

St. Mark Catholic Parish

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PASTOR: Fr. Don Sanvido
DEACON: Mr. Basil Markides
SECRETARY: Mrs. Pam Olinski

LORD'S DAY MASSES
Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES
Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. at 7:00 AM
Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Saturday at 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 9:30–10:30 AM & 3:45–4:45 PM
or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: First Tuesday evening of the month at the 7:00 p.m. Mass. No prior notice necessary.

ADORATION CHAPEL
Perpetual Adoration: Spots open, see Chapel
Divine Mercy: Fridays 3:00 PM
Our Lady's Rosary: 1st Saturday at 10:00 AM
Benediction: 1st Sunday at 7:00 PM

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: We invite you to register. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it off at the parish office. Please call if you would like Father to bless your home.

BAPTISM: Infant baptism is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM. A Preparation Meeting is held on the Wednesday evening preceding the baptism. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it off at the parish office at least one month in advance. You will then be contacted by a member of the Baptism team.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
October through May at the 11:30 AM Mass.
Two separate drop-in programs for K-1 & Gr. 2-3. No need to register.

HOSPITAL VISITATION: Please advise the office of area hospital admissions to request a pastoral visit or the Sacrament of the Sick.

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS: Father will bring Communion to the sick on the 1st Friday of the month. Please call the office to schedule a visit.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:
Instructions by appointment. Call 519-742-3979 or nfp@golden.net.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: White Box Collection on the last Sunday of the month. Call 519-571-8485 for information on food distribution.



"... The seed is sprouting and growing ..." (Mark 4:27)

MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

To have a Mass celebrated for a living or deceased loved one, please fill out this request form, place it in a plain envelope marked "Mass Intention," and drop it in the Sunday collection, or slip it under the door of the parish office if it is closed. Your intention will be printed in the bulletin and announced at the beginning of Mass.

Mass cards are available at the parish office during office hours, or you can find them already signed in the church lobby and in the adoration chapel.

If you prefer to make arrangements in person, you may do so during office hours, or over the phone. There is no charge for Mass intentions. The Bishop suggests an offering of \$10 per Mass.

I would like to have _____ Mass(es) celebrated for
HOW MANY?

the intentions of *(living)* **OR** the repose of the soul of *(deceased)*

NAME OF LIVING OR DECEASED PERSON(S)

Please choose your preferred way of setting the date for this Mass:

The date of the Mass does not matter.

OR

The exact date does not matter, but I would prefer one of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 AM on a Weekday | <input type="checkbox"/> 5:00 PM on a Saturday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 PM on a Tuesday | <input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 AM on a Sunday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 AM on a Saturday | <input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 AM on a Sunday |

OR

I would like the Mass to be on this specific date*: _____

* Please keep in mind that our ability to accommodate a request for a specific date (especially for a weekend) can be difficult without sufficient notice. For this reason, we recommend submitting requests for weekend Masses a few months in advance.

Requested by: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

We will attempt to contact you by phone if we are unable to accommodate your request.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Worship This Week:

April 11 – 17, 2016

Monday (MEMORIAL – ST. STANISLAUS)

7:00 am - Int. of Adele Gemmiti – *Tony Finoro*

Tuesday

7:00 PM - Int. of Tibor Sandor – *Viorica Sandor*

Wednesday

7:00 am + Anastasia MacLean – *in gratitude*

Thursday

7:00 am + Souls in Purgatory

Friday

7:00 am - Int. of the Gonsalves Family – *Jeanne Robinson*

Saturday

9:00 am - Int. of Mike & Kathleen Dineen – *M./E. Lawlor*

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30

SAT. 5:00 PM + Cimermancic Family

SUN. 9:30 am + Mary Shipp – *Gerry & Judy Kraft*

11:30 am - Int. of Tibor Sandor – *Viorica Sandor*

- Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Offertory Collections

April 2/3, 2016

Sunday & Easter envelopes	\$ 2922.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,384.04
Loose monies	<u>\$ 543.03</u>
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,849.07

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 925.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	<u>\$ 301.15</u>
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 1,226.15

Share Lent\$ 200.00

Thank you for your generosity!!



SPIRIT CREW

St. Mark's Ministry for Youth (*open to Grades 6 - 12*)

■ **NEXT FAITH-SHARING: Friday, April 15th (7-9 p.m.)**

Please join us for an evening of faith and fellowship. Remember your bible, a journal and a free will offering for the snacks provided. Please let us know if you will be attending ... email Christine at cutting_abcd@rogers.com.

■ **YEAR OF MERCY YOUTH RALLY: Saturday, May 21st**

All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to attend the Year of Mercy Youth Rally at the **C.Y.O. Camp Brebeuf** in Rockwood, Ontario. If interested in attending, please see the Spirit Crew Bulletin Board for more details. Permission forms must be handed in by March 28th to the Spirit Crew Mailbox located in the narthex.

S.M.Y.C.A.

St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults (*open to ages 19-35*)

► **Next Meeting: Saturday, April 9th**

We will watch a talk by renowned speaker Chris Stefanick, followed by Glow-in-the-Dark Capture the Flag. See the board in the narthex for details, or visit us at facebook.com/StMarksYoungCatholicAdults, or email StMarksYoungCatholicAdults@gmail.com.

LITURGICAL ROLES			
APRIL 16 & 17	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	T./G. Johnston K. Buchanan	D. Bristol A. Rye	A. Arruda C. Chacon
Commentator:	K. Friesen	B. Sawarna	T. Boettger
Lector:	P. Archambault	J. Flanigan	I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	<i>Vacant: Can you help?</i>	B. Cutting B. Coutinho P. Drohan	<i>Vacant: Can you help?</i>
Gift Bearers:	Archambault	Cerantola	DaSilva
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Dokis G. Balm A. Bendia L. Macedo R. Landgraff	T. Angel C. Haid B. Seaward M. Walser S. Sawchuk	C./K. Dignam R./P. Masbad B. Starr

Dear People,

It is an original policy of our diocese (and all dioceses in Canada) to assure that all who serve the parish through close contact with the potentially vulnerable (the sick, youth, elderly, etc.) not only fill out a **Volunteer Information Form**, and submit a **police check**, but also to speak to me prior to undertaking these works. This is about protecting all involved, including our volunteers. If this has not yet been done, please contact me so that the necessary steps are taken to make sure diocesan policy has been followed. Thank you. – *Fr. Don*

St. Mark's Refugee Sponsorship update...

- ★ Our sponsorship application is with the Diocese. **St. Mark's is now 4th in line to be matched with a potential family.** This process will still require several weeks, maybe more, to move ahead. Please stay tuned!
- ★ **Translators needed!** St. Mark's Refugee Settlement Committee is now seeking translators. While professional and volunteer translation services are available, we'd like to engage members of our parish. The official language of Syria is modern Arabic; there's also a possibility that the family may be more comfortable with other dialects. If you're fluent in Arabic, Levantine, Mesopotamian, Kurdish, Armenian or Azeri (or know someone who is), we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Mike Serres at 519-744-8780 or michael.serres@bell.net.
- ★ **Temporary housing required!** Do you know of a vacant apartment or residence in our community? St. Mark's Refugee Settlement Committee is reaching out to members of our parish for temporary housing in Kitchener-Waterloo to accommodate our sponsored family. Whether it's a basement apartment, an in-law suite or a multi-bedroom or studio layout, we're seeking a place that:
 - Will be available for 2 to 4 weeks, upon the family's arrival (until permanent housing arrangements are finalized)
 - Can accommodate 6 family members
 - Includes a kitchenette/cooking area, a full bath and a separate/private entrance

If you or someone you know can help, please email our committee at stmark@rogers.com.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2016 are invited to gather on **Sunday, May 29th** at 1:30 p.m. as Bishop Douglas Crosby celebrates the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King** in Hamilton. Seating allows room for Anniversary couples only. Those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if assistance is required. **To register for the celebration, please consult the poster located on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please register by May 1st** to ensure your name is included in the program. Details and registration are also available by visiting www.hamiltondiocese.com.



Gr. 2 First Communion: IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Tue. May 3 6:30 p.m. Sacrament of First Reconciliation**
A special opportunity for your child to make their first confession a few weeks before receiving their first holy communion.
- Sun. May 22 2:00 p.m. Sacrament of First Holy Communion**
with students of St. Dominic School
- Sun. May 29 2:00 p.m. Sacrament of First Holy Communion**
with students of St. Mark School

Remaining Catechism Class dates (Tuesdays from 6-7:30 pm):
 April 12, 19, 26 and May 10. Retreat on Sat. May 7 from 12:30-4:30.

Gr. 7 Confirmation: IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Sun. April 17 12:45 pm** Final Preparation Session
Topic: "The Sacrament of God's Mercy"
- Sat. April 30 5:00 pm** Enrollment Mass *
- Sun. May 1 9:30 am** Enrollment Mass *
 11:30 am Enrollment Mass *
- Thur. May 12 6:30 pm** Rehearsal in the Church
- Friday, May 13 7:00 pm** Sacrament of Confirmation
with Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki

* Students need only attend ONE of the Enrollment Masses
 (whichever suits your family's schedule).

NUTRITION FOR LEARNING - Wednesday, April 13th at 7:30 p.m. at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**. Brian Bank, Community Development Officer, will speak to us on what 'Nutrition for Learning' means to our young students and to our community. Sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi C.W.L. For more info please contact St. Francis at 519-745-7301 or stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com.

VISION ANOMALIES and the IMPLICATIONS FOR LEARNING

On **Wednesday, April 20th** from 6-8:30 p.m., **Resurrection Catholic Secondary School** presents "Vision Anomalies and the Implications for Learning," with speakers Dr. Angela Peddle, Optometrist, and Ms. Linda Lemon, Educator and Vision Specialty Teacher. The presentation will focus on the problem of under-diagnosed vision anomalies in our schools, how anomalies interfere with student learning, and how to determine whether your child is experiencing this condition. This event is sponsored by Resurrection School Parent Council, and is open to all members of the public. There is no cost for attending this event, so please bring a friend! Register online at <http://bit.ly/vision-learning>

CURSILLO 2016 – We all know God, but how many of us truly know God on a personal and intimate level? A 3-day Cursillo weekend, which is a short review of Christianity, is designed to help you on that journey. If you are 18 years of age, and are open to a closer relationship with our God and Saviour, consider a Cursillo weekend:

Men's Weekend: May 26–29 Women's Weekend: June 9–12

To help us prepare, the deadline for registration is Fri. April 22
 For more information visit www.cursillohamilton.org, or contact:

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| Betty Enticott | benticott@rogers.com | 519-743-0908 |
| Fr. Ray Reitzel, C.R. | rayreitzelcr@live.com | 519-725-1445 |
| Marg Weber | marg.weber@sympatico.ca | 519-747-5937 |

C.W.L. CORNER ...

• **Upcoming C.W.L. Events:**

- April: to be announced
 May: Mother-Daughter celebration
 June: Chapel seat cushion repair

• **Next Monthly Meeting: April 11th at 7:00 p.m.**

Member meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month. All members are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

MARIAN RESIDENCE RETIREMENT HOME –A Catholic Home run by the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate. **Double rooms presently available.** Contact Sr. Michael Daniel for more info at 519-653-0363.

GARAGE SALE – **St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, Elmira** on **Friday, April 15th** from 4-8 p.m. and **Saturday, April 16th** from 8-11 a.m. For information please call Carol Kieswetter at 519-669-5392.

SOUNDS AMAZING 2 "WAY OFF BROADWAY" – A great musical presented by St. Jerome's Campus Ministry with proceeds going to their Chapel renovation project. **Saturday, April 16th** at 7 p.m. in the **Theatre of the Arts at the University of Waterloo**. Order tickets online at www.sju.ca and click on the events calendar or visit this link: <https://ticketfi.com/event/861/way-off-broadway-fundraiser>
 Questions? Please contact Marthaa mfauteux@uwaterloo.ca or call 519-884-8111 ext. 28215.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY GATHERING – **Tuesday, May 10th** from 1:00-3:30 p.m. (doors open at noon) for all who are involved in prayer shawl ministry or would like to learn about it. Hosted by St. Michael's Prayer Shawl Ministry, at **St. Michael's Church, Waterloo**. Bring your shawls to display. Free-will offering. Prayer Shawl knitting and crochet books will be available for sale. Please register by Friday, May 6th by contacting Linda at 519-888-6954 or prayershawlgathering@gmail.com.

ANNUAL BISHOP'S BANQUET – The Waterloo Region Catholic Schools Foundation presents the 11th Annual Bishop's Banquet on **Wednesday, May 18th** in **St. Mary's Parish Hall, Kitchener**. The evening will include a reception, evening meal, a keynote presentation by Bishop Miehm, a student musical and visual arts presentation and a silent auction. Tickets are \$100 a person and can be purchased individually or in tables of eight. A portion of the ticket price and silent auction proceeds will support program needs in the region's Catholic Schools. For tickets, contact Dorothy Lubaszka at 519-578-3660 ext. 2373 or dorothy.lubaszka@wcdsb.ca.

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE: Sept. 26th – Oct. 11th

Under the spiritual guidance of the Very Rev. John Van Hees, Pastor of Mary Mother of God Parish, Oakville. Join us as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of our parish as we tour **Portugal, Spain, France, Monaco and Italy**; visiting Fatima, Salamanca, Avila, Burgos, Lourdes, Avignon, Monaco, Florence, Assisi and Rome. Cost for double occupancy is \$3,490 p/p, plus taxes of \$566. To register please contact Maria or Agnes at QS Travel & Tours Inc. 1-800-565-3619 (3055 Dundas St. W., Unit #4, Mississauga) www.qstours.com.

BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Birthright provides non-judgmental support and love to pregnant women and their unborn children. Our focus is on loving the mother, and helping her help herself. We need volunteers! You can work as an office volunteer, a Director, a Co-Director or Secretary to the Board. All are welcome to apply. If you are unsure of what we do, call us at 519-579-3990 (Tues. to Thurs. 11am - 2pm or Tues. 2 - 5pm) or email us at kitchener@birthright.org.

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