

WEEK AT A GLANCE (Dec 9-15)

Mon	4:00 pm	SSVP Executive Meeting
	7:00 pm	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Tues	8:00 pm	AA
	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
	7:30 pm	Baptism Preparation
	8:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wed	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions
	5:00 pm	Friendship Dinner
	7:00 pm	Communal Penance Celebration
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	First Reconciliations
Sun	9:00 am	Sunday School

Altar Server (December 10 & 12) Alex Pasztor

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – NOV 30/DEC 1, 2019

Regular Envelope	\$ 4,419.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 20.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 690.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,195.00
Loose	\$ 245.10
Dec Pre-Authorized- Regular Sunday	\$ 3,340.00
Dec Pre-Authorized- Building Fund	\$ 915.00
Total	\$ 10,844.10

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

The Immaculate Conception shines like a beacon of light for humanity in all the ages-St. John Paul II



We welcome into our faith community through the waters of baptism: **Eleanor Shirley Rose Verhoeve & Maggie Grace Rohrer**. May they and their families always be guided by the Lord.

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Dec 9 - 15)

Mon	<u>7:00 pm</u>	Umberto Iannelli Sonia Iannelli Ron Semenuk
Tues	7:00 pm	Steve Choma Sr. Deceased members of Sen Than Family Louie & Emilie Franssens Deceased members of Ouellette Family
Wed	10:00 am	Rica Hilhorst Leslie Horvath Tyler Coleiro
Thurs	3:30 pm 7:00 pm	Maple Manor Adrian & Nellie Rockx Brent McKay Yvonne VanHaecke
Fri	10:00 am	Charles Mahu Michael Demaiter Mike Eckert
Sat	9:00 am	Karl & Anna Kisilak Anna Manousos David & Mark Andrew Young
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sun	9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (December 14/15)**Saturday (5 pm)**

Commentator:	Olga Patterson
1st, 2nd Lector:	Ed DeDecker, Kathy Myny
Gift Bearer:	Connie Shuga
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Ellen Devlin, Sue Harrison, Gary Myny, Norbert Vanhooren
Greeter:	Linda Zilic

Sunday (9 am)

Commentator:	Mariola Pleli
1st, 2nd Lector:	Tina Hopper, Stephanie Hill
Gift Bearers:	Dustin Donais Family/ Mike & Anglia Donais
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Robert Verhoeve, Mark Hopper, Rob Schonberger, Steve Spanjers
Greeter:	Colleen DeRouck

Sunday (11 am)

Commentator:	Janet Guralski
1st, 2nd Lector:	Heather Pelland, Audrey Jayne
Gift Bearers:	Michael & Kathy Holly
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Heidi Pasztor, Steve Pasztor, Norma Roczen, Ana Jayne
Greeter:	Cheryl Rosillo



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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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

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**DECEMBER 8, 2019****From Colleen ...**

"Most of us consider waiting as something very passive, a hopeless state determined by events totally out of our hands. The bus is late? We cannot do anything about it, so we have to sit there and just wait. It is not difficult to understand the irritation people feel when somebody says, "Just wait." Words like that push us into passivity. But there is none of this passivity in Scripture. Those who are waiting are waiting very actively. They know that what they are waiting for is growing from the ground on which they are standing. Right here is a secret for us about waiting. If we wait in the conviction that a seed has been planted and that something has already begun, it changes the way we wait. Active waiting implies being fully present to the moment with the conviction that something is happening where we are and that we want to be present to it. A waiting person is someone who is present to the moment, believing that this moment is the moment." (Henri Nouwen)

Perhaps you remember me mentioning the Sacred Noon Hours we began this fall at the schools. Youth Music Ministry and I have committed to two noon hours a month at each school, St. Joseph and Msgr. O'Neil, and the schools have committed to no extra activities while we are there. We have been planting seeds, encouraging our young people to be active in music ministry at our parish, growing in knowledge and awareness of our Catholic Saints and experiencing the works of mercy. I thought about the Sacred Noon Hours when I read Henri Nouwen's reflection because we truly are actively waiting for those 45 minutes we are at the school. I am blessed to be present to a child who learns about their guardian angel (Mrs. Hanley, how do I hug my Guardian Angel for being so good to me?) or a young person who has tears in their eyes making cards for nursing home residents and blankets for the homeless. The joy of young children praising God in song and action – that is the moment! So I invite our parish to be present to the moment and come to the Youth Music Ministry Advent Concert on Monday December 9th at Caressant Care Courtland Nursing Home at 6:30 pm in the auditorium. Your presence is a beautiful present to our young people. Families want to feel welcome in our parish. Young people want to feel like they matter. If you can come and enjoy the Advent concert, greet some residents and enjoy some refreshments after ... we will be actively waiting for you to join us!

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.



YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY ADVENT CONCERT

Our Children's Choir and youth from our parish are 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!



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.

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 jkansink@gmail.com or call at 519-550-0304.



ASSUMPTION UNIVERSITY LEARN FOR LIFE SERIES

Assumption University, Windsor, presents Learn For Life 2020 Winter/Spring Courses. For information and to register, please visit <http://www.assumptionu.ca/learnforlife>.

ST. MARY'S SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

So far this year, the St. Mary's Society of St. Vincent de Paul has, thanks to the parish's generous support, provided the following assistance to those in need (car support chiefly involves providing gas cards to those who have appointments out of town):

Rent:	\$13,863.20
Utilities:	5,753.46
Medical:	538.47
Car:	545.50
Other:	989.11

Total:	\$21,689.74

Thank you! Allen Scovil

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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Please join us in celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Monday December 9th at 7:00 pm.

RETRouvaille

Retrouvaille ("retro-vi" with a long i) has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels of distress including disillusionment and deep misery. The program is designed to provide the tools to help get marriages back on track. The next Retrouvaille weekend is being planned for January 17 through 19, 2020. The weekend retreat will be held at the Michaelite House in Melrose, Ontario (just North of London) To register, please visit www.helpourmarriage.com or call Greg and Anita Turner at 519-243-0687. Retrouvaille is a non-profit organization and the presenting teams are made up of people who have gone through the program themselves and overcome significant obstacles in their own marriages. Everyone involved in organizing and presenting the program are unpaid volunteers.

DO YOU WANT TO COME TO PORTUGAL?

WYD 2022 will take place in Lisbon, Portugal in the summer of 2022. While the exact dates have not yet been announced, preparations are beginning for a Diocesan Pilgrimage. We are asking parishes and individuals to take a few minutes to fill out this very brief survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9WLP36B> to indicate interest in this event. This form will also get your name on the email list for any upcoming communication.

HAVE YOU MOVED ?

If you have changed your address or in the process of moving, don't forget to notify the parish office. You can reach us at stmarytils@dol.ca.



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.

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.



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.

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.

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

