration
	11:15 am	Benediction
	1:15 pm	School Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions
Sat	8:00 am	Confessions
	9:30 am	Confessions
	3:00 pm	Wedding
Sun	9:00 am	Sunday School

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Oct 7- 13)

Tues	7:00 pm	Joe Holly Mary Hamel Maria Boruzs
Wed	10:00 am	Anointing Mass Evanoff-DeBoey Family Dave Mulholland John Schonberger
Thurs	3:30 pm 7:00 pm	Maple Manor Ron Semenuk Tim Mahony Suzanne Ouellette Jack Oliveira
Fri	10:00 am	Deceased members of the Helen Peacock Family Irene Hasilo Tim Mahony
Sat	9:00 am	Ron Semenuk A special intention for Marion McKenna Harry VanRyswyck
Sun	5:00 pm 9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's Parishioners of St. Mary's

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (October 12/13)

Saturday (5 pm)
 Commentator: Ed DeDecker
 1st, 2nd Lector: Jerry Claessens, Linda Bertling
 Gift Bearers: Gary & Kathy Myny
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Elizabeth VanHooren, Dave Bertling, Dave Devlin, Phil Harrison
 Greeters: John & Adele Armstrong
 Rosary: Adele Armstrong

Sunday (9 am)
 Commentator: Mae Feeney
 1st, 2nd Lector: Karin Lansink, Michael Jaffray
 Gift Bearers: Michael & Ashley Jaffray & Family
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Vicky Luki, Sarah Leonard, Mariola Pleli, Kate Norman
 Greeter: Elaine & Doug Hill
 Rosary: John Oliveira

Sunday (11 am)
 Commentator: Kathy Holly
 1st, 2nd Lector: Audrey Jayne, Janet Guralski
 Gift Bearers: Jack & Rachel Parker
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Darren Jayne, Dave Martin, Jessica Martin, Darlene Papaioannou
 Greeter: Jack Parker
 Rosary: Norbert Vanhooren

Altar Server (October 8 & 10) Addison Wills

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – SEPT 28/29, 2019

Regular Envelope	\$ 5,169.75
Youth Ministry	\$ 45.00
Building Fund	\$ 665.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$ 100.00
Loose	\$ 201.20
Total	\$6,180.95



PRAY PLEASE FOR:

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Bear hardship with the strength that comes from God (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14).



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

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From Colleen ...

Have you ever had that little pebble in your shoe or sandal that you just can't shake free? It's just a tiny stone but it sure causes great discomfort. It has great power, it makes us abandon our tasks to stop and get that pebble out before we can continue in our every day routine. I was trying to figure out how to incorporate Bishop Fabbro's lens "Being a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus" with the readings this weekend and it dawned on me that I have been treating this lens as that little pebble in my ministry rather than the mustard seed we read about in the Gospel!

On Facebook today one of my friends posted this phrase: "Repetitive complaining will attract things for you to complain about. Repeated gratitude will attract things for you to be thankful about." That little pebble, my repetitive complaining about having to refocus how I do what I do, is exactly what the prophet Habakkuk shares with us. God's people are tired, in great discomfort from persecution, complaining that God will not save them. The Lord answers and asks one thing: faith. Vindication and relief will come to those who wait patiently in faith. To believe is to accept God's mysterious plan.

Ah faith. What is faith? St. Paul reminds Timothy and his community that to believe is to enter into a dynamic relationship with the God who speaks to us in the scriptures. Dynamic? A dynamic relationship is characterized by constant change, activity, or progress usually by a person positive in attitude and full of energy and new ideas. Hmm. Is my faith dynamic? Is yours?

So what of the mustard seed sized faith we read about in the Gospel this week? For me, it is the opportunity to be grateful for this new lens to view my relationships at home, in my work, and in my community. Am I being mission oriented to help form disciples of Jesus? I am very grateful for the leaders in our Church; Pope Francis for encouraging us to think outside the box pastorally, Bishop Fabbro for inviting us to be mission oriented, our Priests and our Deacons for demonstrating servant leadership. Repeated gratitude will attract things for you to be thankful about. I am grateful for my mustard seed size faith, because it is our faith that can accomplish what lies beyond purely human possibilities.

St. Paul reminds us to "Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us." Faith is that good treasure. It will see us through the good and the bad, the uncertainties of life, those "pebble" moments that cause us to lose patience. So shake those shoes, be grateful and faithful, and repeat "Come Holy Spirit!"

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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

Our Sunday school program happens during the 9 am Mass Sunday mornings. 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. For more info please contact Colleen Hanley at chanley@dol.ca or 519-842-3224 ext. 23.

HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH

We have created opportunities for high school aged youth to gather once a month for personal faith development including conferences and retreats, community outreach (which allows you to gain some community service hours), school outreach (being role models for your younger peers and service hours), and outreach to our Parish (which includes drama and music). Our first get together is this Sunday October 6th from 7-9 pm in the Parish Centre in room 9. There will always be elements of faith, food and fun when we gather. For more info contact Mrs. Hanley at chanley@dol.ca.

SCHOOL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & RECONCILIATION

This Thursday, October 10th, our grade 8 classes (Mrs. Keller and Mr. Pepper) from Msgr. O'Neil will be journeying to the Church in the morning to experience Eucharistic Adoration and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On Friday October 11th, Ms. Wild's grade 3+4 class from St. Joseph's School will also be journeying to the Church in the afternoon to experience Eucharistic Adoration and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is a beautiful way for our young people to meet the Lord and receive mercy. Please pray for our students, staff and their families.

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 and you missed the Confirmation Family Information Night please contact Colleen Hanley (519-842-3224 ext.23) to set up an appointment to register. The deadline for registrations to be returned is October 16th.

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 October 6th.

GROWING IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Growing in the Spirit of Our Catholic Faith will continue Thursday October 10th at 7:45 pm in the Father Langan Parish Centre in room 5. Our next topic will be "Divine Revelation: God Seeking Us & the Compass for our Lives". All are welcome to attend, even if you haven't registered. Any questions please contact Colleen Hanley at the office.

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 and you missed the Parent Information Meeting please contact Colleen Hanley (519-842-3224 ext.23) to set up an appointment to register. The deadline for registrations to be returned is October 9th.

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 20th at 2:55 pm in the Parish Centre, 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 519-550-0304.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study resumes Monday Oct. 7th from 1:30-3:00 pm in the office meeting room. New members are welcome to come and see what we are about. "God's truth continues to be understood more fully through the ongoing Tradition of the Church which is expressed in the Scriptures, the doctrinal teaching of the Church, the creeds, the liturgy and sacraments, the witness of the saints, and the continuing experience of the Holy Spirit working through the faithful people of God." *Dei Verbum*

LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain is on Sunday, October 6th, in Tillsonburg from 1:30 – 2:30 pm. Join thousands across Canada in this prayerful one-hour vigil affirming the right to life for the unborn. We meet by the clock tower at the corner of Broadway and Bridge St. at 1:15 pm.

ST. MARY'S SSVF COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

St. Mary's Parish commissioning of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be held on Tuesday October 8th at the 7:00 pm Mass. All members of the parish are welcome to attend the ceremony and receive a sacred blessing as we start up again for our 2019-2020 year of ministry.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR SSVF

Baskets will be placed at the back of the church to receive your generous donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank during the Thanksgiving Season. We are blessed to share with those in our community who suffer from food instability. Chunky soups, granola bars, canned meat and canned fruit are greatly appreciated.

FORMED

FORMED UPDATE

We hope you are enjoying your free subscription to FORMED – an amazing revolutionary online platform providing access to the best Catholic audio talks, movies, e-books and video-based studies. If you are new to FORMED and want to sign up please visit Formed.org and login using our parish code GKKYTH. If you need help navigating the FORMED platform please contact us at the Parish Office – we would be happy to help!

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

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 or Marg Wilson at 519-842-9910. *The cost of the tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 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 are 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 and for more information, please contact Darlene Papaioannou at 519-842-4946.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The London Prayer Vigil is September 25 – November 2, excluding Sundays, at Wellington and Commissioners Roads, 7 am to 7 pm. Parking is available at the adjacent mall. Join the largest pro-life mobilization in history! Book your vigil time 40daysforlife.com/London-on or join Tillsonburgers on Tuesday, October 15th for 1 or 2 hours between 7:00 am and 12pm. Call Deacon Andre for car pooling arrangements (519) 913-3533.

THANKSGIVING APPEAL INFORMATION

We are reminded of our blessings of prosperity and family, as well as our responsibilities. Every year, our parish takes up an annual collection that raises the money needed to fund our parish locally and as part of our diocesan family. **100 % of the money collected in the Thanksgiving Appeal envelopes stays here at St. Mary's to support our parish.** Caring for others and seeking social justice are deeply rooted in our faith: in the Gospel, Jesus directs us to help the poor, feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Together, people and parishes are united in our incredible mission to bring Christ's light to the world. Please give as generously as you are able, and please pray for those in need. There is a special envelope titled "Our Thanksgiving Appeal Offering" in your boxed set or please use the envelope attached to the bulletin. You can return your Thanksgiving Appeal contribution at any time.

ANOINTING MASS

On Wednesday October 9th, during the 10 am Mass, Fr. John will offer the healing sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to all those who wish it. Please share this date with your friends and family.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2019

At a recent Catholic protest against the detention of migrants and migrant families in New Jersey, Rev. Dennis Berry spoke: "If we look at each other as 'them,' the other, we miss the good news. But if we look at the other as a brother, a sister, a beloved son or daughter of the Father, as a person with dignity and rights and hopes and dreams and sorrows like all of us, then we begin to experience the coming of the kingdom of God, we become agents of that holy kingdom as we move forward." This quotation articulates for me the mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and indeed of every Christian: We are called to recognize in the person we serve a beloved one of God and thus participate in the "coming of the kingdom". We are here to honour, support and obtain justice for any person who is vulnerable, whether a migrant in New Jersey; or a homeless senior or an unemployed man, or a single mom or an addicted youth here in Tillsonburg. We must declare their dignity and sacredness in the heart of God. Jacqueline Small, a postulant with the Benedictine sisters, who formed a cross on the street with others at the same protest, said: "As Catholics, we're really called to be a lot like Mary. We're called to bring God into the world and use our own bodies to do it." During September, through our SSVF emergency phone line, we assisted sixteen single adults and nine families with food; two single adults and three families with rent; one single adult and one family with hydro; one family with clothing; one family with diapers; and one family with baby formula. We served 84 meals at our September Friendship Dinner and look forward to our regular dinner schedule beginning October 16. Thank you for your generous support through food and finances; you give meaning to the words we say daily: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done." Anne Stancek