

WEEK AT A GLANCE (Jan 13-19)

Mon	4:00 pm	SSVP Executive/Membership meeting
	8:00 pm	AA
Tues	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
	7:30 pm	Baptism Prep
	8:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting
Wed	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:30 am	Church Tour for Grade One
	1:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	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
	7:00 pm	Ultreya
Sat	8:00 am	Confessions
	9:30 am	Confessions
	9:30 am	Moments of Encounter Retreat
Sun	9:00 am	Sunday School

Altar Server (January 14 & 16) Kherington Spanjers

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – Dec 31, 2019; Jan 1, 4 & 5, 2020

Regular Envelope	\$ 7,165.75
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$ 1,064.74
Christmas	\$ 50.00
New Year's Day	\$ 3,138.35
Initial Envelope	\$ 1,508.00
Father Langan Parish Centre	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,092.00
Jan Pre-Authorized - Regular	\$ 3,440.00
Jan Pre-Authorized - Building Fund	\$ 940.00
Loose	\$ 297.00
Total	\$18,715.84

Thanks!


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - WE ALL WIN! WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER- CONGRATULATIONS TO:

John & Mae Moffatt
Nancy Puhr
Bill Hughes
Carol McDonald

**MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Jan 13-19)**

Tues	7:00 pm	Jack Downes Dulce Mendes
Wed	10:00 am	Stella Londcke Barry Govia Andrew & Luke Peloso
Thurs	3:30 pm 7:00 pm	Woodingford Lodge Dylan & Margaret D'Hustler Robert D'Hustler
Fri	10:00 am	Roger Couckuyt
Sat	9:00 am	Yvonne Van Haecke
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sun	9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (Jan 18 & 19)****Saturday (5 pm)**

Commentator:	Olga Patterson
1st, 2nd Lector:	Carla Matos, Dan Mahony
Gift Bearer:	Veronica Holly
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Kathy Myny, Jeannette Keba, Randy Keba, Norbert Vanhooren
Greeter:	Linda Zilic

Sunday (9 am)

Commentator:	Mariola Pleli
1st, 2nd Lector:	Steve Norman, Tina Hopper
Gift Bearers:	John & Karin Lansink & Family
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Judy Schonberger, Mark Hopper, Ana Rosa Oliveira, Eric VanMoerkerke
Greeter:	Colleen DeRouck

Sunday (11 am)

Commentator:	Janet Guralski
1st, 2nd Lector:	Teena Mendonca, Rachel Parker
Gift Bearers:	Jack and Rachel Parker
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Jennyl Hamilton, Alex Hanley, Karen Gracie, Ted Novakowski
Greeter:	Joyce Cole



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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD**OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON JULY 6TH:**

Bishop Fabbro has announced that the Parishes in Tillsonburg, Langton and Walsh will become a family effective on July 6th this year. The parishes have been working hard to prepare for this and the three parishes are already sharing staff and working together quite well. There might still be some small tweaks that might be needed, but I am sure that the parish teams and committees will be able to steer us through the process.

The Pastor of the new Family has been named and it will be Fr. Ben Huyge. Fr. Ben is a local man, growing up on a farm outside of Delhi. Fr. Thomas Kuriacko is staying on to be the associate Pastor and they will start sharing duties among the family of Parishes, as our Deacons and other staff have been doing already. No Canonical changes are being made to the parishes, they still will be Parishes. The hope of having the parishes working together is that by sharing resources we can better spread the gospel of Jesus in our part of the world. It will allow us to run some programs together which will hopefully make them better for all.

Fr. Ben will be coming to meet with a committee that will be set up with representatives from all the Parish Councils to look at what is working, if anything is not working, and how our three Parishes can work together to help folks connect to Jesus, especially ones who are not connected to God today. The hope is that by working together our parishes will help our communities come closer to God. There might be some changes. Some you may welcome, others you may not, but if we all work together Jesus will be brought to more people, and hopefully all will come to embrace the new normal.

Fr. Tom Donohue

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Andre DeDecker, Deacon
Jack Grim, Deacon
Brian Hanley, Deacon
Colleen Hanley, Pastoral Minister
Teena Mendonca, Business Administrator
Courtney Duckworth, Secretary

Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri
(9 am - 12 pm, 1 pm - 4 pm)



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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 the Office

Weddings

By appointment, and 6 months notice

JANUARY 12, 2020

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 Tom, 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 Thursday January 16th at 7:45 pm in the Parish Centre Rm #5. Our topic will be "The Eucharist: Source & Summit of Christian Life." Everyone is welcome to attend!

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY NIGHT

Our monthly High School Nights are the second Sunday of the month from 7-9 pm and our next night is this Sunday January 12th . These nights are open to all high school students and will include games, faith formation, prayer and of course food! Why come? Be a part of a community of your peers who share values and views that will help you navigate the prevalent culture that is at school and in the media. We will be hosting High School Nights at the Parish Centre in Room 9. Please share this with all the high school aged youth in your life and we hope to see you this Sunday!

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2020

On July 3-5, 2020 our parish will be sending a bus of youth going into high school or already in high school to this amazing Conference! If you have a child in grade eight they are eligible to come to Steubenville this year! Mark your calendars ... our theme is RESTORED! The cost is \$200 which includes the conference, lodging, bussing and food. If you want to know more information about going as a participant or a chaperone please contact Colleen Hanley (519-842-3224). To secure a spot on the bus, drop of the initial payment of \$75 to the rectory in an envelope with your name and phone number on it. More info will be available in the weeks to come!

GRADE ONE TOUR

We are very excited to have our Grade One classes join us for Mass on Wednesday January 15th at 10 am and after Mass our Grade One Classes will enjoy a tour of our Church! Please make our wee parishioners feel welcome! (Please note: there will be no OLOPH devotions that day)



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY REPORT - DECEMBER 2019

Our work is really very simple: At the Friendship Dinner, we bring a glass of juice to an older gentleman; we listen to a mother worried about her son recently diagnosed with liver cancer; from our pantry, we give toiletries and food to a young man just out of jail; we share the sorrow of a man whose relationship has fallen apart and now needs rent support; in the parking lot, we give a scarf and gloves to a weeping mother restricted to supervised visits with her children because of a relapse into addiction. After her tears, she says, "Thanks for the talk," although we have done little more than stand. "Too often we are wrapped up in the lofty, intellectual speculations about God. We write books, use abstract language and complex philosophical terms to describe God. In the meantime, God is present to us not only in the mundane but in the poverty and humility of ordinary life. We do not usually gravitate to the poor and humble and therefore our heads are often in the clouds wondering whether or not God exists. If we truly recognized God in poor and humble fragile human flesh, we probably could not bear the weight of the mystery."(The Humility of God, Ilia Delio)

The mystery remains that Jesus is one with us in our broken humanity. He lives our sufferings; we find the Holy, loving Trinity in our own fragility and in the fragility of others. During December, through our SSVP emergency phone line, we assisted seven single adults and three families with food; five single adults and one family with rent; one single adult and one family with hydro; and one family with baby formula. At our Friendship Dinner, on December 4, we served 76 guests; on December 11, 80 guests; and at our Christmas Dinner, on December 18, in the hall resplendent with decorations, poinsettias, turkey and trimmings, we served 91 guests. Through the generous giving of St. Mary's Parish, we are blessed to honour the very ordinary, humble face of suffering. Thank you. Anne Stancek

2019 SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL ASSISTANCE

We spent over 85% of our assistance funds helping people with housing expenses , which is why we're approaching town council on the issue of affordable housing.

- ⇒ Spent on Soup Kitchen (the Wednesday suppers) \$2,474.18
- ⇒ Spent on Food Bank ('our pantry') \$1,884.81

Thank you for your generous support of our ministry
Alllen Scovil, Treasurer

Rent	\$15,255.30	60.53%
Utilities	\$6,421.42	25.48%
Medical	\$553.94	2.20%
Auto	\$570.50	2.26%
Other	\$2,403.08	9.53%
Total	\$ 25,204.24	



Happy Feast of the Baptism of the Lord! A perfect weekend to remember all those who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism this past year!

Gordon Ryan Jurenas	Marshall Allen Olcsvary	Amelia Jean Jaffray
Harper Ruth Haegens	Mia Ruby Olcsvary	Lorenzo Manuel Oliveira
Norah Anne Haegens	Owen Frank Quinney	Shayla Susana Oliveira
Calum Donald Haegens	Crystal May Schott McKnight	Adeline Belle Kamenar
Dakota Addelyn La Forge	Scarlette Ann Wolters	Eleanor Shirley Rose Verhoeve
Oliver William Morello Claessens	Sebastian Van Partrick Verbrugge	Maggie Grace Rohrer
Connie Shelby Kersten Booker	Claire Amelia Marie Kennedy	Kinley Kyla Marie Baatje
Many Lee Cannon	Daniella Henrica Teschers	Dorian Frederick Smoke
Matilde Isabel Oliveira Henriques	Matthew Steven Bodnar	Landon Michael Vandepoele
Savannah Kaitlyn Cannon-McIntee	Maren Melia Chapais	Elizabeth Aurora Doupe
Gabriel Asher James Smith	Lucas William Clark	Jamie Althea Doupe
Aurora Rebecca Lynn Smith	Raphael Lyon Grenier	Lexina Alicia Doupe
Ella Ruby Schultz	Marley Catarino Coudenys	Violet Eileen Rhyno
Chantel Sarah Flegel	Hudson Marc Stewart	Isaac Robert Hansebout
Mackenzie Elizabeth Pili Salvador	Nyla Denise Pickersgill	Lilah Sophia Tesselar

PURE LIFE SUMMIT 2020

Date: Saturday February 29, 2020
 Time: 8:30 am (registration) - 10:00pm close
 Location: St. Andre Bessette High School, London
 Theme: I THIRST: Know Jesus for He Longs to Know You (we will be breaking out the program YOU: Exploring Theology of the Body) Speakers: John Bishop (from FOCUS) and Katelyn Miller (from Renewal Ministries) with Fr. Thom Blondin (Parish Administrator of All Saints Strathroy, Sacred heart Delaware, St. Charles Glencoe) Who is the Summit For?: The Summit is intended for those in High School and Beyond, Parents are welcome. Cost: \$50/person. Financial assistance can be available by contacting info@famfi.ca

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

The London District Catholic School Board will be taking registrations beginning **Monday, January 20, 2020 - Friday, February 7, 2020 for the 2020-2021** school year for Junior Kindergarten and for any student who did not attend a Catholic school for Junior Kindergarten but will attend for Senior Kindergarten. Children born in **2016** are eligible to attend **Junior Kindergarten** and children born in **2015** are eligible to attend **Senior Kindergarten**. Please call **St. Joseph's Catholic School** at **519-660-2783** to make an appointment to register your child and for required documentation. We can't wait to welcome you to our school community!

SIGN HELP

We are looking for some help changing the messages on the Parish sign out front. You need to enjoy all weather climates! We will provide you with everything you need including the message. If interested, please contact the Parish office.

RIGHT TO LIFE INFORMATION:

Pro-life Vigil Saturday, January 25th. 2-2:30 pm at the office of MP Dave MacKenzie, 208 Huron St., Woodstock and 3-3:30 pm at the office of MPP Ernie Hardeman, 12 Perry St., Woodstock. For more information call 519-421-0029. **Respect for Life Service:** Tuesday, January 28, at 10:00 am at Life Church, 547 Athlone Ave., Woodstock, Social to follow. Copies of the January **Oxford County Right to Life Newsletter** are available in the Annex of the Church. Please support Tillsonburg Right to Life by renewing your **annual membership** or by taking out a membership: A special envelope is included with your Church envelopes.

BIBLE STUDY:

The next session will take place Monday, February 3rd, from 1:30-3:00pm in the office meeting room. "Individual passages or readings from the Church's Lectionary can be understood more fully by studying the context from which they have been excerpted." Dei Verbum

CURSILLO NEWS:

There will be an Ultreya on Friday, January 17th in the Fr. Langan Parish Centre Library starting at 7:00 pm. Note the time change from 7:30 to 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in making a Cursillo weekend is welcome to attend.