

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish



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St Mary of the Visitation Parish exists to be a light on the hill and offer every person in our community a life-changing encounter with Jesus

SCHEDULE OF LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

A Children's Ministry for those aged 2 until Grade 4 is offered at the 9:30am and 11:30am Mass.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Wednesday to Friday: 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Located in the lower level of the church)

Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Fatima School 519-658-4041

St. Elizabeth School 519-651-0400

St Gabriel School 519-658-2008

St. Benedict Secondary School 519-621-4050

PARISH ADORATION CHAPEL

Our Chapel is always available for a time of quiet, personal prayer. Please enter by the west side of the church, off the lower parking lot.

PARISH BOOK OF PRAYER

Our Parish Book of Prayer is located in our Adoration Chapel (lower level of the Church). You are welcome to write your intentions on its pages. These are remembered at Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment to begin the process of preparing your child and family for this Sacrament.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish office before setting a date of marriage in order to begin preparations.



PASTORAL CARE TO SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Communion to the Sick bring communion to those who are sick or confined at home, in nursing homes or hospital each Sunday. To ensure a visit when hospitalized, please make sure to indicate at registration that you are a Roman Catholic and a member of St Mary Parish.

IF GLUTEN FREE HOSTS ARE REQUIRED

About 10 minutes before Mass begins, please visit the Sacristy and ask Sacristan to reserve a gluten-free host for you.

DON'T GET LOST IN THE CROWD - SMALL GROUPS

We are blessed with a variety of small groups - couples groups, men's groups, ladies groups, mother's groups, faith sharing groups - check our display in the Parish Centre - join us.

PARISH BEQUESTS

Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember St. Mary of the Visitation Parish in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

519-658-6511

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



WELCOME TO ST. MARY PARISH

Welcome, we are really glad you're here! Whether exploring, struggling or looking for a new Church Home - we extend a warm welcome to our parish and pray that you feel at home. Please introduce yourself and consider becoming a member of our Family of Faith. For details on our parish life, offering envelopes, pre-authorized or on-line giving, as well as to find out about ways of connecting, check out our website: www.stmaryhespeler.ca or see anyone at our Welcome Desk.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, May 7 at 7 p.m.

Confirmation Mass

Wednesday, May 8 at 8 a.m.

+ Rinaldo Bernardone

Thursday, May 9 at 7 p.m.

Confirmation Mass

No 8 a.m. Mass

Friday, May 10 at 8 a.m.

+ Helen Schaller

Saturday, May 11 at 5 p.m.

Ongoing Needs of Palliative Care

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

May 11/12 – Team B

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Children in grade 4 and up are invited to join this very important ministry. Please see Fr. Chris if you or your child are interested.



KIDS KLUB EVENT!

Join us on **Friday, May 10th** for the Kids Klub Amazing Race. Meet at the Parish Centre at 6:50 p.m. to form teams. Race begins at 7:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY – HELP NEEDED

Our Children's Ministry continues to be a source of blessing for our community. We are in need of a few extra teachers to aide in our program. You do not need to be a certified teacher to help out. You just need to have a love for children and the desire to bring them closer to Christ. Please see Sr. Marie Therese if you are able to invest once a month in making a positive impact in the life of a child.

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at our parish on Tuesday, May 7 at 7pm for students of Our Lady of Fatima and Public Schools and Thursday, May 9 at 7pm for students of St. Gabriel and St. Elizabeth schools.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to some of our parish children receiving First Holy Communion this weekend. May they always receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist with openness and love. A word of thanks to all who helped prepare them and to all who shared their talents to add beauty to our First Communion Masses.

ROSES FOR LIFE: Members of the Knights of Columbus Council #4916 will be passing out Roses For Life at all Masses **May 11-12**. Please consider donations to help support Right To Life Programs. Thanks also for your overwhelming support of our Charities Lottery sales last weekend. Thank you.

THE MONTH OF MARY

The month of May has traditionally been devoted to Mary which highlights the special sharing of our Blessed Mother in the paschal mystery of Christ, her Son. We are called to imitate Mary in her openness to God's will, in her prayerfulness of spirit and in her quiet dedication to the purpose and mission of her Son's life. Let us pray to God through Mary that every person may model her discipleship and her devotion to Christ, her Son.

BABY SHOWER FOR MICHAEL HOUSE

May 14, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Hosted by the Catholic Women's League of St. Mary of the Visitation Parish.

Please consider any of these gift ideas and place them in the Parish Centre Narthex.

- Gift cards for formula, food, etc.
- Cold Medicine (infant and children's Tylenol, Advil)
- Laundry detergent (sensitive skin)
- Diapers & Wipes (size 4 and up)
- Diaper Rash cream
- Sippy cups (no straws)
- Soothers
- Sunscreen

Thank you for helping with the present needs of mothers and children at Michael House.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: All ministries and groups are asked to submit their bulletin announcements to the office by Monday at 4 p.m. each week. Please email stmaryhespeler@bellnet.ca

MAY 5, 2019

HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK: May 5-11th has been designated as Hospice Palliative Care Week. The Catholic Women's League is encouraging all parishioners to use the power of Prayer to help ensure that the government provides Palliative Care for all who need it. Special Booklets will be available in the Chapel to assist in this endeavour. Please join us for a special mass to recognize the ongoing need for Palliative Care on *Saturday, May 11th at 5 pm.*

AROUND THE DIOCESE



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK – May 5-10, 2019

Please see the special insert from Bishop Douglas Crosby.

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY will be hosted at Bingeman's Conference Centre in Kitchener this year. Date: **Saturday, May 25, 2019.** The theme: According to YOUR Word! All seven volumes of the Heritage Edition of the Saint John's Bible will be available for the young people to experience. Individuals and groups are encouraged to **register before the deadline of May 3rd** at www.hamiltondiocese.com/youthrally

The Francis Impact, will premiere on **Sunday, May 5th** at 6pm and 10pm on Salt and Light Television. All of the major cable carriers are currently offering a "free view" of Salt and Light until mid-May. If you do not have access to cable, the documentary can be watched online at the times indicated: <https://saltandlighttv.org/live/>

WHY@Breakfast presents Art, Beauty, and Dialogue: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is hosting this presentation with speaker Rev. Denis Grecco, Assistant Professor at St. Peter's Seminary, on **May 18th** from 9:30 AM to 11AM. Come and find out how art and beauty may assist us in facing the issues of the churches and our contemporary culture. Two volumes, Pentateuch and Gospel & Acts, of the Heritage Edition of The Saint John's Bible will be on display during the event. Light breakfast available. Interested? Please call Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Office at 519-886-0342 or leave a note at whyatbreakfast@gmail.com. For more information: <https://whyatbreakfast.com/>

CWL PENNY SALE: The Catholic Women's League of St. Clement's Parish Annual Penny Sale will be held on **Friday, May 10th.** There will be the Penny Sale, Quilt Draw, Door Prizes and Refreshment Stand. St. Clement Church is located at 745 Duke Street. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the draws start at 7:30 p.m. We hope to see you there.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE – OTTAWA Thursday May 9, 2019

"Mourning 50 years of Abortion in Canada"
A coach bus will leave Wal-Mart parking lot, 22 Pinebush Road at 5:00 am and return approximately 10:30 pm. Cost is \$40 per person/ Students free. Seats must be reserved in advance. Contact Cambridge Right to Life at 519.623.1850 or visit www.cambridgerighttolife.ca for more info.

COFFEE & DESSERT EVENING

Cambridge Right to Life Presents a Coffee & Dessert Evening with the Sisters of Life (Toronto) - Consecrated under a special fourth vow to protect and enhance the sacredness of human life. Date: **Thursday, May 16, 2019.** Location: The Pines (115 Fountain Street South) Time: 7:00 PM Tickets: \$15.00. For tickets or more information, 519.623.1850 or visit www.cambridgerighttolife.ca

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2019? If you are, join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Mass on **Sunday, June 9, 2019** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). For information on how to register go to www.hamiltondiocese.com

Attention Catholic Men! Permanent Diaconate Information Night! The Office of Diaconate Formation is holding an information night on the Permanent Diaconate. There will be presentations on the Diaconate, requirements for applying and the formation process. Deacons of the Diocese will share about their calling and experience of ministry as a Permanent Deacon. When: **Monday May 6, 2019 at 7:30 pm.** Where: St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 2265 Headon Road, Burlington. RSVP with Deacon Joseph Di Loreto at: diaconateformation@hamiltondiocese.com or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2258

Dawn Centre/ Cambridge Pregnancy Resource Centre is seeking a part time Nurse Practitioner and Registered Nurse to join our staff. We are looking for people who are passionate about women's health, drawn to encouraging spiritual wellness in our community, and excited by the opportunity to forge new pathways in community-based client care. If you are interested in more information, or know of a potential candidate, please contact Diana Zondag, Executive Director, at 519-620-0204.

Welcome to

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