

St. Mark Catholic Parish

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PASTOR: Fr. Steve Murrin
DEACON: Rev. 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
Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Wed., Thur., Fri. at 7:00 AM
Saturday at 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS
Saturday following 9:00 AM Mass
and 4:00–4:30 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 bulletin board
Divine Mercy: Fridays 3:00 PM
Our Lady's Rosary: 1st Saturday at 10 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 6
weeks in advance.

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.

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.

If you require a **Mass card** please make your request in person at the parish office during business hours.

The offering for a Mass (for living or deceased) is \$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 check ✓ 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 # or email: _____

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions for the Week

April 23 – 29, 2018

Monday - NO MASS (EASTER FERIAL)

Tuesday (EASTER FERIAL)

7:00 PM - Int. of St. Mark's Knights of Columbus – *C.W.L.*

Wednesday (FEAST – ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST)

7:00 am - Int. of Kaileigh Gibson – *Kathy Smith*

Thursday (EASTER FERIAL)

7:00 am + Joe Flannagan – *Bill & Delenda Wilson*

7:00 PM - **FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSAL** (*for St. Dominic's*)

Friday (EASTER FERIAL)

7:00 am + Jack Porter – *Gerry & Terry Gerth*

Saturday (EASTER FERIAL)

9:00 am - Int. of Kaileigh Gibson – *Kathy Smith*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

Sat. 5:00 PM - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Sun. 9:30 am + Cathy Grimwood – *Pam Olinski*

11:30 am + Giulia Donato – *Pietro Donato*

2:00 PM - **FIRST COMMUNION** (*with St. Dominic's School*)

FEAST OF ST. MARK (April 25th)

Patron Saint of our Parish

Saint Mark ... Most of what we know about Mark comes directly from the New Testament. He is usually identified with the Mark of *Acts* 12:12. When St. Peter escaped from prison, he went to the home of Mark's mother. Paul and Barnabas took him along on the first missionary journey, but for some reason Mark returned alone to Jerusalem. It is evident, from Paul's refusal to let Mark accompany him on the second journey despite Barnabas's insistence, that Mark had displeased Paul. Because Paul later asks Mark to visit him in prison, we may assume the trouble did not last long.

The oldest and the shortest of the four Gospels, the *Gospel of Mark* emphasizes Jesus's rejection by humanity while being God's triumphant envoy. Probably written sometime between A.D. 60 and 70—Mark's *Gospel* is the gradual manifestation of a "scandal": a crucified Messiah. Like another *Gospel* writer Luke, Mark was not one of the 12 apostles.

A winged lion is Mark's symbol. The lion derives from Mark's description of John the Baptist as a "voice of one crying out in the desert" (Mark 1:3), which artists compared to a roaring lion. The wings come from the application of Ezekiel's vision of four winged creatures to the evangelists.



*O God, who raised up Saint Mark, your Evangelist,
and endowed him with the grace to preach the Gospel,
grant, we pray, that we may so profit from his teaching
as to follow faithfully in the footsteps of Christ.*

*Who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. April 23</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. April 24</u>	7:00 pm	(L)	Separated & Divorced Level III
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus general mtg.
<u>Wed. April 25</u>	7:15 pm	(M)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thur. April 26</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(CH)	St. Dominic's 1 st Communion Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	(M)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. April 27</u>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's group
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' group
<u>Sat. April 28</u>	9:45 am	(CH)	Lectors / Commentators make-up workshop
	10:30 am	(L)	Writers' group
<u>Sun. April 29</u>	2:00 pm	(CH)	First Communions
	3:00 pm	(H)	Legion of Mary Curia Meeting

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

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John's Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd.

This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.

In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires. ■



APR. 28 & 29	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	M./V. McCullough	N./A. Gallagher C. Chacon
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	B. Sawarna	B. Starr
Lectors:	B. Burns B. Crawley	J. Flanigan T. Angel	L. Masbad M. Monte
Ushers:	L. Macedo I. Cimermancic	P. Drohan J./K. Snyder	B. Voisin
Gift Bearers:	<i>Can you help?</i>	Cerantola	Masbad
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Smith K. Friesen A. Bendia	T. Lee; M. Lynch G. MacNeil	B. Denomme C./K. Dignam

Catholic Women's League News



Thank you to all who volunteered for and attended **Family Games Night!** Lots of laughter, fun and excitement put an end to those winter blues ... and maybe even *winter* itself (at last)!

Our **Book Sale** is on-going so we encourage you to please visit the tables often through the next few weeks. The selection will change as we continue to accept donations. Donated books can be left under the coat racks in the hallway across from the ladies' restroom. Thank you for your support!

Upcoming activities include **Mothers' Day flowers** and a **Silent Auction**. Watch for details in upcoming weeks. All proceeds to the St. Mark Accessible Door Project.

Make-up Workshop for Lectors & Commentators

I would like to meet with any **Lectors or Commentators** that **missed** the original workshop in February. Please come to a one-hour workshop this **Saturday, April 28th at 9:45** (after the 9:00 a.m. Mass). This is for **both** current and prospective readers who couldn't attend in February. Thanks, *Fr. Steve*



Offertory Collections April 14/15, 2018 – a.k.a. "Ice Storm Weekend"

Sunday envelopes	\$ 1,560.04
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 1,229.54
Loose monies	\$ 357.60
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....	\$ 3,147.18

Mortgage envelopes	\$ 166.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 271.04
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....	\$ 437.04

Thank you for your generosity

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

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus are offering an Electronic Waste Drop-off Day on **Saturday, May 5th at St. Mark's Church parking lot** ... We will accept any electronic items including computers, phones, T.V.'s, printers, monitors, stereos, etc.

Thank You!! St. Mark's Society of St. Vincent De Paul would like to thank the staff, students and families of St. Mark's and St. Dominic Savio Schools for their contributions to our food bank. Together they collected 1,125 lbs. of food and toiletries. We would also like to thank the students and staff at St. Mark's school for sorting the collection and the parishioners who contribute regularly to this cause.

K-W RIGHT TO LIFE EVENTS:

"MARCH FOR LIFE" BUS TRIP – Thur. May 10th sends a bus to Ottawa Parliament Hill for the annual March for Life. Call 519.746.5433 or email jane@kwrtl.ca to sign up. Early reservation ensures a bus seat. The cost is \$50 or sponsor a student by sending your cheque to K-W Right to Life, 215 Lancaster St. W., Kitchener N2H 4T9. This event generally draws over 20,000 participants.

"WALK FOR LIFE" FUNDRAISER – Sat. May 12th. Registration 10am. Walk begins at 10:30am, from Historic St. Paul's Church (137 Queen St. S. Kit.) (3 km). We invite your participation to walk or sponsor one of over 70 walkers for our largest fundraiser. Call 519.746.5433 for pledge forms or see our *Spring News & Views*. Call 519.746.5433 or email jane@kwrtl.ca.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Our Lady of Good Counsel is a title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary, after a painting said to be miraculous, now found in the thirteenth century Augustinian church at Genazzano, near Rome, Italy. Measuring 40 by 45 centimeters, the image is a fresco executed on a thin layer of plaster no thicker than an eggshell. Over the centuries, devotions to Our Lady of the Good Counsel grew among saints and Popes, to the extent that a reference to it was added to the Litany of Loreto and the devotion spread throughout the world. The Catholic Women's League is under her patroness. Her feast day is April 26.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES LOTTERY ... It's not too late! The Catholic Charities Lottery drew 5 winners of \$500 on March 21st. The Lottery assists with funding the Catholic Community Foundation's mission to support Catholic causes in our schools, parishes and community. Still tickets left for the **April 25th early bird draws & weekly draws** (two \$1,000 prizes) from **May 9 to July 18**. You can win more than once! Tickets at www.CCFOWR.org, or call CCF office at 519-747-5661 to buy over the phone.

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT (NES) – *Limited space so register now!* Blessed Sacrament Parish is incredibly excited to be serving as a host site in the Diocese of Hamilton for this year's New Evangelization Summit which is to be webcast from Ottawa on **April 27th and 28th**. This Summit was created in response to Popes St John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis's repeated call to Catholics to evangelize. The summit features 6 world-class Catholic Speakers on the New Evangelization. To register go to the NES website at newevangelization.ca and select Kitchener, ON as the host Site. The cost for the 2-day event is \$60 per person (\$10 discount for students & clergy) and includes snacks and lunch on April 28. Child care services for kids between the ages of 4 and 11 are also being offered on the Saturday however there are limited spots available. If you need additional information or are interested in being a sponsor please contact Blessed Sacrament Church at (519) 742-5061 or Ian Mendes at ianmendes2@gmail.com.

GARAGE SALE ... Saturday, April 28th at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information please call Carol Kieswetter at 519-669-5392.

MOTORCYCLE BLESSING – Weather permitting it will take place on **Saturday, April 28th at 12 p.m.** in front of St. Clement Church in St. Clements. Please bring any friends who wish to join us. The blessing will be followed by a ride together.

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" – a Nurse's account of patient care in war torn Iraq. Presented by Henrietta Hiemstra, RN. Come and learn how caring for casualties of war revealed the presence of Jesus. **Wednesday, May 2nd at 7:30pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall.** Cost free...a donation to Samaritan's Purse welcomed. Bring a friend! Light refreshments provided. Presented by St. Francis of Assisi Health & Wellness Committee.

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