

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.

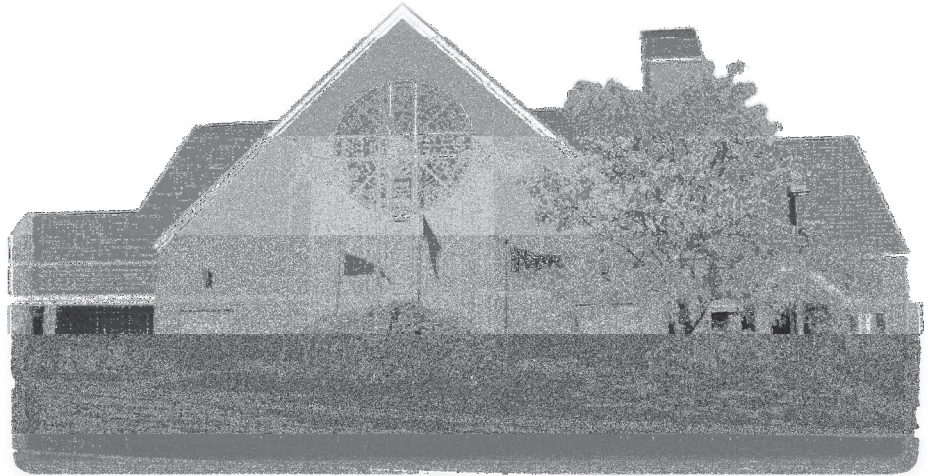
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
October through May at the 11:30 AM Mass.
Two separate drop-in programs for K-1 & Gr. 2-3. No need to register.

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship This Week:

Feb. 13 – 19, 2017

Monday

7:00 am - Int. of William Sheehan – *M. & E. Lawlor family*

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – ST. CYRIL AND ST. METHODIUS)

2:00 PM - Mass at Lanark Heights Long Term Care

2:40 PM - Mass at Lanark Heights Long Term Care

7:00 PM - Int. of Mary Greaney & fam. – *M./E. Lawlor family*

Wednesday

7:00 am - Int. of Kathleen & Mike Dineen – *M./E. Lawlor fam.*

Thursday

7:00 am + Robert Peel – *Margaret Caissie*

Friday

7:00 am - Int. of Fr. Bob Love – *the Flood family*

Saturday

9:00 am - Int. of Nicole Nie – *Gayle Cunningham*

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

SAT. 5:00 PM + Olivia Baptista – *Jose Baptista*

SUN. 9:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

11:30 am + Vendel & Peter Nickl and Albert & Lucy Lorentz

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:

Friday, Feb. 17th & Monday, Feb. 20th (*Family Day*)

Offertory Collections

Feb. 11/12, 2017

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,358.00
Sunday loose	\$ 717.65
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	\$ 1,280.19
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,355.84

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 685.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	\$ 251.54
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 936.54

Seminary Education.....	\$ 415.00
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Thank you for your generosity!

World Day of Prayer 2017

This year's World Day of Prayer is **Friday, March 3rd** and will be held at **Highland Baptist Church** (135 Highland Road). For those participating in the service there will be a practice at 9:30 a.m., followed by Refreshments from 10-10:30, and the Service from 10:30 to 11:30. St. Mark's parish will be responsible for the "Prayer of Intercession" portion of the service. If you would like to represent our parish by participating in this way, please contact Donna at 519-579-9492.

Passion Play

... Saint Mark's drama group invites you to participate in the play **"The Passion of Christ"** on **Good Friday, April 14th**. Practices will begin on Sundays in February. No speaking is required. If you would like to participate, please contact Sonia & Julio Chacon at 519-954-2062 for details and practice times.

LITURGICAL ROLES			
Feb. 18 & 19	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	T./T. Morgan E. Chang	C. Chacon N. D'Souza
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	B. Sawarna	B. Starr
Lector:	M. Serschen	P. Enticott	J. Petrovich
Ushers:	L. Macedo R. Phillips	L. Koehler I./D. Culley	<i>Can you help?</i>
Gift Bearers:	Montag	Seaward	Masbad
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia G. Jans C. Dokis	M./L. Fernando D. Henri	B. Denomme C./K. Dignam

Wisdom & Works of Mercy (DVD series)

Join us for this small group study that delves into the Most Holy Trinity as the key to bringing the faith from our heads to our hearts and out into our lives. We'll meet **Wednesdays in the St. John's Room starting February 22nd at 7pm to begin a 14-week course**. Our evening includes a DVD and discussion time. Reading is done at home. Books are limited so please register soon. Please email Kathy Smith at kathysmith219@gmail.com to reserve your books!

Annual Pancake & Sausage Supper

Shrove Tuesday, February 28th

5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Proudly presented by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus. Tickets now on sale after all Masses in the narthex (NO price increase over last year!): **Adults \$7; Youth (7-16) \$5; Kids (3-6) \$2; Family \$25. Kids under 3 FREE.** Tickets will also be sold at the door on the night of the supper.



25th Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Come celebrate, be inspired, encouraged and healed! **Saturday, March 4th** from 9:00 am - 5:30 pm **Metro Toronto Convention Centre**, 255 Front St. W. Inspired talks by Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck and keynote guest speaker Bishop Scott McCaig.

Powerful witnesses of personal and family healing from David Patterson and Gemma MacDonald. The adult high mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins, and Bishop Scott McCaig will celebrate with the youth. There will be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits. **St. Mark's C.W.L. has organized a BUS to take us to and from this wonderful event.** Bus will leave St. Mark's Parish at 7AM sharp and return at 7:30 PM. Cost for the bus is \$15 each (light refreshments and driver gratuity is included). Rally Tickets: \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth. Call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519 to reserve your ticket and seat on the bus. *Don't be disappointed ... the bus fills up quickly!*



Bring your SPUDS to the Church during the month of February and the Knights of Columbus will deliver them to the House of Friendship for their annual Potato Blitz.



An invitation to pray to Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help



The Legion of Mary of St. Mark's community is inviting all to join them in prayers to Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help for their families, friends, for the sick, in thanksgiving, for those who have fallen away from the faith ... for whatever is on your heart. Please join the Legionaries on Friday's from 11am to 12noon in the Chapel.

For where there are two or three gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (MATTHEW 18:20)



CHANGES TO KITCHENER'S GARBAGE COLLECTION PROGRAM

How will this affect St. Mark's Church?

As most of you know, starting March 6th, homes will be limited in the amount of garbage they can place at the curb for regional pickup.

While blue boxes and green boxes will continue to be picked up weekly, free garbage pick-up will now be limited to 4 bags every two weeks, with additional bags being charged a \$2 fee per bag. St. Mark's will be bound by these SAME restrictions.

Presumably this will present a challenge, especially when we are faced with larger events (like funerals, pancake suppers, etc.) where the amount of garbage produced is greatly increased.

Please watch the bulletin for information and education on changes we will be making as a parish in order to step up to this challenge.

For the most part this change will affect ALL of us, but with a little careful organization and everyone's co-operation, we can rewire the way we think about and deal with waste! *Stay tuned!*

Lenten Practices...

Ash Wednesday: A day of fasting and abstinence

On March 1, 2017, Ash Wednesday begins our season of Lent. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for our celebrations of Easter, when Christ died and rose from the dead for our salvation. Ash Wednesday is also a day of fasting and abstinence.

There are two days of compulsory fasting and abstinence prescribed by the Church: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (Code of Canon Law #1251).

FASTING means eating less than normal. We are asked to eat one regular size meal and two smaller meals. Catholics between the ages of 16-60 are asked abide by this discipline.

ABSTINENCE means abstaining from eating meat on this day. Catholics older than 14 years of age are asked to abide by this discipline. Note: We are also encouraged to continue the traditional practice of abstaining from meat every Friday. As well, one should not engage in excessive entertainment throughout the Lenten Season, and most certainly not on Good Friday.



Uh oh ... Lent is coming

Still a couple of weeks away, it is important for us to begin thinking of the meaning of the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of the Lord. It is a time to discipline ourselves through penance and sacrifice so that we may have the will to overcome sin in our lives. It is a time of great grace if one is willing to turn away from sin – all sin – not simply sin as we choose to see it. Rather, sin as carefully taught by the Church for two thousand years. The week prior to Lent I will put out an Examination of Conscience to help us examine our lives in the light of Christ. Our Lenten fasting calls us to remember that the kingdom of God is not founded on earthly success or glory or possessions. It is found when holiness abides, principally through fidelity to the Lord, charity and the practice of justice. More to come on this. Start thinking about coming to Mass during the week, making a good confession, and studying God's word and Catholic teaching. Just as our Lord's journey to the cross was rewarded by the resurrection, so too can this holy season be our dying to sin and rising in His Life. -- Fr. Don

32nd Annual C.Y.O. FUNDRAISER TO SEND KIDS TO CAMP

Thursday, March 2nd. Proceeds from this annual event enable children with special needs and those in financial need to attend our C.Y.O. *Camp Marydale* and *Camp Brébeuf* camping programs. It is an evening of good food, great friends and fun entertainment - all for a great cause. Our evening's presentations include Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton, our 2017 Honourary Camper Family, the 2016 Hamilton Sports Hall of Fame inductees presentation and the 2016 Golden Horseshoe Athlete of the Year Award presentation. **For more info contact Mel Leggat at 905-528-0011, ext. 3608 or mel.leggat@cyo.on.ca.** Thank you on behalf of all the children this fundraiser supports!

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira on Saturday, March 4th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All proceeds support the Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. To arrange drop off/pick up of items you would like to donate please email BTWalkKW@braintumour.ca or call 519-498-4632. Due to space limitations, please no books or clothing. There will be a 31 Independent Consultant and Holly's Homemade Cinnamon Buns on site as well!

ST. AGATHA PARISH CWL ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARD PARTY

Door Prizes, Draws, delicious Beef Stew luncheon. \$10 Admission includes stew, rolls, beverage & dessert squares. **St. Agatha Church Hall, Sunday, March 12th at 2:00pm.** Cash Draw & Raffle Draws during Luncheon at 4:30pm. More info: stagathacwl@gmail.com

RETRouvaille – Stress in Your Marriage? *Retrouvaille* is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, conflicted, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. *Retrouvaille* can help. For confidential info or to register for the **March 24th weekend**, contact 905-664-5212 or hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca.

ANNUAL PRIESTHOOD & CONSECRATED LIFE DINNER

The Serra Club of Hamilton celebrates the 14th Annual Priesthood & Consecrated Life dinner on **Thursday, May 11th at Liuna Station Banquet Centre** in Hamilton. For details please visit: www.celebrationprl.wixsite.com/dinner, or email celebrationprl@gmail.com or call Margaret at 905-628-5682.

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