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 $11:30\,\mathrm{AM}$ 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.

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I would like to have $\frac{1}{1000 \text{ MANY?}}$ Mass(es) celebrated for	
\square the intentions of (living) OR \square 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: ☐ 7:00 AM on a Weekday ☐ 5:00 PM on a Saturday ☐ 7:00 PM on a Tuesday ☐ 9:30 AM on a Sunday ☐ 9:00 AM on a Saturday ☐ 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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship This Week

September 1 - 7, 2014

Monday LABOUR DAY

★ 9:00 am + Edward McGuinness – Ann Doyle

Tuesday

7:00 pm + Doris Crawford - Colette Dokis

Wednesday (memorial - St. Gregory the Great)

7:00 am + Rhonda McGuinness - Ann Doyle

Thursday

7:00 am + Kathleen Blanchard – *Carl & Agnes Santoni*

Friday

7:00 am - Intentions of Irene Bitschy

Saturday

9:00 am + George Winklemaier – Brian & Marie Lynch

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

Sat. 5:00 pm + Jack Soares - Maria

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

11:30 am - Int. of the Gonsalves Family - Jeanne Robinson

Offertory Collections	Aug. 23/24, 2014
Envelope Users	\$ 2,526.00
Loose monies	<u>\$ 275.60</u>
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 2,801.60
Mortgage Fund	\$ 360.00
Thank you for your generosity!	

Today is White Box Sunday

St. Mark's St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed its white box in the narthex this weekend (Aug.30/31) to accept your donations.

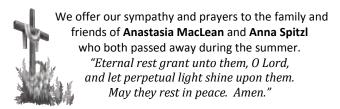
MILK BAGS ... all done for now

Thank you for the <u>tremendous</u> support in dropping off your milk bags for the Spirit Crew's project of crafting mattresses for needy countries! **We will no longer be accepting milk bags at this time,** until further notice. Thank you.



Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is experiencing a shortage of food, due to an increase in clients, and is appealing to the parish for assistance. They are especially in need of the following canned items:

soup, kidney beans, chick peas, pork & beans, tuna, salmon, vegetables, as well as peanut butter, jello and pudding. Items can be placed in the large blue bucket in the narthex. **Thank you for your continued support!**



LAST CHANCE to enter the parish "Swing Into Fall" Best Ball Golf Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Cost per player is \$70 for 18 holes, cart and dinner. (Cost for dinner only is \$15). Last minute entries and prize donations can be made through Cathy at cathy.gelsinger@yahoo.ca or 519-954-5734. We still need a few more volunteers to help clean up after dinner – if you can help, please contact Cathy. Thank you!

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

We have the greatest of blessings in our parish — perpetual adoration. The Lord waits for us to come and pay Him a visit. Where else can we have the Creator Himself all to ourselves, for a whole hour or even more if we wish? Open to all, 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Please feel free to drop in and pray at any hour. We are also looking for people who may wish to adore the Lord regularly on a weekly basis. If you are interested in committing to a weekly hour of prayer, day or night, please contact chapel coordinator, Colette Dokis, at 519-576-7490.

The Alpha Course at St. Marks

The Alpha course is your opportunity to explore the meaning of life through the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening manner. It's low key, friendly and fun! There is a meal at the beginning of each session followed by a 40-minute video and then group discussion. There is no charge for the course except for a goodwill offering for the meal. You are invited to a 'Come & See' – Thursday, Sept. 11th at 7:00 p.m. There will be a chance to ask questions and check out a sample video. Refreshments will be provided. Course begins Sept. 25th from 6:45 to 9 PM and runs until Nov. 27th. If have any questions or to register, please feel free to contact Ian Kangaloo at 519-743-1338 or stmarkalpha@gmail.com. For more information on the Alpha program see www.alphacanada.org

"Keys to Loving Relationships"

"Keys" is a 10-week program meant for anyone (married, dating or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! The program runs Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. starting Sept. 16th here at St. Mark's. Cost is \$45. For more information or to register, call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249, or visit

 ${\color{blue} \underline{http://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/relationship-development.php}}.$

R.C.I.A. ... Becoming Catholic

All interested in becoming Catholic or considering the Catholic faith are invited to a meeting on **Thursday, Sept. 18**th at 7:00 p.m. here at the parish. This will be an opportunity to meet with you and sort out any important matters. You need not bring anything to this meeting.

- Fr. Don

Tidy-up time...

back into the swing of things with weekly meetings and the like. Which makes this next week a good time to re-organize and declutter the areas we use for our meetings and for storage. If your or your group are storing any materials here at the parish (e.g. in the basement (kitchen and storage room), the hall kitchen and storage area, the sacristy cupboards, etc.) now is the time to sort through those items to ensure that prime space is not being wasted by the keeping of unnecessary items. This is also a good time to LABEL your items, either individually or by putting them in a labelled box, so that we can determine ownership if a question arises. We trust that all groups will concern themselves with their own items only, and not those belonging to others. Near the end of September, anything that has not been looked after and is not labelled will be sorted or, if need be, discarded by the parish. Your assistance in this area will be a great help, and is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to call or email the parish office if you have any concerns.

Now that the summer holiday season is behind us it is time to get

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED PROGRAMS

LEVEL 1 - (Learning to Cope) and **LEVEL 2 - (Accepting the Situation)** are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Topics include: the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, guilt, loneliness, forgiveness, trust, singleness and children. Course fee: \$35 for Level 1, and \$45 for Level 2. The courses are held **Tuesday evenings** for 11 weeks, **starting September 16**th from 7pm – 9pm at **St. Francis of Assisi Church**, Kitchener. To register, please contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or St. Francis Parish at 519-745-7301.

Join Sister Therese Turcotte of the Diocese of Hearst on **Sunday, Sept. 7**th at the **Waterloo Knights of Columbus** (145 Dearborn Place) as she presents the **RELIGIOUS ART DISPLAY** of "THE ONE CALLED JESUS" from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Food, coffee and pop available. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Waterloo and Kitchener Knights of Columbus.

The Annual "RED MASS" will be celebrated at the Cathedral-Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton on Tuesday, September 9th at 9:30 a.m. The St. Thomas More Lawyer's Guild sponsors this annual Mass. The tradition of the Red Mass dates back to the 13th century. The faithful come together to invoke the wisdom of the Holy Spirit upon all those who work in the court system, law enforcement and protective services: we pray for Divine guidance and strength upon them and all that they do for society. The celebrant of the Mass is Bishop Daniel Miehm, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton. Father David Wynen, rector of the Cathedral-Basilica, is the homilist. All are welcome to this great annual tradition of worship and prayer.

<u>HOT HAM SUPPER</u>: Sunday, September 14th from 4 - 7 p.m. at the St. Clements Community Centre, 1 Green Street, St. Clements. Adults \$12, children (5 – 12 years) \$6 and children 4 years & under are free. Raffle prize table and quilt raffle. This event is a fundraiser for the St. Clements Church Retro-fit Fund. For tickets call Tom and Karen Dietrich at 519-699-5314 or John and Donna Druar at 519-699-5304.

11TH ANNUAL WALKING PILGRIMAGE

to the Shrine of the Sorrowful Mother in St. Agatha, Sunday, Sept. 14th ... Gather at Beechwood Plaza Erb St. at 12:00 noon. Pilgrimage begins at 12:30pm. We walk to St. Agatha Church for a break followed by refreshments after Mass at Chapel Shrine. Seven Sorrows Rosary at 2:45 pm led by members of St. Teresa Church, followed by Mass at 3:00pm celebrated by Fr. Harry Reitzel, C.R. One-way, 6km walk from Beechwood Plaza to the Shrine. We receive a ride back by anyone who wants to participate in the Mass only. Open to Men, Ladies and Youth of all Parishes. Seven Sorrows Rosaries Available starting at \$3. Call 519-744-8330 for information.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Join us at St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows Parish (56 Duke Street West, Kitchener) on **Monday, September 15**th as we celebrate our Feast Day! Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 1:00 pm, with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3 pm and Mass at 7 pm. Please refer to the poster on the bulletin board for complete details or check out our website www.stmarysrcchurch.ca. Everyone is welcome!

BEEF & PORK DINNER: Saturday, September 20th at the Linwood Recreation Complex. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Dinner at 6:00 PM. Adults - \$15.00, Child (5-12yrs.) \$7.00 and Child 4 and under Free. Door Prizes Sponsored by St. Mary's Church, Linwood and St. Joseph's Church, Macton. For tickets please call Gloria Kittel at 519-698-2577 or Bonnie Lou Denstedt at 519-698-2222.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS

Sunday, September 21st at 1:00 p.m. at **St. Anthony Daniel Parish** in Kitchener. Please join us, along with Bishop Crosby and Bishop Miehm, at the Mass of prayer and thanksgiving for the gift of vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese. This joyful celebration of faith is being hosted by the Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus, Serra Clubs, and the Vocation Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. Light refreshments and vocational materials will be available following the celebration of the Eucharist. All are welcome!

FALL CONFERENCE – Branches Catholic Ministries, who recently sponsored film screenings of the new epic motion picture Mary of Nazareth in Southwestern Ontario, will be hosting "Regenerate(d) 2014," on September 27-28, 2014 at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls featuring dynamic talks from renowned Catholic speakers including Jeff Cavins, Michael Coren, Matthew Leonard, Father Mitch Pacwa, and Ken Yasinski as well as musical performances by Marian Grace and the Glory Collective. Group Discounts available. Register online at www.go2branches.com.

COME AWAY AND PRAY FOR AWHILE Praying With The Sisters of St. Joseph

All interested women are invited to join the Sisters of St. Joseph at the Motherhouse, 574 Northcliffe Avenue, Hamilton, on **Saturday, September 27**th from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The day will include Mass, a short talk, time for prayer and reflection. Lunch is included. Suggested contribution is \$20. Please call 905-528-0138 for directions or to register by September 21st. Looking forward to seeing you!

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