

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:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <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:

May 1 – 7, 2017

Monday

7:00 am + John Bauer – *Mary Ann Dodsworth*

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – ST. ATHANASIUS)

7:00 PM - Int. of Fr. A. Lee & Fr. M. King – *C. Mackid*

Wednesday (FEAST – ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES)

7:00 am - Int. of Chris Smith

9:30 am - **MASS WITH ST. MARK SCHOOL**

Thursday

7:00 am + Tony & Ruth Hayek – *Ylanda*

1:00 PM - **MASS AT ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL**

2:30 PM - **MASS AT BANKSIDE TERRACE**

6:00 PM - **CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL**

Friday

7:00 am + Gerard Comiskey – *Mary Flynn*

6:00 PM - **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** (Msgr. Kroetsch)

Saturday (MEMORIAL – ST. FRANCOIS DE LAVAL)

9:00 am + Dave Walser & deceased family members

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36b-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

Sat. 5:00 PM + Veronica & Alfred Broderick – *Gloria Kubisewsky*

Sun. 9:30 am + Dennis Reid – *Judy Swartz*

11:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Please Note – MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

We have had an unusually high number of requests for Mass intentions to be celebrated on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Because it will not be possible to fit all requests into the calendar year, some will have to be scheduled for other times (i.e. Sundays or, more likely, weekdays).

We are sorry for any inconvenience.



Offertory Collections

April 29/30, 2017

Sunday envelopes..... \$ 2,772.00
 Sunday loose \$ 533.56
 Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52)..... \$ 1,294.15
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS \$ 4,599.71

Mortgage envelopes..... \$ 114.00
 Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52)..... \$ 257.19
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS \$ 371.19

Thank you for your generosity!

LITURGICAL ROLES

	May 6 & 7	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	B./C. Morgan	<i>Can you help?</i>	N./A. Gallagher	
Commentator:	K. Friesen	J. Germann	B. Starr	
Lector:	B. Burns	D. Bristol	J. Petrovich	
Ushers:	I. Cimermancic	B. Coutinho J./K. Snyder	C. Dignam F. Sawaya M. Schimus	
Gift Bearers:	Weber	Rye	<i>Can you help?</i>	
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Smith L. Macedo C. Dokis	L. Reidel S. Sawchuk B. Seaward	B. Denomme C./K. Dignam	

Meetings & Events This Week

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. May 1</u>	7:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. May 2</u>	6:00 pm	(CH)	Gr. 2 Catechism Class (<i>class 6 of 8</i>)
	7:00 pm	(L)	Separated & Divorced Level 3
<u>Wed. May 3</u>	7:00 pm	(H)	For People in the Pews (Dr. Moira McQueen)
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
	7:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir Practice
<u>Thu. May 4</u>	6:00 pm	(CH)	Confirmation Rehearsal
	6:00 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	6:00 pm	(L)	S.M.Y.C.A. (St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults)
<u>Fri. May 5</u>	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir Practice
	6:00 am	(L)	Men's Group
	7:00 pm	(CH)	Sacrament of Confirmation
<u>Sat. May 6</u>	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' Group (bi-weekly)
	9 am – 2 pm		Electronic Waste Drop Off Day (parking lot)
	10:30 am	(L)	Writers' Group (bi-weekly)

Meeting Rooms: CH = Church H = Hall B = Basement
 M = St. Matthew Room J = St. John Room L = St. Luke Room

For People in the Pews:

A practical Introduction to Catholic Bioethics

St. Mark's Parish is pleased to announce an upcoming series by world-renowned ethicist, **Dr. Moira McQueen LLB, PhD.**, Executive Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute in Toronto. She will bring "For the People in the Pews", a 4-part "everyday bioethics" lecture series designed specifically for parishes.

Understanding bioethical principles has become increasingly important as science and medicine develop new techniques. Sometimes they raise moral questions that seem to challenge Catholic teaching on the dignity of human life.

Part 1: Wed. May 3rd at 7:00 pm: A Catholic Perspective on Ethics

Foundations of Catholic ethics, bioethics: Scripture and Tradition; Natural Law; Conscience

Part 2: Wed. May 10th at 7:00 pm: Reproductive Issues

Personhood; Reproductive technologies; Stem cell research; cloning

Part 3: Wed. May 17th at 7:00 pm: End-of-Life Issues

Withdrawal of treatment; Prolonging Life; Pain and Suffering; Terminal Sedation; Health-care directives

Part 4: Wed. May 24th at 7:00 pm: Euthanasia and Assisted Dying;

Living Life to the End; Hope in the Resurrection

Euthanasia; Physician-assisted suicide; Palliative Care; Sacrament of the Sick; Spiritual Needs

Don't miss this rare and valuable opportunity!



Grade 7's ... Don't forget!

Confirmation Rehearsal: Thursday, May 4th at 6:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Friday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Confirmandi Potluck: Thursday, May 18 at 6:00 p.m.

May Crowning of Mary

Friday, May 12th

Rosary at 6:30 PM Mass at 7:00 PM



**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2017
begins today – Sunday, April 30**



The Catholic schools in our parish are celebrating publicly-funded Catholic education! This gift has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served the Waterloo Region, Ontario, and Canada very well. We personally invite you to attend the various events happening in your community school. We know you will be pleased you did.

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is ***Walking Forward Together***. Our guiding quote for 2017 is taken from Micah 6:8 - *"Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God."* We are hoping it will help us all to acknowledge the important role of justice and solidarity, especially with our Indigenous peoples. We also hope to focus on caring for our environment, the poor and marginalized, and all those who work to protect our common global future. Please keep us in your prayers throughout Catholic Education Week and be assured of ours as we celebrate God's love poured out for us in so many ways!

Sincerely yours, **John Murphy**
W.C.D.S.B. Religion and Family Life Consultant
on behalf of Loretta Notten, Director of Education

An Opportunity to Sing!

The music ministry of St. Mark's would like to invite all parishioners to an informal vocal workshop on



Saturday, May 6th from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the church. Local voice instructor and performer, Stephanie Kramer, will facilitate the session which will cover basic singing techniques in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Sign-up sheet available in the narthex. For more info please contact Linda at mz.linda.blake@gmail.com or 519-729-4819.

Volunteer(s) needed...

Our **altar servers' vestments** are in need of regular maintenance:

- **Hung in order after each weekend Mass** (i.e. hang them in order according to size so that servers can easily find their size). Currently we need someone to do this after the 9:30am Masses.
- **Mended as needed** (i.e. fixing buttons, hooks, ripped seams, etc.)
- **Laundered twice per year**

If you can help with any of these tasks, please contact Jane Petrovich at 519-886-0725 or email the parish office at stmark@rogers.com.

Electronic Waste Drop-Off Day ... Mark your calendar!!

Knights of Columbus Kitchener and St. Mark's Councils are offering an Electronic Waste Drop-off Day on **Saturday, May 6th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Items can be dropped off at **St. Mark's Church parking lot** ... We will accept any electronic items including computers, phones, T.V.'s, printers, monitors, stereos, etc.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2017? If so, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 25th** at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King** in Hamilton 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). **Please refer to the poster in the narthex for information on how to register for this celebration.**

12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls all people of faith to join nationwide in 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care on **Thursday, May 4th** as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life.



All parishioners, family and friends are invited to join St. Mark's C.W.L. in prayer and solidarity from 12 noon to 12 midnight in our chapel. Please participate in this most urgent cause. A sign-up sheet is available on the C.W.L. table. For more information, please contact Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519. Those unable to attend are encouraged to join in prayerful support. As Pope Francis reminds us, *"Let us not underestimate the power of so many voices united in prayer."*

THE WILD GOOSE – Is a 14-part video series on discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit presented by Fr. Dave Povinka, a Franciscan Priest. The series will be shown at **St. Anne Parish Hall on Thursday evenings at 7 pm beginning on May 4th**. All are welcome. For more information please call Pat or Rita at 519-7485548 or email paddym@golden.net

38th ANNUAL K-W WALK FOR LIFE – Saturday, May 6th beginning at Historic St. Paul's Church at 10:30am. Registration at 10:00am. Please call K-W Right to Life Office for pledge sheets or go to their website to print them (519.746.5433 or www.kwrtl.ca). Good food and prizes. Walk 3km and help support our educational programs or call the office to pledge.

OTTAWA MARCH FOR LIFE – Thursday, May 11th. Bus leaves Fairview Park Mall at 5:30am (Walmart parking lot). Park at the far end of the parking lot up against Fairway Road (near Hwy 8). Call the office to book your seat (\$20) 519-746-5433 or email kwrtl@golden.net.

Men interested in learning about the **PERMANENT DIACONATE Formation program** in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to attend the information session on **Sunday, May 7th at St. Michael Church in Waterloo** after 11:00 a.m. Mass. To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Peter Gittens at diaconateformation@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988, ext. 2258. **St. Michael's CWL Annual Card Party – Tuesday, May 2nd in St. Michael's Parish Centre.** A fun night will include card games, great food and a raffle. Raffle prizes are: Water Painting of a River Scene - Canadian Artist, Painted Table Runner - Local Artist, Pewter Treasure Cups, Gift Basket with Wine. Doors open at 6:00pm. Lunch at 6:30pm. Admission is \$10. Draws at 9:00pm.

3rd ANNUAL RECYCLING EVENT - ST. MARK SCHOOL - MAY 8-13
Monday, May 8th to Saturday, May 13th St. Mark Catholic School will be working with our community partners to *Reuse and Recycle* old electronics and clothing: **Monday to Friday 3:30 - 4:30pm, and Saturday 9am - 12Noon** the bin will be open for your donations. Old shoes and clothing should be in plastic bags and we encourage you to remove all personal data from electronics. In the past 2 years St. Mark C.E.S. staff and students have collected over 7 tons of clothing and electronics for recycling. **St. Mark C.E.S. is at 240 Autumn Hill Dr. Kitchener.** We look forward to donations from the Waterloo Region community.

-- Thank you from the staff and students of St. Mark School

AN EVENING WITH THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE – Please join us for a presentation on the first complete bible to be handwritten and illuminated since the advent of the printing press over 500 years ago. You will have a chance to look at and touch the Book of the Gospels and Acts. **Wednesday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, Kitchener.** Sponsored by the Catholic Women's League.

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY TEA – Saturday, May 13th from 1-3 p.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, Elmira. Door prizes, bake & penny tables, and of course tea and dessert! This is an open invitation for everyone (men too) to come out for an enjoyable afternoon to honour our Mothers. Hosted by St. Teresa of Avila C.W.L.

MOTHERS' DAY BREAKFAST hosted by St. Clement's Church on **Sunday, May 14th from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon at St. Clements Community Centre, 1 Green Street, St. Clements.** Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$8 for children 12 & under; and Free for children 2 and under. For tickets contact Stacey Maher at 519-699-4774 or staceymayer@gmail.com or jrothfischer@outlook.com. Bring your appetite!

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