

# St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stephen Murrin – *Pastor*  
Rev. Mr. Basil Markides – *Deacon*  
Mrs. Pam Olinski – *Secretary*

## LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday at 5:00 PM  
Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 PM  
Wed., Thur., Fri. 7:00 AM \*  
Saturday 9:00 AM  
(\*First Friday 7:00 PM followed by Benediction)

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday following 9:00 AM Mass  
and 4:15–4:30 PM or by appointment.

## BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION CHAPEL

Perpetual Adoration – Spots available,  
see chapel bulletin board  
Divine Mercy – Fridays 3:00 PM  
Our Lady's Rosary – First Saturday at 10 AM

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** – We invite you to become a registered parishioner. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office. Please call if you would like Father to bless your home.

## **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES / PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT**

To receive an annual tax receipt for your donations you are encouraged to use offertory envelopes and/or to enroll in our monthly debit plan. Offertory envelopes can be requested by filling out a parish registration form, or if you are already registered, simply call the office to request a box. Debit plan enrollment forms are available in the church lobby.

**BAPTISM** – Baptisms are celebrated during Sunday Mass. Two months' notice is required. Please pick up a baptism form in the church lobby, introduce yourself to Father after Mass and give him your completed form at that time. Dates for preparation and the baptism will be confirmed by the parish office only after you have met with Father.

**MARRIAGE** – At least 6 months' notice is required. Please introduce yourselves to Father after Mass to set up an appointment.

## **ANOINTING OF THE SICK / HOSPITAL VISITATION**

If you or someone you know is in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the parish office or see Father after Mass. Please advise the office of hospital admissions to request Anointing or a pastoral visit.

**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 Mass.

**If you require a Mass card** please make your request in person at the parish office during business hours, or call the office to make pick-up arrangements.

The offering for a Mass (for living or deceased) is \$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:

7:00 AM on any weekday  5:00 PM on any Saturday

7:00 PM on any Tuesday  9:30 AM on any Sunday

9:00 AM on any Saturday  11:30 AM on any 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 several months in advance.

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone # or email: \_\_\_\_\_

We will attempt to contact you if we are unable to accommodate your request.

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## Mass Intentions for the Week

March 11 – 17, 2019

### Monday – NO MASS

### Tuesday (FERIAL)

2:00 PM - Mass at Lanark Heights Long Term Care  
7:00 PM + - In Thanksgiving – Ryan & Lorain D'Souza

### Wednesday (FERIAL)

\* 12 noon + Veronica & Alfred Broderick – Gloria Kubisewsky

### Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Hung Van Nguyen – Phuong Nguyen  
3:00 PM - Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care

### Friday (FERIAL)

\* 7:00 PM + Lucinda Rodrigues – Legion of Mary  
- followed by Stations of the Cross

### Saturday (FERIAL)

9:00 am + Rosemary Singleton – Flood family

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 9:28b-36

Sat. 5:00 PM + George & Isabelle Beckner – Paul & Angela Beckner  
Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's  
11:30 am + Olivia Baptista – Jose & family



During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Friday evenings following the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

## Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

Mar. 11 - Rev. Edwin Lapinski, C.R.  
Mar. 12 - Rev. Patrick McKelvie, C.R.  
Mar. 13 - Legionaries of Christ (L.C.)  
Mar. 14 - Rev. David Mowat, C.R.  
Mar. 15 - Rev. Peter Pigott, C.R.  
Mar. 16 - Rev. Frank Reitzel, C.R.

Prayer for Vocations: *God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.*

### OFFERTORY REPORT

March 2/3, 2019

Sunday envelopes .....	\$ 2,402.15
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) .....	\$ 1,205.08
Loose monies.....	\$ 778.95
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS .....</b>	<b>\$ 4,386.18</b>
Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 822.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)....	\$ 256.04
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,076.04</b>

Thank you for your generosity.



**DURING MARCH BREAK**  
OPEN MORNINGS ONLY, 9am – 12 noon

## Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
in the Boardroom

## Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Mar. 11	7:30 pm	(B)	33 Days to Morning Glory
	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Mar. 12	6:30 pm	(J)	Search & Rescue
	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus executive meeting
Wed. Mar. 13	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
Thu. Mar. 14	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	6:30 pm	(H)	Alpha (all rooms)
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
Fri. Mar. 15	6:00 am	(M)	Men's group
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' Group
Sat. Mar. 16	10:30 am	(L)	Writers' Group

**Meeting Rooms:** B = Basement CH = Church H = Hall \* = Offsite  
J = St. John Room L = St. Luke Room M = St. Matthew Room

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God. ■

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Mar. 16-17	5:00PM Mass	9:30AM Mass	11:30AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller G./S. Morgan	E./T./T. Morgan	N./A. Gallagher R. Robin
Commentator:	J. Deneau	T. Boettger	I. Kangaloo
Lectors:	K. Friesen	B. Sawarna P. Enticott	B. Starr
Ushers:	L. Macedo I. Cimermancic	T./J. Germann J. DeSousa	C. Dignam
Gift Bearers:		Cerantola	Coe
Eucharistic Ministers:	G. MacNeil F. Tully C. Dokis	T. Angel T. Lee S. Sawchuk	B. Denomme F. Kangaloo S. Markides

**Throughout the year, every Friday is a day of abstinence from meat, obliging all Catholics who are 14 years or older.** This is a good practice to observe especially during the Fridays of Lent. We may also substitute other good actions for abstinence from meat. These could include special acts of charity (visiting the sick or aged, helping those in any need, contributing time or money to a work of charity) or other acts of piety (taking part in a service of worship with others, praying with our family, spending some extra time in personal prayer, especially with God's holy word in the scriptures).



### Pilgrim Virgin Mary Statue

The Legion of Mary is inviting parishioners to pray in the presence of the Pilgrim Virgin Mary Statue. The statue is available for **home visitations** throughout the year. Please call Colette at 519-576-7490 or email [lomstmark@gmail.com](mailto:lomstmark@gmail.com) to reserve a week of your choice. Feel free to specify any special date such as birthdays or anniversaries.

### PASSION PLAY

**Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall**



Open invitation to those wishing to participate! Please call Julio & Sonia Chacon at 519-954-2062 for more info. *Practices on Sundays after the 11:30 Mass beginning March 10<sup>th</sup>.*

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

To give people more of an opportunity and choice to attend daily Mass, the following are 2 changes to the Weekday Mass Schedule that will become effective on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. These changes are only for Lent, and depending on Mass attendance and feedback, they will be adjusted accordingly at the end of Lent.

The two changes involve Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays:

- **Wednesdays:** Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon and there will be no 7 a.m. Mass;
- **Fridays:** Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross.

**Tuesday: 7:00 pm**  
**Wednesday: 12:00 pm \***  
**Thursday: 7:00 am**  
**Friday: 7:00 pm \***  
**Saturday: 9:00 am**



### Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2019? If so, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass. Due to space restrictions, only Anniversary couples married 60 years or more may bring one guest only, if you require assistance. To register, please refer to the poster on the church bulletin board or visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARD PARTY** – Hosted by St. Agatha C.W.L. on **Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** at **St. Agatha Church Hall** (1839 Notre Dame Drive). Doors open at 1:00pm. \$10 Admission at the door. Hot Irish Stew and Dinner Roll, Dessert and Drinks, Door Prizes, 50/50 Draw, Raffle Ticket Draw. Bring your cards, games, friends and green attire!!

**LENTEN PREPARATION** – *Our Life in Community: St. John's Bible Reflection* Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at **St. Michael's Parish Centre, Waterloo**. How do we understand 'community' in our modern world? How do we live as community in the Church? What can we learn from the early Christian community? Join us for a reflection on Our Life in Community through the lens of the illumination of the Saint John's Bible. **Dr. Anne Jamieson, Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Hamilton** will lead us in this retreat steeped in the Word of God. This session will help guide us as we prepare for Easter. Sponsored by St. Michael's C.W.L., all are welcome (men and women). Feel free to bring a friend along too!

**REEL JUSTICE** – On **Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** the film "Poverty, Inc." will be shown at **St. Michael's Church**, 80 University Avenue, West, Waterloo, at 7:30pm. The film focuses on the challenge of fighting poverty; however, this effort has led to a vast multi-billion dollar poverty industry — the business of doing good has never been better. Drawing from over 200 interviews filmed in 20 countries, Poverty, Inc. unearths an uncomfortable side of charity we can no longer ignore. The film is sponsored by The Diocese of Hamilton and Development and Peace. Free admission. All are welcome.

**FISH FRY** – Hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 8192 on **Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** at **St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall**, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Continuous seating from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Take out from 5 – 5:30 p.m. Cost is Adults \$16; Children (12 & under) \$8; Take Out \$16. Advanced tickets available until March 20<sup>th</sup>. Purchase tickets at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. or call 519-669-3387. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

**LENTEN PROJECT** – **Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** at the **Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre** (58 St. Charles St. E., Maryhill) 10 a.m. to 12 :30 p.m. Guest speaker is Anna Kresiak, Chaplain of the University of Guelph and a much respected speaker. Her topic is "How do we save ourselves – Our Salvation". Refreshments and snack provided at break. A small free will offering would be appreciated. All welcome. Please call (519) 648-2939 with numbers so we have an approximate idea of attendance.

### DEFENDING THE FAITH CONFERENCE (ADULT)

**July 26-28, 2019 in Steubenville, Ohio**

Join parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Parish and others this summer to receive a deeper understanding of our Catholic Church teachings and experience a greater sense of confidence in our faith. Bus arrangements have been made. For information contact Mary Anne Kearns 519-578-6218 or [mackearns@hotmail.com](mailto:mackearns@hotmail.com).



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