

WEEK AT A GLANCE (Nov 18 - 24)

Mon	1:30 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	OCDS Carmelites Meeting
	8:00 pm	AA
Tues	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
Wed	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions
	3:30 pm	Christmas Hamper Registration
	5:00 pm	Friendship Dinner
	7:00 pm	CWL General Meeting
Thurs	11:30 am	Jolly Makers - Bingo & Cards
	7:45 pm	RCIA & Growing in the Spirit
Fri	9:30 am	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	10:30 am	Adoration
	11:15 am	Benediction
Sat	8:00 am	Confessions
	9:30 am	Confessions
Sun	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
	12:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
	3:30 pm	Flying Fathers

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Nov 18 - 24)

Tues	7:00 pm	Agnes Wilson Harry VanRyswyck
Wed	10:00 am	Tony Fardella Sr. Mary Hamel A special intention for Roger Shoemaker
Thurs	3:30 pm	Woodingford Lodge- Communion Service
	7:00 pm	A special intention for Paul & Janetta Valeriote Rica Hilhorst Jay Kennedy
Fri	10:00 am	Bill & Rieky Wiggers Robert Goudeseune Jess Ellis
Sat	9:00 am	Tuan Than Brett Hodson Wayne Haynes A special intention for Faren Tami
Sun	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary's
	9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – NOV 9/10, 2019

Regular Envelope	\$ 5,636.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 70.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$ 20.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 290.00
Loose	\$ 470.50
Total	\$ 6,506.50

PRAY PLEASE FOR:**Holy Souls In Purgatory**

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and melodious song. — Psalm 98:5

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (November 23/24)**Saturday (5 pm)**

Commentator: Moma Fardella
1st, 2nd Lector: Dorothy Lipsit, Veronica Holly
Gift Bearer: Veronica Holly
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Norbert Vanhooren, Jeannette Keba, Randy Keba, Kathy Myny
Greeter: Linda Bertling
Rosary: Adele Armstrong

Sunday (9 am)

Commentator: Mae Feeney
1st, 2nd Lector: Steve Norman, Brian O'Rourke
Gift Bearers: Robert & Lucas Verhoeve
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Wim Vink, Ana Rosa Oliveira, Robert Verhoeve, Sarah Leonard
Greeters: Michael Jaffray & Family
Rosary: Mae Feeney

Sunday (11 am)

Commentator: Teena Mendonca
1st, 2nd Lector: Janet Gurski, Heather Pelland
Gift Bearer: Linda Johnson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Ted Novakowski, Jennyl Hamilton, Nora Marie Bruder, Karen Gracie
Greeter: Joyce Cole
Rosary: Helen Borbely

Altar Server (November 19 & 21) Austin Mesquita

HOLY HOCKEY!

One afternoon only!! The Flying Fathers Hockey Club is playing the Tillsonburg Thunder Alumni at Tillsonburg Memorial Arena on Sun., Nov. 24th. Puck drop is at 3:30 pm. There is a limited number of tickets. Tickets are \$15 with all proceeds going to the Hockey for Everyone program in Tillsonburg. Tickets are available from Michael Holly at (519) 842-8826. Sponsored by the Tillsonburg Thunder, Knights of Columbus Council 3212, and the Kinsmen.

SCENT SENSE

We appreciate that all our parishioners are aware of allergies and sensitivities to strong perfumes and scents. Thank you for your consideration.



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

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**From the Knights of Columbus**

As Christmas draws close during this Advent Season, we are reminded as to what is important in life - that it is our family through the example of the Holy Family and the birth of Jesus. It is easy during the year to get caught up in the busyness of life, in our jobs, families, professions and the day to day 'Hustle and Bustle' of what the world throws at us.

It is also a time when the less fortunate feel the most need. On Saturday December 21st, the Knights of Columbus will be organizing the Christmas Hampers for our parish in the Father Langan Centre. This is an opportunity to participate as volunteers as listed. (Qualifies for students)

- Starting after 9:00 am Mass until 11:30 am - 8-10 people to assemble hampers.
- Light lunch for all volunteers – 11:30 am until 12:15 pm.
- 12:15 pm until 2:00 pm – 4 people to distribute hampers at Father Langan Centre.
- 12:45 pm until 2:00 pm – 8 drivers to deliver hampers to homes. Also required would be 1 or 2 helpers for each driver.

For more information or to volunteer please call Deacon Andre DeDecker at 519-913-3533 or Norbert Vanhooren at 519-409-2095.

Our annual Turkey Bingo is Friday, December 6th starting at 7 pm at the Tillsonburg Legion. All proceeds from our Turkey Bingo go towards providing food for the Christmas Hampers. Please save the date and come out and play Bingo!

Norbert Vanhooren

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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

NOVEMBER 17, 2019



**Christmas
Food Baskets**



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

SUNDAY MISSALS

The Living With Christ Sunday Missal for 2019 – 2020 has arrived! The price is \$5.00 each. They will be available at the back of the Church before and after all Masses. You may also purchase your copy at the Parish Office during Office Hours.

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.

GROWING IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Growing in the Spirit of Our Catholic Faith will continue this Thursday November 21st at 7:45 pm in the Father Langan Parish Centre in room 5. Our next topic will be "The Holy Spirit & the Life of Grace." Everyone is welcome to attend!

YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY ADVENT CONCERT

Our Children's Choir is excited to offer an Advent Concert at Caressant Care Nursing Home in Courtland on Monday December 9th at 6:30 pm! Everyone from our parish is invited to attend! We are looking for additional performers from the youth in our parish. If you play an instrument or sing, as a soloist or as a group, please contact John Vermeeren (jvermeer@london.ca) or Colleen Hanley (chanley@dol.ca) no later than December 2nd to be included in the concert line-up or for more information.

ALTAR SERVERS BOWLING TOURNEY

We are excited to have our Altar Servers vie for the coveted Altar Server Bowling Trophy on Friday November 29th at Sammy Krenshaws starting at 7 pm. Just a reminder to the altar server families to get your permission forms (sent as an email) to Mrs. Hanley no later than November 27th!

VOCATIONS ROSARY BEFORE MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

The Rosary for Vocations will be led by volunteers before all the Masses next weekend. It will begin Sat evening (Nov. 23rd) at 4:20 pm, Sun morning (Nov.24th) at 8:20 am and 10:20 am. If you wish to pray the rosary by yourself before Mass during the other weekends there are Rosary Pamphlets with all the prayers and instructions at the back of the church on the Library table as well as rosaries you can borrow.

ST. MARY'S CWL NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Come join the ladies of the CWL for the November Birthday celebration at Caressant Care Courtland on Wednesday November 20, 2019 at 1:30 pm. There will be Birthday cake, bingo and more fun activities waiting for you. Hope to see you there. If you need a ride or more information please call Sandra Laking at 519-842-7575.

THANK YOU FROM ST. MARY'S CWL

A very big THANK YOU from the convenors of the "Homemade & Heavenly" Bake Tables at the Christmas Bazaar held Sat. Nov. 9th. St. Mary's C.W.L. ladies never cease to amaze us with their scrumptious baked goods and generosity. We truly appreciate the time and effort that goes into each and every donation and count on your delicious creations to help make this a success year after year. Thank you so much!Carolynn and Diana Vandepoele.

ST. MARY'S CWL - BOOKS & TOYS

We had another successful day, which would not, could not happen with out your continued support. Either by donations or by visiting room #7 to pick up a book or two, our success only happens because of you. I would like to especially thank Alice, who worked tirelessly with set up every evening of bazaar week, to Veronica for helping with set-up and sales, to Joanne for her help with set-up, sales and tear down, to Diane for help with tear down and to my husband Rod, who came in and did the heavy lifting. Thank you, and don't forget to save your books for next year.

Rosanne

ST. MARY'S CWL GRAND DRAW

We again had a successful Grand Draw - A big thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the selling of the tickets. Also a big thank you to anyone who bought a ticket! The winners were:

1st Prize- Laurie Murtland- \$1000.00

2nd Prize- Lois Burns- \$200.00

3rd Prize- Criag Brown- \$100.00

ST. MARY'S CWL BAZAAR 2019

Congratulation's to everyone on an amazing Bazaar, well done! Thank you to Deacon Andre who gave us a Blessing that morning in the St. Mary's Church hall and the Father Langan Parish Centre. Thank you to everyone who contributed in anyway and especially to the convenors and their helpers who gave their time and energy to make this the Best Bazaar ever! Also a big thank you to Pierre and Melissa for all you do for us. Thank you. Have a Blessed Christmas & Happy New Year! Irene Gubesch

BIBLE STUDY

The next session will take place Mon, Nov. 18th from 1:30-3:00pm in the office meeting room. "Books of the Bible can be understood more fully when studied in their entirety." *Dei Verbum*

Christmas Schedule...

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 pm - Children's Choir

7:30 pm - Folk Choir

Midnight Mass - Sunday Choir

(Incense only at the Midnight Mass)

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Dec 31 - 5:00 pm

Jan 1 - 10:00 am

REGISTRATION FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS

HAMPERS

Those interested in registering to receive a Christmas Hamper (food & toys) from the Knights of Columbus can do so on Wednesday Nov 20th, 27th and Dec 4th in the Father Langan Parish Centre from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. You need to bring proof of address, identification for all members of the household and proof of income and expenses (rent, utilities etc.) for all members of the household. For more information please contact Deacon Andre at 519-913-3533.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS DINNER

Fourth degree Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Christmas dinner on Saturday the 30th of November here at St. Mary's. The dinner will be after the 5:00pm Mass, social at 6 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$25 per ticket and it's open to anyone in the parish. Proceeds from this dinner will be donated to St. Peters Seminary, tickets are available at the rectory and after mass.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2019

On this World Day of the Poor, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul reflects on our Christian role to imitate Jesus and give hope – especially to the vulnerable. By serving and giving hope, we learn to recognize and heal our own poverty of self-righteousness, irritability, impatience and blame. As we offer healing to the suffering poor, we bring healing to our poor and suffering selves. We follow Christ by giving and giving is our healing. The Book of Malachi declares: "But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings." During October, through our SSVP emergency phone line, we assisted seventeen single adults and three families with food; three single adults and three families with rent; one family with hydro; one single adult with Union Gas; and two single adults with medication. At our Friendship Dinners, we served 81 guests on October 16; 75 guests on October 23; and 74 guests on October 30. Thank you, for our giving is made possible through your generous support. Anne Stancek



ADVENT RESOURCES

Resources to help and heighten your Advent journey will be available the next weekend at the back of the Church for seniors, adults, families and youth. If you would prefer to have something electronic please check out Dynamic Catholic's Best Advent Ever reflections – you can sign up by going to <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever#sign-up-form> or Advent Made Simple – you can sign up by going to Adventmadesimple.com. They are free and totally awesome daily video programs (sent straight to your email) that will help you prepare for Christmas like never before!

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE CELEBRATION

On Wednesday December 11th, St. Mary's will be hosting a Communal Penance Celebration in the Church. It will begin at 7 pm with a short preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation followed by individual reception of the sacrament. There will be several priests from the deanery present to hear confessions. For more information please see Fr. John.

ST MARY'S GIVING TREE

Now is the time to start thinking of your possible gift for the giving tree. The Giving Tree is a wonderful way to help provide for those in our community seeking assistance with food and gifts for their family this Christmas. During the first three Sundays of Advent (Nov 30-Dec 1, Dec 7-8 & Dec 14-15) you can place your gift at our Giving Tree located at the back of the Church by the large crucifix before all the Masses. Our gifts are for children up to 17 years in age. The gifts may be toys, clothing, books, toiletries, etc. Please NO war toys or used items. Please do not wrap the gifts. Gift Certificates (food or non food) are great ideas! If you would like to donate a monetary amount in lieu of a gift, put your name and address on an envelope. The cheque can be made payable to either St. Mary's Church or Tillsonburg Knights of Columbus. A tax receipt will be issued. For more information please contact Deacon Andre or Norbert VanHooren.

PETITION OF ONE MILLION

Deacon Andre will be sending the sheets of signatures to Alliance for Life Ontario on Tuesday, Nov. 26th. If you have collected signatures or if you wish to sign the petition please send them to AFLO or see Deacon Andre to sign the petition. Deacon Andre will be in the Church basement after each mass on November 23rd and 24th.