

WEEK AT A GLANCE (Nov 25 - Dec 1)

Mon	1:30 pm	Bible Study
	8:00 pm	Right to Life Meeting
	8:00 pm	AA
Tues	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
	2:30 pm	Rosary- Harvest Retirement
	8:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wed	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions
	3:30 pm	Christmas Hamper Registration
Thurs	5:00 pm	Friendship Dinner
	6:30 pm	CAT Meeting
	11:00 am	Rosary- Tillsonburg Retirement
	11:30 am	Jolly Makers - Bingo & Cards
	3:30 pm	Rosary- Maple Manor
Fri	7:45 pm	RCIA & Growing in the Spirit
	9:30 am	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	10:30 am	Adoration
	11:15 am	Benediction
	7:00 pm	Altar Server Bowling Tournament
Sat	8:00 am	Confessions
	9:00 am	CWL Presidents Meeting
	9:30 am	First Reconciliations
	6:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Christmas Dinner
Sun	9:00 am	Sunday School
	1:00 pm	Moments of Encounter Retreat
	2:55 pm	Family Catechism

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Nov 25 - Dec 1)

Tues	7:00 pm	Agnes Wilson
		Deceased members of Manuela Avelor Family
		Juliana Sawadski
		Gerry St. Gelais
Wed	10:00 am	Joseph & Rosemarie Borbely
		Margaret & Daniel McGarity John Maloney
Thurs	3:30 pm	Harvest Retirement- Anointing
	7:00 pm	Robert Goudeseune Roger Shoemaker Rica Hilhorst
Fri	10:00 am	Rica Hilhorst
		Robert Goudeseune Leslie Horvath
Sat	9:00 am	A special intention for Irene Clarysse
		Joe Jansen Dave Mulholland
Sun	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary's
	9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (November 30 - December 1)

Saturday (5 pm)	
Commentator:	Carla Matos
1st, 2nd Lector:	Dan Mahony, Bertha MacFarlane
Gift Bearers:	George & Carla Matos
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Gary Myny, Valerie Claessens, Heather Campbell, Jeannette Keba
Greeter:	Veronica Holly
Sunday (9 am)	
Commentator:	Marlene Kirwin
1st, 2nd Lector:	Karen Lansink, Anne Stancek
Gift Bearers:	Mary Lou Armstrong & Nancy John
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Steve Leonard, Carol VanMoerkerke, Judy Schonberger, Wim Vink
Greeter:	Barbara Libon
Sunday (11 am)	
Commentator:	Heather Pelland
1st, 2nd Lector:	Rachel Parker, Allen Scovil
Gift Bearers:	Jack & Rachel Parker
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Dave Martin, Jessica Martin, Pat D'Hulster, Stephan Pelland
Greeter:	Linda DeSutter

Altar Server (November 26 & 28) Grace Verspeeten**WEEKLY OFFERTORY – NOV 16/17, 2019**

Regular Envelope	\$ 5,080.60
Youth Ministry	\$ 80.00
Christmas	\$ 100.00
Building Fund	\$ 320.00
Loose	\$ 390.45
Total	\$ 5,971.05

Thanks!

We welcome into our faith community through the waters of baptism: **Lorenzo Oliveira, Shayla Oliveira & Adeline Kamenar**. May they and their families always be guided by the Lord.



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

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING**NOVEMBER 24, 2019**

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. When I was ordained in 1988, I was sent to the parish of Christ the King in Windsor. One of the members of our Parish Pastoral Council thought that the name of the parish should be changed to Christ the Servant. He found it difficult that the parish was named after a king. I would have to assume that he was looking to the worldly Kings as his example of what it meant to be a king.

But that is not the King that we celebrate when we celebrate this feast day. Rather we celebrate a King who took on our lowly form and, in so doing, walked our way and feels the pain of His people. We have a King who was willing to give up his life for his people. We celebrate the King of Kings our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Next weekend we will celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is for us, a time of preparing our hearts for the great feast of Christmas. Each Sunday during Advent, a different aspect of preparing our hearts will be highlighted. There will also be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation here at St. Mary's on the 11th of December at 7 o'clock in the evening. A number of priests will be present to offer this Sacrament. Of course, this is a wonderful way to prepare for the Feast of Christmas.

Let us continue to pray for one another!

Fr John

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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

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 28th at 7:45 pm starting in the Church with a tour! After the tour we will move to the Father Langan Centre to learn about the “Liturgical Year and Preparing for Advent.” 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!

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Preparation meetings for Confirmation are the 1st Wednesday (6:30 – 8:30 pm) or 1st Saturday (10 am – noon) of each month. Our next preparation meetings are Wednesday December 4th (6:30-8:30 pm) or Saturday December 7th (10 am –noon) in the Father Langan Parish Centre. For more info please contact Colleen Hanley (519-842-3224 ext23 or chanley@dol.ca).

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Our Grade 2 students will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation the four Saturdays of Advent following the 9:00 am daily mass, starting next Saturday Nov 30th. To accommodate the first communicants, Fr. John will hear confessions for regular parishioners before the morning Mass at 9 am from 8 am until 8:45 am during the Saturdays of the Advent season.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

After the 9 am & 11 am Mass the Knights of Columbus are hosting a parish breakfast with all proceeds going to K of C charities such as the Christmas Hamper Program. There will be no breakfast in December, so don’t miss out this month!

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 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.

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.

ST. MARY’S CWL THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who donated to and helped with the Mistletoe Magic Cafe at the CWL Bazaar. We appreciate everyone who gave their time and energy to once again making the Cafe a success. Thanks again! Marg and Bonnie convenors.



PRAY PLEASE FOR:

Holy Souls In Purgatory

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom
(Luke 23:35-43).*



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

CONTINUING EDUCATION IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Courses at St. Peter’s Seminary are open for those interested to audit or take for credit. Courses offered in the evening during the winter term include: Patristics (5223B) with Dr. John Dool and Fr. Steve Wlusek; and History of the Catholic Church – Part II (5124B) with Fr. John Comiskey. Descriptions of these and other courses which may be of interest, class times, and instructors can be found at <https://www.stpetersseminary.ca/Programs/Theology/--Timetables-&-Course-Outlines---Note--Course-outlines-are-subject-to-change./Second-Semester-Theology-&-Religious-Studies-Timetable-&-Course-outlines-to-be-uploaded-when-available/34>. Further information can also be obtained by contacting Dr. Bernardine Ketelaars at bgketela@uwo.ca or 519.432.1824, ext. 203.

TUNE IN TO MENTAL HEALTH

Anxiety, stress, and depression are on the increase in the lives of the young. To help us, the Family and Youth Ministry office is bringing in licensed counselor, award-winning author, and devoted Catholic speaker, Roy Petitfils to offer Roy will offer an evening presentation for parents and others. The talks will be at Visitation Parish, Comber on Monday, Dec. 9, and at Holy Trinity Parish, Woodstock, on Tuesday, Dec. 10. Both talks are from 7 – 8:30 pm. Admission is free but registration at dol.ca/tune-in is appreciated.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Are you interested in developing your families' faith and in connecting with other families who share a common purpose? The next Family Catechism program is Sunday, December 1st 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 jkansink@gmail.com or call at 519-550-0304.



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 reflections – 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.

