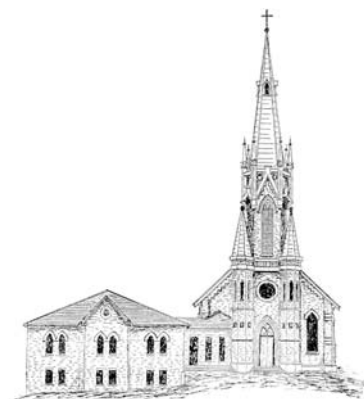


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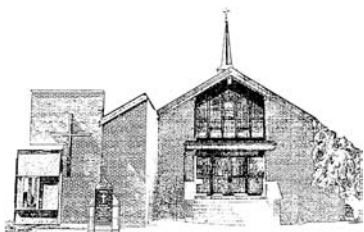
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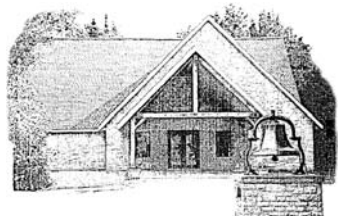
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**St. Mary of the Assumption
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Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am



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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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

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 30, 2018



Dec. 31 – Jan. 6

Monday, December 31st

- 3:00 pm – Tobermory – Mass
- 5:00 pm – Wiarton – B. McKenna (Int)
- 5:00 pm - Meaford – Coby Sneek +
- 5:00 pm – Owen Sound – Hilde Effinger (Int)

Mary, Mother of God - New Year

- 9:00 am – Hepworth – Annette Le Blanc +
- 9:00 am – Chatsworth – Carl Hunt +
- 9:00 am – Owen Sound – Crawford Wismer +
- 11:00 am – Owen Sound – Pro Populo
- 11:00 am – Cape Croker – Mass

Wed 9:00 am – Jane Rose Muise +

7:00 pm Hepworth - CANCELLED

Thu 9:00 am – Students & Teachers of St. Basil's (Int)

7:00 pm – Chase Lorenz (Int)

Fri 9:00 am – Frank Foch +

10:30 am - Errinrung – In Thanksgiving

Saturday – January 5

- 9:30 am Lion's Head – Mass
- 11:30 am Tobermory – Pro Populo
- 5:00 pm Owen Sound – Bud Harron +

Epiphany of the Lord – January 6

- 9:00 am Chatsworth–Mass
- 9:00 am Hepworth – Julius & Catharina van Aalst +
- 9:00 am Owen Sound – Mark Strong +
- 11:00 am Owen Sound – Jean Diemert (Int)
- 11:00 am Wiarton – Smokey Elliott & Kilian Gantschnig +
- 11:00 am Meaford – Josephine ten Den +
- 1:00 pm Cape Croker – Mass

From the Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

This week we pray for:

- Mon Fr. Peter Myer
- Tue Fr. Jim Petrie
- Wed Holy Cross Fathers
- Thu Fr. Kevin Cull
- Fri Fr. Stephen Gilbert
- Sat Fr. Marko Puljic

*** 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

Dec. 31 – Jan. 6

- Thursday – Prayer Ministry5:00 pm
- Friday – Divine Mercy Devotion 3:00 pm

Once a Mother... *a woman's perspective*
As a mother with young children, I would often ponder Mary, the Mother of God. Did she have days of exhaustion and frustration chasing after her toddler? When he hit the terrible 2s, how did she deal with that? If he was slightly defiant at 12, what was her son like as a teenager? 'I don't care if you are the son of God - you clean up this room!' It

often helped me to cope, picturing our Blessed Mother enduring the same trials of motherhood. I know, I know, hers was the incarnate son of God, but, as a teenager...it's possible there were parental struggles. I clung to that, anyway.

One of my favorite stories of Mary, is that of the wedding feast, when she tells the steward to, 'do whatever he tells you to do.' I can almost picture Jesus rolling his eyes. "Mom." He was a grown man and there was his mother, situated in the midst of his personal life. I have tried my best to avoid being obtrusive in my sons' lives. But when situations arise whereupon a mother is sought, well, I'm like that obnoxious kid in class, arm waving frantically in the air – pick me, pick me!

A few weeks ago, I had my pre-Christmas weekend all planned – finishing up my Christmas projects and shopping. A call from my daughter-in-law changed all that. Now, granted, I was called because her mother is wintering in Mexico, but let's not split hairs – I was called. I was needed. It happened that my son was in the hospital (I hope I would have been called first, regardless of where her mother was, but I dare not assume). Thankfully, it was not a serious illness, though it was a debilitating one and he was hospitalized for two nights. As his wife flitted from hospital to home, I was the constant for my one year old grandson.

When your child is going through a difficult time, no matter his age, you worry. Again, picture our Blessed Mother and all that she had to endure, with all that Jesus had to endure. Ponder that when times are tough. As Jesus suffered, so did his Mother. It matters not, the age of our children – they are our children. When they are sick, when they are suffering, we suffer too.

One of the constants we as Catholics have in our lives, is Mary, the Mother of God – intercessor for us all. As our kids turn to us when they need help – let us then turn to our eternal Mother. Mary, Holy Mother of God, pray for us.

Margery Frisch

A Seminarian's Thoughts:

If you can know a tree by its fruits, the Legion of Christ sure seemed to be a healthy, blooming tree in the springtime of its life. We Legionaries all thought our founder, Fr. Maciel, was a living saint, right up there with Mother Teresa and the pope himself. We called him *Nuestro Padre, Our Father*. We called ourselves "co-founders," those privileged Legionaries who had the blessing of living through this sacred time of the Legion's beginnings, whom future generations would look back on with envy for sharing the same ground as this holy man. The many volumes of his letters were some of the most inspiring, profound spiritual writing I've ever read, right up there with the great mystics of the Church. When Fr. Maciel would come visit the Legionary formation house in Cheshire, Connecticut, we would all pack up and travel down, eager to spend time in the presence of our holy founder. At Mass, after Holy Communion, he would lead us in prayer for ten or fifteen minutes. We would listen intently, learning from this master, praying in our hearts as *Nuestro Padre* spoke intimately and lovingly to Our Lord, begging to do his holy will, asking to desire nothing else but to serve him and save souls. He would pray to Our Lady with just as much devotion and love, with the tender trust of a child.

It turns out it was all a lie. In 2006, Pope Benedict removed Maciel from active ministry with the Legion and ordered him to live a life of prayer and penance in seclusion. When he died in January 2008, the Legion finally admitted the truth. Their saintly founder had been living a double life. The man was no saint. He was a liar and perhaps the greatest conman in history. *Matt*

Have a Blessed Christmas! Please note that the office will be closed from **Friday, December 21st at noon till Wednesday, January 2nd**. We wish you all God's peace and blessings at Christmas and throughout the New Year!

New Year's Schedule

MARY MOTHER OF GOD, NEW YEAR

Monday, December 31

Tobermory 3pm
 Warton 5pm
 Meaford 5pm
 Owen Sound 5pm

Tuesday, January 1

Owen Sound 9am, 11am
 Hepworth 9am
 Chatsworth 9am
 Cape Croker 11pm

**In the Parish **

Community Breakfast – There's a K of C Community Breakfast, on Sunday, **January 13th** at St. Mary's Parish Hall, from 10:00 am –1:00 pm. \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under 12. The date has been bumped to the 2nd Sunday of the month because of holiday busyness. Last month, we served the largest crowd in all of 2018. Let's keep up the momentum in 2019!



Community Breakfast

Christmas Hampers - Many thanks to St. Mary's Hepworth, St. Thomas Aquinas Warton for the soup and cash collected for the Christmas Hampers. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

It's That Time of Year Again – Please be kind to those who clean the floors of our churches. Stamp the snow AND the salt off your boots before entering the church. Thank you.



** In the Community **

Become a Chapman House Volunteer – the greatest gift you can give this year is **Your Time**. Volunteer today! We have a Volunteer Role for nearly every age and interest. Call today. Orientation and Palliative Care Course begins in January. Limited spaces. Contact Jacky at 519-370-7239, or email: jherbert@greybrucehospice.com

** In the Diocese **

The Hamilton Diocese is conducting the **One Heart, One Soul Campaign** to raise money for every Parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries. For a compilation of all

questions asked regarding this campaign go to www.oneheartonesoul.ca

What is the state of diocesan finances? The diocesan financial picture is strong – the amount of assets has grown in recent years and investments are doing well. Meanwhile, the Diocese is generous with grants and loans to parishes and Catholic organizations within the Diocese. Parish assessments have been stable in recent years but have not kept up with increases in diocesan operating costs. Property sales have been used more frequently to keep the Diocese's operating budget balanced and strong, and many assets (such as the Care and Maintenance Fund for Cemeteries) are restricted and not at the Diocese's disposal. This is not an emergency situation. The Diocese is looking ahead and acting before any kind of emergency could develop. Overall, the campaign is a way to ensure that more parishes will be able to be self-sufficient over the long term, building up themselves and the Diocese at the same time.

What kind of financial transparency can we expect during the campaign and beyond? Transparency is a top priority for the Diocese. Summaries of diocesan financial reports from 2012 through 2017 are on the diocesan website, and copies of the full reports are available from the Diocese's financial office. Regular updates of campaign goals, projects and fundraising will be communicated during the campaign through the website, emails, social media, to name a few. Visit www.oneheartonesoul.ca to find more questions and answers.

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 for December 15 / 16, 2018.

Owen Sound	\$ 9,938
Meaford	890
Hepworth	856
Warton	807
Chatsworth	707
Sauble Beach	311
Lion's Head	296
Tobermory	83
	\$ 13,888

Due to printing deadlines earlier than normal, our donation records are a week behind. We will get caught up in the New Year.

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