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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Worship This Week

December 31, 2012 – January 6, 2013

Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Monday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)

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

Tuesday, January 1st (New Year's Day)

9:30 AM - Int. of Ron Blanchard

11:30 AM - Int. of Mary Greaney – Mark & Eleanor Lawlor

* NO EVENING MASS



Wednesday (memorial – St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen)

* 7:00 PM - Int. of Jadwiga & Mieczyslaw Wolak

Thursday

7:00 AM - Int. of Albert Bussey – St. Vincent de Paul Society

Friday

7:00 AM - Int. of Fr. Adrian Lee – Colette Dokis & Karen Krigner

Saturday

9:00 AM + Francisco De Sousa – Brigida

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

SAT. 5:00 PM + Jack Soares – Maria

SUN. 9:30 AM + Giulia Donato – Alberto & Artemesia Simoes

11:30 AM - Int. of Ron Blanchard – Kathleen

and the Parishioners of St. Mark's



Office Hours This Week

January 2-4, 2013

Wed., Thurs., Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Offertory Last Week

Dec. 15/16, 2012

Envelope Users \$ 4,828.02

Loose monies \$ 643.33

TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS \$ 5,471.35

Parish Mortgage Fund \$ 1,055.00

(Dec. 22/23 & 24/25 Offertory Reports not available at time of printing.)

St. Mark's Spirit Crew

Our Parish's Ministry for Youth ~ Grade 6 and Up

■ NEXT FAITH SHARING

Friday, January 11th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the church.

Come and learn more about our Faith, while allowing yours to grow, in a fun and safe environment. Bring your bible, a journal and your enthusiasm! A free will offering for the snack that is provided is graciously accepted. Please let us know you are coming by emailing: the.boettgers@sympatico.ca. See you in the New Year!

Winterlude 2013

10th ANNUAL DINNER, SILENT AUCTION & DANCE
Saturday, January 26th, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Winterlude returns to St. Mark's Church Hall for its 10th consecutive year!

Tickets are \$35 and will go on sale beginning

December 29th/30th in the Narthex after all Masses. Mark the date on your new 2013 calendar. Only 120 tickets will be sold – get yours today!

The Winterlude Team is soliciting items, from members of our parish, to be bid on and sold at the Silent Auction. All proceeds from this event assist St. Mark's Parish Mortgage Fund and St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Charities. If you wish to donate items, please contact John Deneau before January 20th at jdeneau@sympatico.ca.



Films, Fellowship & Faith

Hosted by our Women's Prayer Night group, every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. All ladies welcome!

Jan. 2: No film tonight. Holy Spirit night of praise, worship and prayer. Prayer for healing will be offered. Please bring any prayer requests with you for Intercessory Rosary.

"Marriage in the Lord: Poured Out For Love" by Deacon James Keating, will resume with the following schedule:

Jan. 9: Part 5/8 Jan. 16: Part 6/8 Jan. 23: Part 7/8 Jan. 30: Part 8/8

The Virtues – Channels of God's Grace

Our Catholic Faith is a 13-week series offered on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. by Fr. Don for the parishioners of St. Mark's. It began Dec. 6th with an explanation of the Mass.

This series is intended to set aside time during our busy lives to be with the Lord in a deeper way and to learn about our Catholic faith.

Each evening begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and continues with a reading from scripture or catechism; a 10-15 min. talk about that week's featured Virtue; silent prayer; petitions or litany; blessing and Benediction. All are welcome!

Upcoming Topics:

Jan. 3: Hope	Feb. 7: Fortitude
Jan. 10: Charity	Feb. 14: Humility
Jan. 17: Justice	Feb. 21: Chastity, Modesty & Self Control
Jan. 24: Wisdom	Feb. 28: Fidelity
Jan. 31: Temperance	Mar. 7: The Meaning of Fasting & Abstinence

Books & CD's available for purchase in the Narthex:

TITLE	COST
The Faith We Believe: Unpacking the Creed	FREE!
Rediscover Catholicism (by Matthew Kelly)	\$3.00
2013 Sunday Missal (New Saint Joseph).....	\$5.00
Lighthouse Catholic Media CD's (various titles)	\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20



25th Anniversary Photo Directory

As part of our 25th Anniversary events in 2013, we are planning a 25th anniversary photo directory. We want all parishioners to be included in this special edition. **Schedules for photo shoots are being planned for February 2013.** This is going to

be something special! Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins as well as on our parish website.

Lighthouse Catholic Media CD's are back!

We are sure these CD's will be a blessing to you and your family. The display kiosk will remain in the Narthex and new titles will be continually added. These CD's make excellent gifts for family and friends, and can fit easily into a card. Also, as CD's are often passed on, you never know who might end up listening to them and how the faith may be spread. Thank you for your support.



THIS WEEK'S FEATURED CD IS:

St. Joseph: Patron of the Universal Church

The holy and hidden figure of St. Joseph comes to light in this captivating presentation by Dr. Mark Miravalle. What is the dignity of this great man, and how do we convey the wondrous power of his

intercession? Listen now as Dr. Miravalle delves into the fascinating and hidden life of the man whom God chose to "substitute" for Himself when the Word became flesh to dwell among us.

Pilgrimage to The Holy Land: November 11-20, 2013

(Nazareth, Bethlehem, Cana, Jerusalem, and much more!)

Fr. Don Sanvido and **Fr. Ed Mahony** will be the priest chaplains for this pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The tour is organized through Skylink Holidays, the tour leader being Louise Kunkel. The total cost of the trip is \$2,998 Canadian, plus taxes. This figure is based on double occupancy. A deposit of \$500 is required to secure one spot on this tour. For registration forms you may contact Fr. Don at St. Mark's Parish (519-571-9200). For further info, contact Joanne Cothran at Skylink Holidays (1-866-296-3345) or Louise Kunkel, Tour Leader at 905-664-1871.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dear Lord,

We pray that this New Year will bring us closer to You.

May we take the time to get to know You.

Help us to truly celebrate the gifts You have graciously given us and use them to serve You and spread Your word,

May we also see and love you in all the people we meet, so that in turn, they can see You in us.

We know that all human relations take time if they are to grow and deepen. This is also true of our relations with You, the Father and the Holy Spirit, which must grow over the course of our lives. In this new year, let us realise that every action of ours no matter how great or small enables us to be in touch with You.

Let us accept You in our lives, in the way it pleases You, as Truth, to be spoken, as Life, to be lived, as Light, to be lighted, as Love, to be followed, as Joy, to be given, as Peace, to be spread about, as Sacrifice, to be offered among our relatives, friends, neighbours and all people.

Amen.

C.W.L. Corner ...

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a national organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God.



■ EXECUTIVE ELECTION: Tuesday, January 22nd

Nominations are now open and will close January 7, 2013.

Please pray for robust nominations and ladies willing to 'take that seat!' Pray that you will answer the call when you are nominated! Forms and the box to submit them in, are on the table in the narthex.

■ SECRET PRAYER SISTERS

You can still participate in this great activity! Forms are on the table in the narthex. Complete it and drop it in the nomination box and you will be contacted with your Sister's information.

How well do you know the C.W.L.?

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: In June of 1923, Our Lady of Good Counsel was chosen as Patroness of the League for which Eastern Canadian city?

Last Week's Answer: The CWL Mission Statement that was adopted by the League in 1990 is as follows: "The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a national organization rooted in Gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God."

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Come and spend some time each week with Jesus in the Blessed

Sacrament. Jesus "waits for us in this Sacrament of Love," where He appeals to each one of us: "Could you not watch one hour with me?" (MATTHEW 6:40).

This time that Jesus wants you to spend with Him is spent any way you want to: reading the Holy Bible; praying the Holy Rosary; with your favorite prayer book; speaking to Jesus heart to heart, as one does with a friend; you may be so tired or troubled or worn out, that you may just want to sit and enjoy the sweet peace that comes from simply being with the One who loves you the most, Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Please call Colette Dokis at 519-576-7490 if you have any questions.

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

Tues. Jan. 1 - Most Rev. Douglas Crosby

Wed. Jan. 2 - Carmelites of Mary Immaculate

Thur. Jan. 3 - Rev. Dennis Noon

Fri. Jan. 4 - Rev. Piotr Golinski, S.A.C.

Sat. Jan. 5 - Rev. Gerald Mulhall



"Loving Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those whom You are calling to the married state and those You are choosing to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require.

Form us all in the likeness of Your Son, so that through Him, with Him, and in Him, we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

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