

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. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it off at the parish office. Parents and godparents are requested to come to the 11:30 AM Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month and stay for a brief preparation meeting.

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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship This Week

Feb. 24 – March 2, 2014

Monday

7:00 am - Int. Fr. Adrian – Smith / Blanchard / McCullough Fam.

Tuesday

7:00 pm - Int. of Bob Doepel & Family – *Louis & Janet Cote*

Wednesday

7:00 am - Int. of St. Mark's Catholic Women's League

Thursday

7:00 am - Int. of Ian Kangaloo & Family – *Louis & Janet Cote*

Friday

7:00 am + David Baggey – *Baggey Family*

Saturday

9:00 am + Burchat Family – *Gerth Family*

8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 49:14-15; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34

Sat. 5:00 pm + Burns Family – *B. & C. Burns*

- Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of Jack Pelka & Lia Catlan

11:30 am + Rosemary Wehrle – *Olinski Family*

Offertory Collections

Feb. 15/16, 2014

Envelope Users.....	\$ 3,370.00
Loose monies.....	\$447.65
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 3,817.65
Mortgage Fund.....	\$ 110.00
Seminary Education.....	\$115.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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. **Last year we collected 500 pounds! Can we beat it this year?**



SPirit CREW

St. Mark's Ministry for Youth (Grade 6 and Up)

■ **NEXT FAITH SHARING: Friday, February 28th from 7-9 p.m.**

Please come and join us for an evening of faith and fellowship. Remember your bible, a journal and a free will offering for the snack that will be provided. Please let us know if you will be attending! Email Lisa at Imaenpaa@primus.ca or Christine at cutting_abcd@rogers.com.

LITURGICAL ROLES

MARCH 1 & 2	SAT. 5:00 PM	SUN. 9:30 AM	SUN. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	K. Buchanan C. Higgins	W./B. Flitton D. Bristol	J./A. Arruda M. McCullough
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	H. Chang	J. Petrovich
Lector:	J. Simone	J. Deneau	P. Masbad
Ushers:	A./T. Montag	B./D. Cutting	E./V./J./P. McCullough
Gift Bearers:	Riddell	Cerantola	Schimus
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis F./Y. Tully G./G. Jans	S. Cerantola B./A. Cutting H. Kress M. Lynch	C./K. Dignam K. Boettger A. Monte A. Joseph

Easter Passion Play: Info Meeting TODAY

The Easter Passion Play will be held on **Good Friday, April 18th at 2:15 p.m.** Those interested are invited to attend an **Information Session TODAY (Sun. Feb. 23) after the 11:30 a.m. Mass** (approx. 12:30). There are no speaking roles, however, I will require several actors to make this the most effective year ever – I hope you will consider being one of them. All ages are welcome to participate. I look forward to seeing you at the information session on the 23rd.

Sincerely, **Stephanie Baskerville** (sbaskerville@sympatico.ca).



Gr. 2 Catechism Classes start this week

Parents of grade 2 students attending Non-Catholic schools (i.e. public, private, homeschooled, etc.) are reminded of the **catechism classes starting this Monday, Feb. 24th** at 6:00 p.m. (see updated schedule at www.stmarkcatholicparish.org).

Grade 2's attending St. Dominic's & St. Mark's schools will receive preparation at school, but are also welcome to take the catechism classes at the parish if they so wish.

News from Development and Peace

The Development and Peace Share Lent Campaign is upon us. The Theme for this year's Share Lent Campaign is *"One Human Family, Food for All."* The goal of the campaign, which Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, launched in December 2013, is to create change so the abundance of God's creation is shared equally among all people around the world. Please plan to help. Let us pray for an end to hunger.

Lenten Series on Vatican II

Morning Sessions at: St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener
9:00am Mass; 9:30am Refreshments; 10-11:30am Session

Evening Sessions at: St. Michael Parish, Waterloo
6pm Mass; 6:30pm Simple Soup Meal; 7:30-9pm Session

- Thur. March 20:** Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People
Dr. Cristina Vanin
- Thur. March 27:** Decree on the Mass Media
Rev. Dr. Thomas Rosica, C.S.B.
- Thur. April 3:** Decree on Ecumenism & Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions
Dr. Cathy Clifford
- Thur. April 10:** Declaration on Religious Liberty
Rev. Dr. Darren Dias, O.P.



To all Women and Men of the Parish:

On **Friday, March 7th** St. Mark's will be hosting **World Day of Prayer**. The Service will start at **1:00 p.m.** and a light reception will follow in the Church Hall.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christians of many traditions who come together on the first Friday of March to observe a common day of prayer each year. Through W.D.O.P. we affirm our faith in Jesus Christ and become aware of the whole world. We are enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures, share the burdens of other people and pray with and for them. We become aware of our own talents and use them in service of God's world. Prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world.

PLEASE JOIN US if you can. **We need a few volunteers** to take part in the service ... 3 people, including myself, as well as volunteers to help set up the reception, greet and seat people and hand out strips of paper and a pen to everyone who enters. We would gladly accept some squares, cookies or muffins for the reception as well. If you are able to help out, please contact me either by phone or email.

This is open to all women and men. There is a free will collection basket that will go around during the service and an envelope for donations of \$10 or more will get a tax receipt. This money goes to the World Day of Prayer Organization.

Blessings,

Donna Henri (Past President of St. Mark's C.W.L.)
519-579-9492 / s_henri@yahoo.com

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

The month of February, when love is all around us, is a perfect time to talk to our children about love, its power in every life, and our need to treat it with care. A child is never too young to begin to learn that love means being selfless, compassionate, caring and life-giving; we have to be respectful of its power and influence over our hearts and minds. A child learns to love first through the example of their parents. We have to teach them that true love is more than what they see at the movies. Love takes work and commitment, but the payoff is well worth it!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Marriage isn't about the word 'I' – it is about the words 'we' and 'us.' Most married couples understand this, but living it is not so simple. Love is an active word, requiring both partners to see themselves as one unit. It means constantly seeking what will be best for each person in your love union. With the help of God, celebrating your covenant daily is made possible. Love is about what you do for each other and how you step beyond yourself to live fully those most important words: 'we' and 'us.'

submitted by Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250

22nd ANNUAL LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY: "HOPE RISING"

Saturday, March 1st at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

A grace-filled day with *compelling speakers* inspiring Christian music * ministries with prayers for healing and empowerment * confession and holy mass * separate youth event. Adults \$20; Youth \$10. **For tickets call Anna Joseph (519-577-8519)**. We have arranged for bus transportation to depart from St. Mark's Church to the Convention Centre for an additional fee of \$15 per person (includes round-trip transportation, snacks and drinks). Seats are limited – don't be disappointed – reserve your seats early!

LENTEN RETREAT EVENING – Sponsored by the C.W.L. of St. Francis Parish, **Wednesday, March 12th** at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**, Kitchener. Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m., Retreat to follow at 7:30 p.m. Retreat facilitator: Fr. Charlie Fedy, C.R. Your presence will help make this a very special time for all of us!

C.W.L. Corner ...

■ **If you have not yet renewed your membership**, please drop your renewal in the collection basket or at the C.W.L. table. We welcome new members. At the end of February, we will do a draw of all renewals and new memberships. The winner will receive their 2014 membership for free.

■ SAVE THE DATE NOW FOR OUR UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Saturday, March 1:** Lift Jesus Higher Rally
- Friday, March 7:** World Day of Prayer at St. Mark's
- Saturday, March 15:** Lenten Retreat with Sr. Elaine Arsenault
- Sunday, May 4:** Mother Daughter Brunch
- Saturday, Sept. 13:** Wine Tour (CWL Members Only)

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS – Supporting children and youth is a good investment in the future of your community. Family & Children's Services of the Waterloo Region needs your help in transporting children or youth to family access visits, school, day care, therapy appointments, etc. Volunteer drivers need to have a vehicle in good working order, 1 million liability insurance, and a good driving record. Reimbursement rate is 48 cents per kilometer. Support children and youth and leave a legacy in your community. Contact volunteer.services@facswaterloo.org or call 519-576-1329 ext. 3411.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry at each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? *Retrouvaille* helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **March 21-23** in **Niagara Falls** please call 905-664-5212 or email retrouvaille.hamilton@cogeco.ca or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

CURSILLO WEEKEND - A mini-course on the review of your Catholic faith in a retreat atmosphere; a series of talks given by lay people, and 2 priests; an opportunity for worship, study, shared prayer, fellowship, laughter; a help to grow spiritually and closer to Jesus Christ. Anyone (18 to senior) is encouraged to experience this. If you are married it is recommended that both spouses attend.

MEN'S WEEKEND: April 24-27. WOMEN'S WEEKEND: May 1-4.

Both in **Deemerton, Ontario**. \$200 offering (more or less, according to your means), for lodging and meals. For details or application call:

Betty Enticott: 519-743-0908 bpenticott@rogers.com
Marg & Doug Weber: 519-747-5937 marg.weber@sympatico.ca
Fr. Ray Reitzel, C.R. 519-725-1445 rayreitzelcr@live.com

11th ANNUAL PRIESTHOOD & RELIGIOUS LIFE DINNER

Hosted by the Serra Club of Hamilton. This year, we honour 3 Religious Priests and 6 Religious Sisters who celebrate their 50th anniversary of service. Candidates who will be ordained to the priesthood and profess final vows this year will also be in attendance. **Tuesday, April 29th** at **Liuna Station, Hamilton**. \$60 per person. Please contact Margaret Carreiro at 905-628-5682 (after 5pm) or email margaretcarreiro@gmail.com for details.

MISSION POSSIBLE III: ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH FUNDRAISING GALA

will be held on **Friday, May 16th** at the St. Joseph's Parish Centre, 1025 Wallace Avenue North, **Listowel**. Doors open at 6 p.m. A Black-Tie Event featuring a 5-course Gourmet Meal with Wine Tasting, and Silent & Live Auctions. Advance tickets by May 4th. \$40 each or Table of 8 for \$300. For tickets contact Bev Seim at 519-291-4400.

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