

# 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

## FOURTH 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](http://www.stmaryhespeler.ca) or see anyone at our Welcome Desk.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Tuesday, May 14 at 8 a.m.**

Deceased Members of the C.W.L.

**Wednesday, May 15 – No Mass**

**Thursday, May 16 at 8 a.m.**

+ David MacDonald

**Friday, May 17 at 8 a.m.**

Intentions of Carol and Richard O'Brien

**Saturday, May 18 at 5 p.m.**

+ John Dominas

+ Joseph Stortz

### PLEASE NOTE CHANGES

Mass on Tuesday, May 14 is at 8 a.m. and there is no Mass on Wednesday, May 15.

### Liturgical Ministries Schedule

May 18/19 – Team C

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### ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

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

### 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

**Congratulations** to the young people from our parish who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation this past week, completing their initiation into the

Roman Catholic Church. May the Holy Spirit be a familiar friend to them and may we frequently welcome them into our midst on the Lord's Day.



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**Congratulations** to the students who received their First Holy Communion on May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Upcoming Celebrations of Holy

Communion will take place on **Saturday, May 25** at 5 p.m. and **Saturday, June 1** at 5 p.m.

**BANNS OF ORDINATION:** *Mr. Hayden Starczala* is scheduled to be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate at 7:00 p.m. on **Thursday, June 20, 2019** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton, Ontario. If anyone knows of a serious cause why this ordination should not take place, please notify your parish priest. Let us all pray that Mr. Hayden Starczala will be a good and faithful servant to the Lord and His church.

### PRAYER FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

*God our Father, thank you for calling our Seminarians to prepare for the priesthood. Grant them the grace to grow closer to You through daily prayer. Bless them while they study your Word and the teachings of Your Church, and give them generous hearts to serve your people. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

***Please pray for our Seminarians and for Future Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious***

### 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.

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Our parish is blessed with several Ministers of the Eucharist who regularly take communion to our sick and homebound members. We are in need of new members to visit parishioners in their home or at St. Luke's Place. If this is something you feel called to do, please contact the parish office to meet with Father Chris.

### THE MONTH OF MARY

The month of May has traditionally been devoted to Mary. This month 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.

**SUMMER MINISTRY SCHEDULE:** We will soon be preparing our Summer Schedule for all Ministries. If you will be away in July and August, please email the Parish Office to inform us no later than June 14th. Thank you!

### WORDS OF THANKS

A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus Council #4916 for their generous donation to our parish building fund. Thank you also to the students of Our Lady of Fatima for donating \$380.00 through the Hats for Haiti Campaign!

**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](mailto:stmaryhespeler@bellnet.ca)

**FREE COPIES** OF THE CATHOLIC REGISTER are available at the Welcome Desk. The Diocese of Hamilton will be appearing in this newspaper regularly. Please help yourself to a copy.

### AROUND THE DIOCESE



#### 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](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

### RETREATS AT LOYOLA HOUSE (Guelph, ON)

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? See [www.loyolahouse.com](http://www.loyolahouse.com) for more information on upcoming retreats & programs:

*The Little Prince Retreat* - June 14-16 - facilitated by Greg Kennedy, SJ

*Finding Your Way Retreat* - June 14-16 - facilitated by Paul Panaretos, SJ & Joe Waters

*8-Day Retreats* - August 1-9, 11-19, 21-29

*Getting Back to the Garden: Contemplative Work on the Land* - August 11-19

Register online at [loyolahouse.com](http://loyolahouse.com) or contact [registration@ignatiusguelph.ca](mailto:registration@ignatiusguelph.ca) or by calling 519.824.1250 ext 266.

**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](mailto:whyatbreakfast@gmail.com). For more information: <https://whyatbreakfast.com/>

### 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](http://www.cambridgerighttolife.ca)

### 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.

**High Tea Brunch** The CWL of Our Lady of Lourdes (Waterloo) is hosting a High Tea Brunch in honour of Mother's Day, on **May 26 at 12:00 p.m.** in the church hall. Tickets: \$20. Call Patrycja at 519-502-6917 or [ourladyoflourdescwl@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyoflourdescwl@gmail.com)

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