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*We saw his star in the East
and have come to worship Him.*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Worship This Week

January 5 – 11, 2015

Monday

7:00 am + Georgina Bojarzin – *Brian & Marie Lynch*

Tuesday

7:00 pm + George Hegedus & Mr./Mrs. Kay – *Hegedus fam.*

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. ANDRE BESSETTE)

7:00 am + Michelle Lee Haynton – *Hegedus Family*

Thursday

7:00 am + Czeslaw Janiczak – *daughter and family*

Friday

7:00 am - Int. of Christina & Fr. McGinnity – *E. Ward*

Saturday

9:00 am - Int. of St. Michael – *Evelyn Ward*

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mark 1:7-11

Sat. 5:00 pm + Jack Soares – *Maria*

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

11:30 am - Int. of Basil & Evelyn Markides – *Basil, Sue & fam.*

Offertory Collections

Dec. 27/28, 2014

Envelope Users	\$ 3,653.00
Loose monies	\$ 437.95
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,090.95
Mortgage Fund	\$ 200.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Gr. 7 Confirmation ~ 2015 Preparation Sessions

Required for all Grade 7 students preparing to be confirmed at St. Mark's Parish in 2015 (*regardless of school affiliation*)

Beginning **Sunday, Jan. 18th** as part of the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, Father Don will hold a few sessions for candidates, sponsors (if possible) and parents. **Sessions will take place following the 11:30 Mass** (*take a 10-minute break after Mass and reassemble in the church for 12:45 p.m. – in this way, you can come to Mass without having to return to the church during the week for these sessions*). Remember to be present at Mass each and every Sunday as well as for these sessions. These mandatory sessions provide an opportunity to learn more about our faith so that Confirmation itself will be a truly meaningful celebration of the sacrament. Listed below are the dates, times and topics to be covered:

(Sunday Afternoons 12:45–1:30 PM at St. Mark's Church)

DATE	TOPIC
JAN. 18	– Who is Jesus Christ?
FEB. 1	– The Meaning of Baptism
FEB. 15	– The Sacrament of Confirmation
MAR. 1	– The Mass and the Eucharist
MAR. 15	– The Call to Holiness (The 10 Commandments)
<i>(3-week break due to Holy Week and Easter)</i>	
APR. 19	– The Sacrament of God's Mercy

LITURGICAL ROLES			
JAN. 10 - 11	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	K. Buchanan G. Johnston	R./J. Henri	B./B./K./N. Starr
Commentator:	K. Friesen	L. Rye	M. Oram
Lector:	L. Masbad	G. Rye	K. Phillips
Ushers:		M. Walser L. Koehler	B. Voisin J. McCullough
Gift Bearers:		Germann	McCullough
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis N./K. Higgins G./G. Jans K. Friesen	D. Henri M. Lynch H. Kress L. Riedel S. Sawchuk	K./T. Boettger B. Denomme A. Joseph



Coffee Sundays!

Resume on the 2nd weekend of each month starting in January. If you are interested in helping out please contact **Denise Case** at sdcase@rogers.com or 519-744-1368 (email preferred).

Attention All Ushers!

Our new "USHER" badges have arrived!

Don't forget to wear one on your scheduled weekends. You will find them in a small basket on the bench just inside the door of the altar servers' sacristy. They have a magnetic backing so you do not have to poke holes in your nice suit jackets or blouses. Please remember to remove the badge and put it back in the basket before you go home, as we do not have enough badges for every usher.



Mobility aids available for borrowing...

St. Mark's Parish has the following items available for temporary loan: **1 indoor walker (no wheels, no seat), 1 wheelchair, and 2 canes.** If you wish to borrow an item, please call Pam at the parish office at 519-571-9200 or email stmark@rogers.com.

Legion of Mary Book Borrow Program

Be sure to check out our Legion of Mary's BOOK BORROW located in the St. Matthew's Room. Two black bookshelves hold books on several different spiritual subjects, prayer cards and Rosaries, medals, scapulars, and other items that will help you to further your spiritual journey. Borrow these items for as long as you need them (no signing out required!) and bring them back when you're done with them. It's that simple! The Legion of Mary will also have a cart in the Narthex every other weekend after the Sunday Masses – stop by to see what we've got to offer.

Donations ... The Legion of Mary is also happy to accept any spiritual items that you may wish to donate to our Book Borrow. Please leave your items in a marked box/bag in the St. Matthew's Room for us to shelve. Please note that we do not accept fiction novels, unless they are written by Christian authors with a clear Christian/Catholic theme.



Thank you!

We would like to thank the parishioners of St. Marks' for their fantastic support of the Angel Tree and your generous financial support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you to Resurrection C.S., St. Dominic and St. Mark Schools for the many gifts and food donations. Many thanks to our great group of volunteers who worked so hard to bring together our Christmas hamper program again this year. Thanks to the students and teachers from St. Mark School for their many volunteer hours too. We assisted 81 families in our community! Thank you for making Christmas special for these people. We wish you many blessings for the New Year.

*The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
St. Mark's Conference*

St. Paul School 50th Anniversary Open House

Sunday, January 25th ~ the Feast of St. Paul!

- 11:00 am - 1:15 pm Open House**
at St. Paul School, 45 Birchcliff Ave.
- 12:30 pm Blessing of the School**
by Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.
- 2:00 pm Anniversary Mass**
at St. Francis of Assisi Church
Reception after Mass in the Church Hall.

Please join us! All former students, staff, parents, and volunteers are especially invited, but everyone is welcome to come and join the celebrations. We encourage you to drop off any memorabilia or photos that you may have from your years as a St. Paul Panther, for display at the open house. To do so, please contact St. Paul School at 519-743-4401. If you would like to assist with this event, please contact the school or Donna Henri (519-579-9492).

VOCATION OVATION BANQUET sponsored by the K- Serra Club **Wednesday, January 21st** at **Our Lady of Lourdes Church** (173 Lourdes Street, Waterloo) beginning with Mass at 5:30 p.m. celebrated by Bishop Daniel Miehm, followed by dinner in the parish hall. A panel of members of various religious congregations will speak of their vocation journey and their lives since they began their quest. We will be joined by members of the Catholic High School community who will assist with serving and will join us for our celebration. Our hosts for the evening will be Father W. Kuzma, Vocation Director for our Diocese and Father Toby Collins, C.R. the Vocation Director for the Congregation of the Resurrection. **This event will acknowledge the beginning of the "Year of Consecrated Life" proclaimed by Pope Francis.** We will continue to recognize and thank the Sisters that have fulfilled their vocations in our community. **Advance tickets are available and must be purchased by Jan. 15.** Cost of the dinner is \$50.00 per person. Cheques to be made payable to KW Serra Club and can be reserved by contacting Joanne Shewchuk at 519-894-5055 or jmshechuk@outlook.com.

MARY: A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this 8-week DVD series by Edward Sri will take place **Saturdays at 10:00am** in the Lower Hall at **St. Mary's Church**, 56 Duke St. West, **beginning January 17.** Join us in the full study course, or just come and enjoy the DVDs and discussion. To order study guide materials contact the church office by December 18.

C.W.L. CORNER ...

UPCOMING EVENTS – Mark your 2015 calendars!

- **Wed. Jan. 14** – C.W.L. Potluck – Secret prayer sisters are revealed!
- **Tue. Feb. 3** – Guest Speaker for Heart Month: Susan Dusick from St. Mary's Foundation



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016: KRAKOW, POLAND

Join us **July 19 – August 2, 2016** as we participate in World Youth Day activities, both in Days in the Diocese and in Krakow, Poland. Pilgrimage includes return flight, 14 days in Poland, accommodation, busing and most meals (five "Days in the Diocese," seven days World Youth Day, two days sightseeing). Space is limited so book today! Participants must be 18-35 years of age at time of travel. Contact David Dayler at the Discipleship & Parish Life Office at 905-528-7988, ext.2226 or ddayler@hamiltondiocese.com or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com for more information and registration forms. **Initial registration and deposit of \$100 is due by Jan. 31.**

THURSDAY LENTEN SERIES – St. Francis and St. Michael parishes are again offering a Lenten Series on Thursday afternoons and evenings – this year about Pope Francis entitled **Francis: Inspiration and Direction.**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish: 1:00 pm Mass followed by talk at 1:30pm
St. Michael Parish, Waterloo: 7:30 – 9:00 pm talk only (no mass)

- Feb. 26** – St. Francis & St. Ignatius – *Speaker: Rev. J. de Viveiros, C.R.*
March 5 – Major Themes of Francis – *Speaker: Rev. C. O'Mahony*
March 12 – The Joy of the Gospel – *Speaker: Dr. J. Lombardi, Ph.D.*
March 26 – Eye Witness to the Synod – *Speaker: Rev. T. Rosica, C.S.B.*

Pope Francis to attend World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia

The Diocese of Hamilton is planning a trip to the World Meeting of Families, **Sept. 22-28, 2015.** Both Bishop Crosby and Bishop Miehm will be attending. The World Meeting is designed to be significant to people of all ages at all stages of life. Every keynote address and workshop will be based on the concepts of marriage, family and relationship. This is a family event with workshop streams for those 18 and older, 6 to 12 years, and day care for those 5 and younger. The first 100 people to register for the Hamilton Diocesan trip will have both their registration and transportation (by bus) paid by the Diocese, leaving only the cost of hotel and food. For more information and to register, please go to www.hamiltondiocese.com, or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 (Teresa Hartnett). *"I believe that this event has the power to transform, in deeply positive ways, not just the Catholic Church, but our entire community,"* stated Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia.

ORDINARIATE (ANGLICAN USE)

The Sodality of St. Edmund, King and Martyr, a congregation of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter, is now meeting at **St. Mary's Church**, 56 Duke St. W., Kit.. Their new priest, Fr. Jason Catania, is also in residence at St. Mary's rectory. The Ordinariate is a jurisdiction within the Catholic Church for former Anglicans. **Sunday Mass** (according to the Ordinariate, or Anglican Use, liturgy) **is at 5 pm**, preceded by confessions. All are welcome!

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