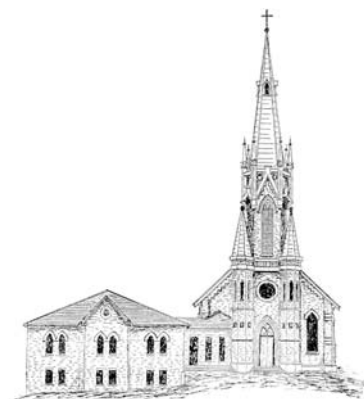


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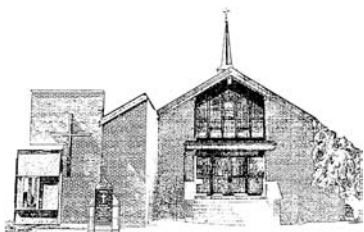
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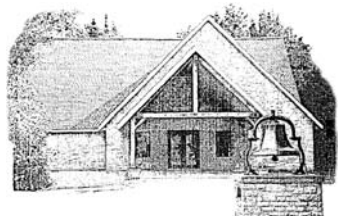
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Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am



St. Vincent, Meaford
Sunday 11:00 am



St. Thomas The Apostle, Tobermory
Saturday 11:30 am



St. Mark, Lions Head
Saturday 9:30 am

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St. Mary of the Rosary, Hepworth
Sunday 9:00 am (Nov-Mar)



Holy Family, Sauble Beach
Saturday 5:00 pm (July-Aug)
Sunday 9:00 am (Apr-Oct)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Owen Sound: Monday-Friday 9:00 am
Tuesday, Thursday 7:00 pm

Sauble Beach: 1st, 3rd, 5th Wed. of the month 7:00 pm
(Apr-Oct)

Hepworth: 1st, 3rd, 5th Wed. of the month 7:00 pm
(Nov-Mar)

Meaford: 2nd, 4th Wed. of the month 7:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am-12 noon; 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before all weekday and the Lord's Day Masses.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to your new parish! You will find registration forms in the pews. Fill one out and drop it in the collection basket.



St. Stanislaus, Chatsworth
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Sunday 11:00 am

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St. Mary's, Cape Croker
Sunday 1:00 pm

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018



December 3 - 9

Mon 9:00 am – Mary & Andy Burgess (Int)

Tue 9:00 am – Jane Rose Muise +
7:00 pm – Nieves Carlos +

Wed 9:00 am – Madeline Woods +
7:00 pm Hepworth – Rita Rudolph +

Thu 9:00 am Fr. Emmanuel Ogboli (Int)
7:00 pm – Petra Bringas +

Fri 9:00 am – Frank Foch +
10:30 am Errinrung – Jenny Otis (Int)

Saturday – December 8

9:30 am Lion's Head – Mass
11:30 am Tobermory – Tricia Conroy (Int)
5:00 pm Owen Sound – Roy Hamilton +

Second Sunday of Advent – December 9

9:00 am Chatsworth – Jesse Carr +
9:00 am Hepworth – Shirley LaFlamme (Int)
9:00 am Owen Sound – Cindy Kilpatrick +
11:00 am Owen Sound – Terry O'Neill +
11:00 am Wiarton – Pro Populo
11:00 am Meaford – Alexandra Collins (Int)
1:00 pm Cape Croker – Mass

From the Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

This week we pray for:

Mon Fr. Octavio Cidadoo
Tue Fr. Jose Edson Moreira
Wed Discalced Carmelite Sisters
Thu Fr. Peter Raymond
Fri Fr. George Nowak
Sat Fr. Pawel Szymanowski

* Sacrament of Anointing & Communion to the Sick:

Available upon request

* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Friday from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

What's Happening

December 3 - 9

Tuesday – Senior Cards1:00 pm
Tuesday – RCIA7:30 pm
Wednesday – Prayers & Squares9:30 am
Wednesday – Choir7:00 pm
Thursday – Prayer Ministry5:00 pm
Friday – Divine Mercy Devotion 3:00 pm
Friday – Movie & Pot Luck5:00 pm
Saturday – Ultreya9:15 am

From the Pastor's Desk

Happy New Liturgical Year everyone! With the start of the season of Advent we begin our preparations for Christmas. Advent is a time of waiting, a time of preparation, and a time of spiritual renewal. I know it can be a struggle to slow things down during Advent, especially as the preparations for Christmas can increase our stress levels. Between house decorations, gift buying, family gatherings, and Christmas card mailings, we can lose ourselves in the busyness. Please consider slowing things down during this

time by focusing on the essentials, and leaving some of the extra fluff for others. For example: buying gifts is a wonderful endeavour that lets us be generous and thoughtful, but perhaps we don't need to chase every sale and every great deal that is advertised. It is better to do a few essential things well, then to do many things poorly. To help all of you plan ahead and prioritize please see the Christmas schedule insert in this weekend's bulletin, and keep it handy. Also, here are a few key dates on our journey towards Christmas this year:

December 2nd - 1st Sunday of Advent, the journey begins. Make some plans on how you would like to plan this time and what special events, prayers, books, movies, you would like to incorporate into your life to help you highlight this special season.

December 6th - Feast of St. Nicholas (Santa Claus). As children we always received gifts on this day from St. Nicholas. He would come in the middle of the night and leave something for the children under the pillow. Perhaps praying to St. Nicholas on this day or reading up on his life would be nice.

December 7th - Christmas Movie Potluck at the parish hall in Owen Sound is a great opportunity to build community and enjoy this great season together. Starting at 5pm.

December 8th - Altar Servers Christmas Gathering at the parish hall in Owen Sound. Great food, fun, games, with our wonderful altar servers. They all know what kind of dog is my favourite.

December 14th - Another Christmas Movie Potluck in Owen Sound. Starting at 5pm.

December 16th - Lessons and Carols, an evening of music, scripture, and beauty. Performance by our own musicians at St. Mary's in Owen Sound starting at 7pm.

December 21st - St. Mary's and the Missions staff Christmas party, priests are cooking, and hopefully no one will get sick.

Fr. Wojtek Kuzma

A Seminarian's Thoughts:

On that June day my parents arrived and told me I was coming home with them. They went to explain to the rector their plan. *Could they even force me to leave?* I was still a minor for another ten days, but my parents weren't supporting me financially in any way. *What if I just refused to go with them?* Afterwards I went in to speak to the rector, Fr. Kevin. He was not happy with the situation, yet he was supportive. "Matt, this is God's will for you. You may not like it, but take it in faith. Trust the Lord has a greater plan at work here. Take a year off as your parents wish. If then you still want to return, we'd likely be able to accept you again." He said that because normally a man who leaves the Legion was not able to enter again, but in my case, I was leaving against my will and through no fault of my own. Quite a unique situation.

Fr. Kevin's words reassured me. My parents were kidnapping me, I was leaving my friends, my life plans were unravelling—but it was out of my hands. I had to let go and let God. Obedience is the key to holiness, and in this case both my parents and my rector were giving me clear signals. So I quietly went upstairs, packed what little

belongings I had and snuck out the back door where my parents were waiting. There were no goodbyes in the Legion. When a seminarian left, you often didn't realize it for days later, and then no one talked about it. You didn't want to upset morale or, God forbid, encourage discerning out as a healthy option. As we drove off, I realized that in less than an hour the entire course of my life had changed. What the future would bring, though, I had no idea.

Matt

***In the Parish ***

St. Mary's CWL – **Wednesday, December 5th - CWL**



Christmas Pot Luck Dinner and Party, please bring the dish of your choice. The Bluewater Sweet Adelines, directed by Dianne Hingston will perform...awards and gift presentations. All ladies of the Parish are welcome! **St. Mary's CWL Bazaar** was a great success! Thanks to all our members and thanks for all the donations! **Winners: the 50/50 Draw - Nancy Watson; the Christmas Food Basket - Bob Francis.**

St. Mary's & the Missions Christmas Card to

Each Other - The **deadline** for including your name in the Christmas card is Sunday, **December 16th**. Catholic Charities, a vital ministry in our parish, depends on the donations from this Christmas card for the various individuals and charities they assist. Please put your donation envelope in the collection basket. Bless you for your support.

St. Mary's Giving Tree Project - There are tags on the Giving Tree in the foyer of St. Mary's Church. Please take a tag if you can, purchase the item described and return it (unwrapped) **along with the tag**, no later than **December 16th**. We are most grateful!



St. Mary's Choir Presents: An Advent Evening of



Lessons, Reflections and Music, Sunday, December 16th at 7:00 pm, at St. Mary's Church. Come celebrate this beautiful season of preparation and readiness. Bring your family and friends. All are welcome!

St Thomas Aquinas CWL has something new -



Chaplet's and Prayer Pockets for sale as a fundraiser! They are all handmade by our members and blessed by our Priests. They can purchased in the gift shop at St Mary's Owen Sound and are available at St Thomas Aquinas in Warton. Thank you for your support!

St Thomas, Warton and St. Mary's, Hepworth are collecting **soup cans** for the Food Hampers. We need 1000 cans for our share of this collection. Last date for receipt is Sunday December 9th. Your generosity is appreciated.

Catholic Cemeteries in Winter Mode - St. Mary's Cemetery Georgian Bluffs will continue interments throughout the winter. For the first time this year the main roadways will be plowed to allow access for visitation. The rural cemeteries; St. Stanislaus in Chatsworth, St. Mary's in Hepworth and St. Michael's in Meaford are closed for the winter and will resume interments in the spring.

St. Mary's & the Missions Properties - For those parishioners who have key access to church property in any of our eight churches, please contact the Parish office before the end of November and give your name, the property you have key access to and the reason you need it. Thank you.

*** In the Community ***

Georgian Bay Concert Choir Presents: A Ceremony of Carols. Friday, December 14th at 7:30 pm – the Harmony Centre – 890 4th Ave E. Tickets \$25. Call 519-372-1364.

*** In the Diocese ***

The Catholic Young Adults Christmas Party: Catholic Young Adults from far and wide will be coming out to One, Big, Awesome Christmas Party! If you are Catholic, between the ages of 19-39, and single, couple or married, this will be the place to be to meet other Young Adult Catholics. 3-course dinner, live entertainment, and dancing. Consider yourself **invited!** Saturday, December 15th beginning with Mass at 5:00; 6:00 is Cocktail / Social; 6:45 a Catered Dinner. Followed by Live Entertainment, Activities, and a DJ-headed Dancefloor! St. Thomas the Apostle Church (715 Centre Rd., Waterdown ON). Please **RSVP before December 12**. Call or email Justin Peter at 905 689 4857 ext. 8 or jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com.

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus, December 16th to December 25th, 2018 Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Infant Jesus. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to Carmel of Saint Joseph 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1 St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

For the Sick, our fellow parishioners and family members



who are in need of our prayers: for Mary Ann Burke, Marilyn Schinbein, Becki Knisley, Joanne LaFlamme Talbot, Terry Gurica, Marlene Lukie June Peet, Mike Adams, Sharon Cantlon, Tom McDonnell, Maureen McTeague, Vern Finlayson, Fred Fries, Josh Cahoon, and Sean McTeague, - **We pray to the Lord.**

We are rebuilding our prayer list. If you or a loved one are in need of prayer, please call the office. Each year, at this time, we will begin our list anew.

Donations –November 17 / 18, 2018

Owen Sound	\$ 6,300
Hepworth	800
Warton	792
Meaford	732
Chatsworth	626
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Sauble Beach	161
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