

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 OF EASTER

Worship This Week:

May 2 – 8, 2016

Catholic Education Week

Monday (MEMORIAL – ST. ATHANASIUS)

7:00 am - Int. of the Gonsalves Family – *Jeanne Robinson*

Tuesday (FEAST – ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES)

★ 7:00 am + Jim Collins – *Fil Sawarna*

6:30 PM - FIRST RECONCILIATION (with 3 priests)

Wednesday (CROWNING OF MARY AT 7:00 P.M. MASS)

9:30 am - *School Mass at St. Dominic Savio C.E.S.*

★ 7:00 PM + Peggy Power – *Mark & Eleanor Lawlor*

Thursday

7:00 am + Fern Mainguy – *the McCullough family*

2:00 PM - *Mass at Bankside Terrace*

Friday

7:00 am + Robinson Family – *Jeanne Robinson*

9:30 am - *School Mass with St. Mark C.E.S.*

Saturday

9:00 am - Special Intention

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53

SAT. 5:00 PM + Jack Soares - *Maria*

SUN. 9:30 am + Clara Seaward & Mary Dalton – *Frank & Beth S.*

11:30 am + Edel Quinn – *Legion of Mary*

- Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Offertory Collections

April 23/24, 2016

Sunday & Easter envelopes \$ 2,639.00

Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)..... \$ 1,388.65

Loose monies \$ 415.50

TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS..... \$ 4,443.15

Mortgage envelopes.....\$ 255.00

Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) \$ 301.15

TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS..... \$ 556.15

St. Vincent de Paul "White Box Sunday"\$604.85

Thank you for your generosity!!

Gr. 2 First Communion: IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Tue. May 3 6:30 p.m. Sacrament of First Reconciliation

A special opportunity for your child to make their first confession a few weeks before receiving their first holy communion.

Sun. May 22 2:00 p.m. Sacrament of First Holy Communion

with students of St. Dominic School

Sun. May 29 2:00 p.m. Sacrament of First Holy Communion

with students of St. Mark School

Remaining Catechism Classes: May 10, *17. Retreat on Sat. May *21st from 12:30-4:30. *Please note new dates.

Attention Grade 7's ...

Your Confirmation Day is fast approaching...

• **Confirmation Rehearsal:** Thurs., May 12th at 6:30 p.m. at the church

• **Confirmation Day:** Friday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the church
Please plan on arriving no later than 6:30 to sign in and pick up your gown in the hall.

LITURGICAL ROLES

MAY 7 & 8	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	R./J. Henri	B./B./K./N. Starr
Commentator:	K. Friesen	P. Enticott	T. Boettger
Lector:	K. Smith	D. Bristol	R. Bonilla
Ushers:	<i>Vacant: Can you help?</i>	F./B. Seaward	<i>Vacant: Can you help?</i>
Gift Bearers:	MacNeil	Rye	DaSilva
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Dokis K./N. Higgins G./G. Jans K. Smith	H. Kress J. McCullough A. Simoes D. Henri M. Lynch	C./K. Dignam R./P. Masbad B. Starr

ALTAR SERVERS are invited to consider serving at our First Communions on May 22 and 29 at 2:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are posted on the glass in the narthex. Two more servers are still needed for each Mass. Thank you for your service!



Refugee Sponsorship Update

St. Mark's is now second in line to be matched with a Syrian family.

The Diocese is working hard and is keeping us updated – but we're still at least several weeks away from any news. In the meantime, we're preparing for their arrival and hope you can help.

One of our top priorities is finding temporary accommodation (for up to 6 people) for when the family first arrives – a place they can call home for up to 2 months. Affordability is important as is easy access to public transit, cooking facilities and, ideally, a private entrance. By having up to 2 months, the family will have a chance to get to know our community and help us know where they'd like to settle down. If you know of a suitable apartment or residence, please contact the parish office.

We continue to seek translators within our parish. The official language of Syria is modern Arabic. There's also a possibility that the family may be more comfortable with other dialects. If you or someone you know is fluent in Arabic, Levantine, Mesopotamian, Kurdish, Armenian or Azeri, please contact the parish office or Mike Serres at 519-744-8780 or michael.serres@bell.net.

Our collection of in-kind donations – appliances, furnishings and other household items – will begin as soon as we're matched with a family. We'll also be happy to help with the transport of larger items (such as tables and chairs). If you'd like to help with an in-kind donation, please watch the bulletin for details.

Together, our parish family has the opportunity to help a Syrian family find peace, safety, comfort and a new beginning. Thank you for your continued support!

Thank-you to the staff and students at St. Mark School for the 400 pounds of food they contributed from their recent Food Drive. Also many thanks to the parishioners of St. Mark's that have given both food and financial donations. We are blessed to have your ongoing support. Thank you. – *St. Mark's Society of St. Vincent de Paul*

E-Waste Disposal Day: Saturday, May 7th

St. Mark's K of C, in conjunction with the Kitchener K of C, will be collecting E-Waste items (**computers, TV's, printers, phones, etc.**) on Saturday, May 7th from **10:00am till 1:00pm in the church parking lot.** Anyone looking to get rid of any e-waste items is invited to drop them off on May 7th only (not before).



May Crowning Celebration

Wed. May 4th after the homily at the 7 p.m. Mass.

The rosary will be prayed 20 minutes prior to Mass. Bring flowers from home to participate in this symbolic act of love for our Lady. We will all be invited up to do so after the statue of Our Lady is crowned.



We love Mary for obvious reasons. She is the mother of the savior and we believe the most beautiful of all God's creatures. Certainly, we acknowledge the fact that her being titled "Most Blessed" by God did not mean that her life was one of ease and comfort. No one more than she could understand the pains of her son who bore the sins of the world. A sword did pierce her heart, as Simeon had foretold, when she and Joseph first brought the child Jesus to the temple. Happily, of course, the woman of grace was richly rewarded for her sinless, pure and self-sacrificing life. Because she was free from original sin and not having personally sinned, she did not have to suffer the corruption of 'natural death' which is the direct result of original sin. Her 'assumption' into heaven was her unique blessing because of God's choice and her cooperation with Divine grace.

Having said the above, we must also please Mary who intercedes for us like no other mere mortal can by considering her own words in the Magnificat. There she spoke these words – "He looks on His servant in her lowliness." Our Lady happily acknowledges that all she was and is resulted from God's goodness. This is a particularly attractive feature of Our Lady. She directed all glory and praise to the Holy Trinity. Mary, more than anyone else, knows that by loving her and admiring her beauty means that we all the more glorify and praise the one who made her to be who she is. In other words, how beautiful must be our creator for having made such a beautiful creature as she. As the poet William Wordsworth said, "Mary is nature's solitary boast."

-- Fr. Don

Coming soon to St. Mark's Parish...

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BAR-B-Q

FREE FOR ALL WHO VOLUNTEER IN ANY MINISTRY AT ST. MARK'S PARISH

WED. JUNE 22nd ~ 6 to 9 p.m.

FOOD, LIVE MUSIC, REFRESHMENTS

Sign-up sheets will be available in early May.



"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it for me." MATTHEW 25:40

"THE GREAT ADVENTURE: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE"

Jeff Cavins' popular video series is an exciting study that will take your understanding of Sacred Scripture and your Catholic faith to entirely new levels. The first session of this 24-week, 3-part series (8 week sessions) will be offered on **Wednesday nights from 7 to 9 pm starting May 4th** (and running through to June 22nd) in **St. Anne's Parish Hall**. The second part will resume in September 2016. Cost is for materials only: student workbook is \$48.99 + tax. Please register by calling St. Anne's Parish at 519-745-5302 or e-mail tjagas@rogers.com. *Anyone needing financial assistance to purchase the student workbook should send an email to the above email address.*

PREPARE FOR THIS YEAR'S PENTECOST! Learn about and experience the power of the Holy Spirit with Marcel Dion of Magnificat Ministries, at **St. Anthony Daniel Parish** on **Sat. May 7th** from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. To register, contact Bob 519-590-7761 (voice/text) or Patrick 519-748-5548. Bring your own lunch and get ready for a spirit-filled day!

C.W.L. CORNER ...

• **Sun. May 1st – Mother-Daughter Tea & Crowning Of Mary**

Thank you to all who bought tickets. See you in the Hall today!

• **Wed. May 4th – 12 Hours Of Prayer For Palliative Care**

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls all people of faith to join nationwide in 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care during the National Hospice Palliative Care Week (organized by the *Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association*) as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life. **All parishioners, family and friends are invited to join St. Mark's C.W.L. in prayer and solidarity from 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight.** Please come to our Adoration Chapel to pray for the sanctity of human life. Prayer and Reflection cards will be provided. For more information, please contact Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519. Those unable to attend are encouraged to join in prayerful support.

K-W RIGHT TO LIFE EVENTS

► **"WALK FOR LIFE" – Saturday, May 7th** (3km around Victoria Park).

Registration: 10:00AM at Historic St. Paul's Church, 137 Queen St. S. Kit. Walk begins at 10:30AM. Prizes, draws, good food, meet old and new friends. Every \$50 pledged receives a chance for a \$150 Gift Certificate from McPhails. Call 519.746.5433 (jane@kwrtl.ca).

► **"MARCH FOR LIFE" Bus trip to Ottawa – Thursday, May 12th**

Last year's attendance was 25,000! A bus leaves from behind the Burger King on Fairway Rd. and Wilson Ave. Kit. at 5:30AM. Seats \$60 each. Student seats are sponsored and free. Reserve your seat by calling 519.746.5433 or email jane@kwrtl.ca.

PENTECOST VIGIL – Sat. May 14th at St. Francis of Assisi Parish,

Kitchener, from 7-8:30pm. Like the Apostles, let us gather in a darkened room, and pray that the Holy Spirit come upon us. Listen as salvation history is revealed to us in the Scriptures, celebrate the Eucharist which is the summit of our faith, and pray that we are open to the Spirit's gifts in our lives. Join us for refreshments and fellowship in the hall following Mass. Are we listening for the quiet flame of the Spirit flickering in our daily lives?

A RETREAT DAY FOR PARISH LECTORS: "Proclaiming the Year of Mercy"

will be held at **St. Anne Parish, Kitchener** on **Saturday, May 14** from 9:30 – 12:30. Cost \$5. Advanced registration is required by phone (905) 528-7988 ext. 2243 or e-mail mcarreiro@hamiltondiocese.com.

YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE SUNDAY – The next Pilgrimage

Sunday at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King** will take place on **Sunday, May 15th**. The Cathedral will open to pilgrims at 2:00 p.m. The Door of Mercy can be accessed through the doors adjacent to the Cathedral Rectory. At 2:30 p.m. prayer in the style of Taizé – Scripture and meditative chants – will be offered. You are welcome to join us for the 4:00 p.m. Mass – Monsignor Earl Talbot will preside and preach. A plenary indulgence may be gained by the faithful who enter through the Door of Mercy. In order to gain the indulgence pilgrims enter the door, make a profession of faith and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. They should also receive Holy Communion and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation within 20 days of the pilgrimage.

Have questions and concerns about Canada's EUTHANASIA and ASSISTED SUICIDE legislation? Come learn what the new legislation

will mean for you and those you love. The Executive Director of the *Euthanasia Prevention Coalition*, Alex Schadenberg, will be speaking at **Holy Family Parish**, 329 Huron St., New Hamburg, on **Tuesday, May 17th** at 7:30 pm on this topic. Evening Mass at 6:30 pm followed by dessert, coffee and tea. Invite a friend and come to hear about this important issue of concern and find out what we can do about it!

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