

WEEK AT A GLANCE (Dec 2-8)

Mon	8:00 pm	AA
Tues	10:30 am	Blessing of Advent Wreaths- St. Joseph's School
	12:30 pm	Blessing of Advent Wreaths- Monsignor O'Neil School
	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
	8:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting
Wed	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:00 am	CWL Presidents Meeting
	10:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions
	1:00 pm	Pastoral Team Meeting
	1:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting
	3:30 pm	Christmas Hamper Registration
	5:00 pm	Friendship Dinner
	6:30 pm	Confirmation Prep 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
	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Turkey Bingo
Sat	8:00 am	Confessions
	9:30 am	First Reconciliations
	10:00 am	Confirmation Prep Meeting
Sun	9:00 am	Sunday School
	7:00 pm	High School Ministry Meeting

*Knights of Columbus Can Collection
SSVP Collection & Food Bank*

Altar Server (December 3 & 5) Alison Donkers

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – NOV 23/24, 2019

Regular Envelope	\$ 4,614.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 25.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 35.00
Building Fund	\$ 75.00
Loose	\$ 210.90
Total	\$ 4,959.90

Thanks!

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

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your Salvation (Psalm 85.7)

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Dec 2 - 8)

Tues	7:00 pm	Dec'd members of Sen Than Family George Sawadski Emillie Temmerman Hector Verhoeve
Wed	10:00 am	Jose Borges Dec'd members of Helen Peacock Family Rica Hilhorst
Thurs	3:30 pm	Tillsonburg Retirement- Anointing John Arnoczki Szucs & Family
	7:00 pm	Ron Semenuk A special intention for Sue Mills & Family A special intention for Peter Peloso
Fri	10:00 am	Robert Goudeseune Norma O'Rourke Joseph & Anna Caers Sean Ketchabaw
Sat	9:00 am	Bill & Rieky Wiggers Dave Mullholland A special intention Mary & Jack Murphy
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sun	9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (December 7/8)**Saturday (5 pm)**

Commentator:	Cathy Palmer
1st, 2nd Lector:	Dan Mahony, Carla Matos
Gift Bearers:	Gary & Kathy Mynny
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Phil Harrison, Dave Bertling, Elizabeth VanHooren, Dave Devlin
Greeter:	Merna Vermeeren

Sunday (9 am)

Commentator:	Brian O'Rourke
1st, 2nd Lector:	Andrew Stancek, Janine Vink
Gift Bearers:	Patrick, Patricia & Dan Benoit
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Sandra Laking, Vicky Luki, Margaret Tops, Ana Rosa Oliveira
Greeter:	Joanne Maertens

Sunday (11 am)

Commentator:	Ed Roczen
1st, 2nd Lector:	Stephan Pelland, Janet Guralski
Gift Bearers:	Linda DeSutter & Tim & Laurie Monk
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Darren Jayne, Helen Borbely, Darlene Papaioannou, Nora Marie Bruder
Greeter:	Jack Parker



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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

From Teena Mendonca, Business Administrator...

We are now able to accept Visa and MasterCard (debit and credit) as a method of payment. We have been working with a team of experts from Pllenty Inc. to develop this capability. St. Mary's parishioners and visitors may now make donations online using a computer, laptop, tablet, or any mobile device.

We have designed a QR code which links to a secure website. If you don't have an electronic device, you can call (519-842-3224) or stop by the Parish Office for assistance.

You can use your Visa or Mastercard (debit or credit) for any type of donation or payment you wish to give or make. There are several types of donations and payments to choose from and an "Other" category to be used if necessary. You may choose to make a one time donation or recurring donations.

Getting Started Is Easy

- Using your mobile device's camera, scan the QR code, and simply follow the instructions on the screen to make your donation/payment.
- On your computer or electronic device, go to the website: dol-stmarytils.plenty.com and follow the instructions.
- On your computer or electronic device, go to our St. Mary's website: <https://catholicsoftillsonburgandlangton.dol.ca/>, then choose "Donate" and follow the instructions.

QR Code

This is a QR code that you can scan using your smartphone's camera, that will quickly redirect you to our mobile donation web application.

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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

DECEMBER 1, 2019

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 December 5th at 7:45 pm in the FLPC room#5. Our topic will be “Why Do I Need the Church? The Mystery of the Catholic Church.” 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.



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 are celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Saturdays of Advent following the 9:00 am daily mass. 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 TURKEY BINGO

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 and win a turkey!

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 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.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER HELP

On Saturday December 21st, the Knights of Columbus will be organizing the Christmas Hampers for our parish in the Father Langan Centre. Starting after 9:00 am Mass until 11:30 am we will need 8-10 people to assemble hampers. There will be a light lunch for all volunteers from 11:30 am until 12:15 pm. At 12:15 pm until 2:00 pm we require 4 people to distribute hampers at Father Langan Centre and from 12:45 pm until 2:00 pm we require 8 drivers to deliver hampers to homes with 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.

POPE FRANCIS FUND FOR THE POOR

On the third World Day of the Poor, Bishop Fabbro announced the Pope Francis Fund for the Poor. On behalf of all the faithful of the Diocese, His Excellency has committed one million dollars which will be invested in an endowment fund. Proceeds earned will be given annually to agencies that directly serve the needs of people who are underprivileged. The agencies will be carefully qualified through a grant application process. The endowment will be a continuing source of assistance for those in need, as well as a reminder that we are truly missionary disciples of Christ. Bishop Fabbro invites each of us to join in this collective effort by making a donation to the Pope Francis Fund for the Poor online at www.dol.ca or by offering a cheque marked “Pope Francis Fund” in our collection basket.

2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES BOXED SETS

The 2020 boxed sets of Offertory Envelopes are available for pickup in the Father Langan Parish Centre in room 5 before and after all weekend Masses.



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

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, January 12th 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 call at 519-550-0304.

8TH ANNUAL MEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

All men & young men are being invited to the 8th Annual Men of Faith Conference --- Saturday January 18th, 2020 @St Michael’s Church in London. NFL Superbowl Champion Quarterback , Elvis Grbac ; and the Director of The Faith Explained , Cale Clarke, will challenge us to grow in our faith in the world today. “ 2020 Vision – Courage & Fortitude To Do His Will” Sign up on line: www.famfi.ca/ More info: Mike 519-518-2025 ext. 22 /Mike@LegacyPartners.ca



ADVENT RESOURCES

Resources to help and heighten your Advent journey are available 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 next two Sundays of Advent (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.

