

WEEK AT A GLANCE (Feb 10-16)

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| Mon | 1:30 pm | Bible Study |
| | 4:00 pm | SSVP Executive/Membership Meeting |
| | 8:00 pm | AA |
| Tues | 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 |
| | 5:00 pm | SSVP Friendship Dinner |
| 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 |
| | 10:30 am | Confessions |
| | 11:15 am | Benediction |
| Sat | 9:30 am | Confessions |
| Sun | 9:00 am | Sunday School |

Altar Server (February 11 & 13) Austin Jayne

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – Feb 1 & 2, 2020

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| Sunday Envelope | \$ 4,545.75 |
| Initial Envelope | \$ 35.00 |
| New Year's Day | \$ 10.00 |
| Loose | \$ 212.20 |
| Youth Ministry | \$ 505.00 |
| Father Langan Parish Centre | \$ 60.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ 775.00 |
| January Online Donations | \$ 100.00 |
| Feb Pre-Authorized - Reg. Sunday | \$ 3,500.00 |
| Feb Pre-Authorized Building Fund | \$ 940.00 |
| Total | \$10,682.95 |



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - WE ALL WIN!

WINNERS FOR JANUARY

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mike Perovich
Dayna Noury
Marion Caughill
Chris Meloche
Craig Brown



MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Feb 10- 16)

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| Tues | 7:00 pm | Joe Rago Barry Govia Leslie Horvath |
| Wed | 10:00 am | Dulce Mendes Margaret & Daniel McGarity Cecil Mounce |
| Thurs | 3:30 pm | Maple Manor |
| | 7:00 pm | CANCELLED |
| Fri | 10:00 am | Charles Mahu Hilda Vankeymeulen Pat Board |
| Sat | 9:00 am | Dave Mulholland Adrian & Nellie Rockx Brent McKay |
| | 5:00 pm | Parishioners of St. Mary's |
| Sun | 9 & 11 am | Parishioners of St. Mary's |



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (Feb 15 & 16)

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| Saturday (5 pm) | |
| Commentator: | Cathy Palmer |
| 1st, 2nd Lector: | Dan Mahony, Bertha MacFarlane |
| Gift Bearer: | Merna Vermeeren |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: | Kathy Myny, Jeannette Keba, Randy Keba, Norbert Vanhooren |
| Greeter: | Merna Vermeeren |
| Sunday (9 am) | |
| Commentator: | Marlene Kirwin |
| 1st, 2nd Lector: | Tina Hopper, Steve Norman |
| Gift Bearers: | Maurice, Margaret & Krystyna Verhoeve |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: | Rob Schonberger, Mark Hopper, Sarah Leonard, Barb Compeau |
| Greeter: | Joanne Maertens |
| Sunday (11 am) | |
| Commentator: | Ed Roczen |
| 1st, 2nd Lector: | Teena Mendonca, Audrey Jayne |
| Gift Bearers: | Cory & Stephanie Hopper & Family |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: | Ted Novakowski, Jennyl Hamilton, Ana Jayne, Stephan Pelland |
| 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

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SOME MORE RANDOM MUSINGS:

Recently in the daily masses we have been getting many stories about King David, considered the greatest King of Israel, and whose line Jesus was said to come from. The stories have not been flattering. David committed some serious sins, and there were consequences, people died. But we also read psalms he wrote of contrition and sorrow and pleading for forgiveness. The readings kept reminding me that God does not just bless and everything works out. David was anointed. But David failed in his humanity, He suffered, others suffered, because he did not always follow God. But He repented, changed direction, but he and others still had to live with the aftermath of the infidelity. It reminds me of our situation in the church. Some priests who had also been anointed sinned, and there was huge harm done to many people, to the whole people of God. Bishop Barron wrote his book, A Prayer to a Suffering Church, out of his pain at the betrayal of trust that happened, and the poor initial response. He calls us to lament, but also to repent and work to avoid any further harm. It is good we are trying very hard to do that. But we need to continue to pray for past victims, and remember, just as we remember other victims of wars, and natural disasters. We need to continue to work for their healing. We still have a few copies of Bishop Barron's book at the back of the church.

Just a quick note on the Gospel this week. Jesus tells his disciples that they are salt of the earth and a light for the world. Salt can be used to preserve, and also bring out a richer taste. Who will you try and preserve and make their life richer this week? Whose world will be a little brighter and easier to see because you brought Christ's light into their lives? If you are a disciple of Jesus that is what he calls his disciples to do. Do not let your light be hidden under a basket. Go out this week humming Shine Jesus Shine!

Fr. Tom

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Colleen Hanley, Pastoral Minister
Teena Mendonca, Business Administrator
Courtney Duckworth, 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

Friday 10:30 - 11:15am Saturday: 9:30 am - 10:15am 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

FEBRUARY 9, 2020



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 February 13th at 7:45 pm in the Father Langan Parish Centre. Our topic will be "Vocational Call & the Sacrament of Holy Orders." Everyone is welcome to attend!

CAN YOU HELP?

Each year we have some high school students who need financial assistance to attend the Steubenville Toronto Conference in Oshawa. As a parish, we try to make sure every youth who has a desire to deepen their relationship with the Lord has an opportunity to do in such a vibrant way through prayer, song, liturgies and adoration. If you can help a young person with a financial contribution this year please speak with Colleen Hanley or drop off your gift to the rectory. We are incredibly blessed that each one of you values and supports our youth to attend this event!

ADOPT A CATECHUMEN / CANDIDATE

Our Parish is blessed with four adults and three youth who gather regularly with their sponsor and catechism team to learn about the Catholic faith. They are our Catechumen and Candidates. They are becoming full members of our faith at the Easter Vigil which is fast approaching. We are asking for your prayerful support by adopting in prayer one of these seven amazing people. There are special slips of yellow paper in the pews this weekend for you to sign up. Please fill one out and drop it into the offertory basket if you wish to participate. You will be mailed the information around the beginning of Lent. Your prayers for an individual are a vital part of the RCIA for adults and children and a great way to show support to these wonderful people. Thank you for your many prayers!

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 you calendars ... our theme is RESTORED! The cost is \$225 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 \$100 to the rectory in an envelope with your name and phone number on it. More info will be available in the weeks to come!

2020 PURE LIFE SUMMIT

Date: Saturday February 29, 2020
Time: 8:30 am (Registration) - 10:00 pm 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.

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 February 9th . 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!

BIBLE STUDY:

Monday, February 10th , from 1:30-3:00pm in the office meeting room. Anyone interested is welcome to join the group. Bring a bible. We are continuing the study of the Gospels at "Jesus derided on the cross".

"The Bible is read not only for information, but more importantly, to experience the living presence of God.
- "Dei Verbum



CWL NEWS:

Valentine and Tea Bazaar:



For Tillsonburg Community Living

Place: Avondale Church

Date: Friday, February 14, 2020

Time: 10am - 2pm

The C.W.L will have a bake table and we need your help for this special event.

We ask that you drop odd your bake goods at Avondale church before 10 am Feb 14, 2020. If this is inconvenient we will accept bake goods Thurs, Feb 13th from 10-2pm in our church basement kitchen. I would really appreciate your help in supporting this great cause.

Thanks you, Darlene Papaioannou. (519) 550-3106.

TIME FOR A CWL FUN-DAY:

Saturday February 29, 1-3
Meet up at the Station Arts Centre !
Dress for a possible Mess.
Tickets are \$12.00
Cash or Cheques made payable to the St. Mary's CWL
Limited to 30 Fun Seekers so don't wait to get your ticket.
Deadline is Wednesday February 19th.

FUN DAY!

CURSILLO NEWS:

There will be an Ultreya on Friday, February 21st in the Fr. Langan Parish Centre Library starting at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in making a Cursillo weekend is welcome to attend.

NET RECRUITING EVENT

Do you have young people who might be interested in serving with NET Ministries? Sending them to a DSA (short for "Do Something Amazing") Retreat is a great first step. All the details can be found at <https://dsa.netcanada.ca/dsa>. There are also some NET dates still available for their upcoming visit and some funds to help offset the cost if you are booking them for the first time. Available dates can be found at <https://dol.ca/net-ministries> or you can email cbondy@dol.ca for details.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

This year's Lift Jesus Higher Rally will take place on Saturday, Mar. 7 from 9 am – 5 pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre North Building, 255 Front Street West. It will be a grace-filled day of celebrating God's love together with Cardinal Collins, Ralph Martin, and Fr. James Mallon, featuring uplifting music, Eucharistic healing procession, confession and holy Mass. There will also be a separate youth event with Christy Dupuis & Rachel Herbeck. For information or tickets please visit www.ljhr.ca or call 647-243-9441 or 905-270-2510.

COME AND SEE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

St. Peter's Seminary is holding a discernment retreat Feb. 28 – March 1 and invites men 17 years old and older who are considering a call to the priesthood. This weekend offers a firsthand experience of the life of a seminarian, spiritual helps for discernment, and an opportunity to meet current seminarians and faculty. Contact Fr. Danny Santos, Director of Vocations, at vocations@dol.ca for more information; to register visit www.dolpriest.ca/registration.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY BULLETIN REPORT – JANUARY 2020

We have just finished our SSVP yearly report which is annually sent to the Ontario Regional Council. It contains information and statistics concerning the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Mary's, Tillsonburg, throughout 2019. After over 4,000 volunteer hours, we have served more than 2,000 meals at our Friendship Dinners and provided rent assistance for 47 single adults and 21 families. Food has been distributed to 154 single adults and to 121 families. Utilities, hydro, clothing, baby support have also been part of our service. The actual numbers can be overwhelming, but it's really not about numbers because we remember that a "cup of cold water" given in love to one individual is the essence of our call. The heart of our ministry is to offer compassion to whomever God gives us, whether a fellow volunteer or a homeless person who has just dropped by the rectory. We respond in generosity because God is generous. And we know that our ability to offer material assistance is made possible by the blessed charity of people in our community and the members of our parish. Thank you.

Throughout January, responding to our SSVP emergency phone line, we assisted thirteen single adults and eleven families with food; ten single adults and four families with rent; one family with hydro; and one single adult and one family with emergency car fuel. At our Friendship Dinner, on January 8, we served 95 guests; on January 15, 98 guests; on January 22, 79 guests; and on January 29, 85 guests. As we continue our ministry in 2020, please keep the Society and its members in your prayers so that we may, through the Grace of God, offer ourselves in service, and by serving, learn more deeply the presence of God's compassion and love.

Thank you. - Anne Stancek