

# St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows Roman Catholic Church

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**Penny Laurette - Admin Assistant** 

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#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday to Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Closed for lunch: 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Friday: 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Baptism and Marriage** - Please email the parish office for details and to submit your requests.

Parish Outreach - Are you interested in getting involved in outreach initiatives? Do you have ideas about how we might better serve our neighbours? If so, please contact Rianne at 519-576-3860 or rianne.stmarys@gmail.com to let her know that you're interested and/or to share your ideas.

**St. Vincent de Paul** - For assistance with groceries and other needs please call 226-988-5915 weekdays, except Tuesdays, between 9:00 am and noon. For information on volunteering, please email Don McClure at don@teambilton.com.

#### Most Holy Sacrifice of The Mass

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

3:00 pm (Traditional Latin Mass)

(Children's Liturgy Sept. - June at 11:00 am)

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursdays: 11:15 - 11:45 am Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 pm

or by appointment

**Eucharistic Adoration** - **Thursday mornings** mornings from 11:00 am - 12:00 noon and each **First Saturday** of the month, beginning with Mass at 8:00 am, followed by Adoration until 9:30 am.

Visits to the Sick - Please notify the parish office to arrange for Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick. If you enter the hospital, please remember to indicate your religion and parish on the patient registration form.

**Let Us Pray For One Another** - If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, the members of our Parish Prayer Network will gladly pray for you. Contact the parish office to add your intention to the Prayer List.

In your kindness, please remember St. Mary's Church in your estate plan and when recommending expressions of sympathy. Thank you.



#### Welcome to St. Mary's Parish

We extend you a warm welcome and hope that you feel at home. To register with St. Mary's please complete a Registration form – either online on the parish website, or by using the form provided at all church doors.

#### MASS INTENTIONS September 10 – 15, 2019

#### Tuesday – ferial

Colossians 2.6-15 Luke 6.12-19

12:00 pm ††Francis & Brigita Stalmach

#### Wednesday – ferial

Colossians 3.1-11 Luke 6.20-26

12:00 pm †Darren Needham

#### Thursday – ferial

Colossians 3.12-17 Luke 6.27-38

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

11:15 am Confession until 11:45 am

12:00 pm Intentions for Elizabeth Williams

#### Friday – St. John Chrysostom

1 Timothy 1.1-2, 12-14 Luke 6.39-42

12:00 pm For All Parish Volunteers

#### Saturday – The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

Numbers 21.4-9 John 3.13-17

8:00 am For All Benefactors of St. Mary's

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

#### TWENTY – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 32.7-11, 13-14 1 Timothy 1.12-17 Luke 15.1-32

5:00 pm ††Gerry & Rosemary Morgan, ††Gord & Yvonne Lobsinger, †Terence Bacon

#### Sunday

#### 8:30 am †John Scholtz

10:00 – Adoration, Confession, Seven Sorrows Rosary, 11:00 am Benediction

#### 11:00 am Our Parishioners

2:30 pm Confession & Rosary until 2:50 pm

3:00 pm †Anne Marie Devereaux (Traditional Latin Mass)

4:15 – 5:30 Adoration, Seven Sorrows Rosary, Benediction pm

#### **OFFERTORY – September 1, 2019**

Sunday Offerings\$5,755.59Building & Maintenance Offerings\$1,058.69Debt Fund Offerings\$130.00

Thank you to all our Parishioners, Visitors and Benefactors for your generous support!

#### **CR CORNER**



Our First Reading this Sunday from the Book of Wisdom begins with two questions: "For who can learn the counsel of God?" and "Or who can discern what the Lord wills?" They are rhetorical questions because the right answer

is already predetermined by the questioner. There is only one correct answer to both questions and that is: No one can., i.e., No one can without the help of God! The passage goes on to declare: "For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail..."

This part of the reading does not exactly leave us confident in ourselves or in our own abilities to figure it out on our own. However, the reality is as human beings we often act like two year olds and say: "I do it myself!" or "I don't need anyone's advice or assistance and I'll figure this out myself!" It is amazing that we know doing it by ourselves is folly but regardless we attempt it anyways and often.

The reading continues to have a third question: "Who has learned your counsel, unless you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? Again it is a rhetorical question because the author already knows the answer: No one! However, it is much more hopeful than the previous two questions. No one can unless you have been given wisdom. No one can unless you have sent your Holy Spirit.

This reading does not leave us hopeless and to our own designs. It assures us that God is ready, willing and able to give us God's wisdom! It assures us that God is ready, willing and able to give us the Holy Spirit of the Risen Lord. It is one thing for God to be ready, willing and able to give us this grace, however, it is entirely another whether or not we are open to receiving it and then willing to use it!

At Baptism we were given the gift of the Holy Spirit and became temples of the Holy Spirit. How often do we turn to our guest that is within us and ask for assistance? At Confirmation we were given the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord, i.e., awe. Have these gifts simply been left unwrapped and tucked away in the bottom of a closet or have we opened them and used them daily in our lives? There is no purpose in leaving them wrapped because we can't re-gift them because they are ours to keep! Let us be open to unwrapping and using all the many graces God gifts to us! For God does not leave us to our own devices but is always ready, willing and able to come to our aid!

Written by Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.

#### ST. MARY'S CWL GENERAL MEETING



Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>, following 11 am Mass.
Please join us for our "Welcome Back Pot Luck
Dessert" meeting in the Lower Hall, for a bite
of lunch (soup and beverages provided) - along

with your favourite sweet, and your beautiful smiles! There will be a Liturgy celebrating the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (a Birthday celebration in honour of our Blessed Mother!). All ladies are welcome for this time of Prayer, fellowship and refreshment - see you there!!

#### FREE SCREENINGS OF "UNPLANNED"

Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm and 7 pm, in the Lower Hall. Plan to attend one of the free screenings of the movie "Unplanned", The story of Abby Johnson and her journey to becoming pro-life. Bring a friend, all are welcome!

#### **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS**



On Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, join us as we celebrate the Feast Day of our Patroness, Our Lady of Sorrows.

#### Saturday (September 14<sup>th</sup>)

5 pm Mass with flowers, special readings and music

#### <u>Sunaay</u>

8:30 am Mass with flowers, special readings and music 9:30 am Social in the Lower Hall

10 am Adoration, Confession and Seven Sorrows Rosary

11 am Mass with flowers, special readings and music

12 pm Social in the Lower Hall

3 pm Latin Mass

4:15 pm Adoration, Confession and Seven Sorrows Rosary 5:30 pm BBQ with parishioners, pilgrims and neighbours Crafts and games for the kids in the Lower Hall

7 pm Concluding prayers and reflections in the church Teaching/reflective activities for kids in the Lower

See the posters on the bulletin boards for more information.

#### WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a program that helps people discern if they are being called to become Catholic. It gently takes a closer look at the teachings of the Catholic Church and answers any questions you may have. Our first "exploring the faith" meeting will take place on <u>Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7</u> pm in the Lower Hall. All are welcome!

#### **VOLUNTEER FAIR!**

September 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> following 5 pm, 8:30 & 11 am

<u>Masses.</u> The Coordinators of our Volunteer Groups will be at the main doors of the church for you to chat with and discover where you might like to lend your talents to St. Mary's. For every ministry you sign up for, your will receive a ballot to win one of Fr. Toby's famous apple pies!

#### **ECUMENICAL PRAYER WITH SONGS OF TAIZÉ**



Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 – 8:30 pm.
Gather with churches across K-W for an

ecumenical prayer service with Scripture, silence, the Cross, candlelight and songs from

the Taizé community. All are welcome!

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

## St. Michael Parish Centre, Waterloo HEARTACHE TO HEALING

**Thursday, September 19**<sup>th</sup>, **7 pm.** Guest speaker, Fr. Freitas will share his insights on 'Grieving our loved ones – our Christian faith'. This informative session will help us to understand our faith more fully and how it can help us heal. Everyone welcome!

Also, our 6 week grief support group will be offered again this Fall. The program is designed to assist people after the death of a loved one, or a significant loss. This program follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. The sessions will be held on Thursday evenings from 7 - 8:30pm (Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, Nov 7). Everyone is welcome. There is no fee, but you must register by September 15<sup>th</sup>. To register, or for more information, contact St. Michael parish office 519-884-9311, or parish@stmichaelw.ca.

## St. John Parish Hall, Kitchener **BAZAAR**

September 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> after all Masses. NEARLY NEW
TABLE ♦ BAKE TABLE ♦ 50/50 DRAW. Come out to support St
John's CWL! Proceeds go towards church needs and support of various charities.

## Carmel of St. Joseph Monastery FALL MINI-RETREAT & GROCERY SHOWER

**Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:45 am**. Rosary, Mass, Personal Reflection, Lunch and Guest speaker Fr. Dan Lobsinger, C.R.

#### **NOVENA TO LITTLE ST. THERESE**

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? The Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the Novena, **September 23<sup>rd</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>**. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to Carmel of St. Joseph, RR #1, St. Agatha ON NOB 2LO.

#### **DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER**

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