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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions for the Week

May 13 – 19, 2019

Monday – NO MASS

Tuesday (FEAST – ST. MATTHIAS)

2:00 PM – MASS AT LANARK HEIGHTS LONG TERM CARE

7:00 PM - Int. of Vladimir Kolbas – *The Flood Family*

Wednesday (FERIAL – EASTER)

12 noon + Mary Mansour – *Eric & Rosemary Kubica*

Thursday (FERIAL – EASTER)

7:00 am + Isabel Fonseca – *Leonor Fonseca*

3:00 PM – MASS AT FOREST HEIGHTS LONG TERM CARE

Friday (FERIAL – EASTER)

7:00 am + Edel Quinn – *Legion of Mary*

9:30 am - **MASS WITH ST. MARK'S SCHOOL** (Catholic Ed. Week)

Saturday (FERIAL – EASTER)

9:00 am - Int. of Arnie & Elaine Vandenhoff – *B. & M. Lynch*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 14:21b-27; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:1, 31-33a, 34-35++

Sat. 5:00 PM - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of Robert & Artur Ochinski

11:30 am + Olivia Baptista – *Jose & family*

St. Matthias – According to Acts 1:15-26, during the days after the Ascension Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers — about 120 of Jesus' followers. Now that Judas had betrayed his ministry, it was necessary, Peter said, to fulfill the scriptural recommendation that another should take his office. "Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection" (Acts 1:21-22). They nominated two men: Joseph Barsabbas and Matthias. They prayed and drew lots. The choice fell upon Matthias, who was added to the Eleven. Matthias is not mentioned by name anywhere else in the New Testament.

OFFERTORY REPORT

May 4/5, 2019

Sunday envelopes..... \$ 2,831.00

Sunday Pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)..... \$ 1,268.54

Loose monies..... \$ 646.20

TOTAL EASTER SUNDAY OFFERINGS..... \$ 4,745.74

Mortgage envelopes..... \$ 715.00

Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)... \$ 261.81

TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS..... \$ 976.81

Thank you for your generosity

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. May 13</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
	7:15 pm	(B)	Consoling the Heart of Jesus
<u>Tue. May 14</u>	6:30 pm	(L)	Separated/Divorced Level III
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus Executive meeting
<u>Wed. May 15</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thu. May 16</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. May 17</u>	6:00 am	(M)	Men's group

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

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31 and 10:39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus responds by saying, in essence, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep." Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God. ■



Happy Mother's Day

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS



Loving God,

as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church. Bless our mother.

Let the example of her faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, her family, may honor her
always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



May 18 - 19	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller N./J. D'Souza	J./J. Lemi	C. Chacon B. Starr; R. Robin
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	V. DeVries	D. DeSousa
1 st Reader:	J. Deneau	B. Sawarna	M. Oram
2 nd Reader:	Sr. Kathleen	J. Flanigan	B. Starr
Ushers:	K. Friesen A. Montag	T./J. Germann J. DeSousa	B. Voisin
Gift Bearers:		Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	G. MacNeil C. Dokis; A. Bendia	B. Coutinho P./B. Enticott	E. Weiss B./C. Voisin

We offer congratulations and a warm welcome to newly ordained **Fr. Gregory Merkley** whom we are happy to have with us this weekend at all the Masses. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after each Mass.



Articles of Faith

If you or someone you know is looking for the perfect gift to give to a First Holy Communion candidate, the Legion of Mary has articles of faith for sale. They include children's books, rosaries, miraculous medal necklaces, and crucifixes. Please contact Colette Dokis at 519-576-7490.

Calling All Gardeners!

We've got Spring Fever! If you are interested in helping to tend the church gardens this Spring, please contact Judy at tjswartz@rogers.com. We will meet in mid-May.



Help Needed: Communion to Lanark Long Term Care

If you would be interested in helping to take the Eucharist to the residents at Lanark Heights Long Term Care, or would like more information, please contact Rose Groothuis at 519-580-5764 or jrjag@hotmail.com. Commitment is twice a month.

North of 60 is a program to send food to the families in Baker' Lake, a part of the Nunavit area. **Our Church is collecting tomato sauce.** If you would like to assist, we are collecting **680ml cans of Hunts or Primo tomato sauce.** This may be plain or the original, or thick and zesty, or cheesy or basil. **NO OTHER SPICES** please. If you wish to participate, please bring the food to the church **by Wed. May 15th**. Thank you once again.



Next Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, May 16th at 7:00 p.m.
in the Boardroom (St. Luke Room)

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

Sunday, May 26th at 2:00 PM with students from St. Mark School
Sunday, June 2nd at 2:00 PM with students from St. Dominic School

■■■■■ ELSEWHERE IN THE REGION ■■■■■

CARD PARTY – The Best Friends of Big Sisters is hosting their 8th Annual Card Party on **Thursday, May 23rd** at **Conestoga Place**, 110 Manitou Drive, Kitchener. Tickets are \$25. Enjoy an afternoon of cards, draws and lot of prizes including a light lunch of sandwiches, fruit, dessert and refreshments. All proceeds support local youth. For tickets please contact Shirley Bourke 519-746-8373.

MARYMOUNT CEMETERY SPRING MEMORIAL MASS – On **Saturday, May 25th** at 11:00 a.m. Most Reverend Matthew Ustrzycki, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Hamilton, will celebrate the Spring Memorial Mass at **Marymount Cemetery in Guelph**. All are welcome. For more information, please call 519-836-8814 or visit www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca.

K-W RIGHT TO LIFE WALK FOR LIFE – **Saturday, May 25th** – Registration 10 a.m. at **Historic St. Paul's Church**, 137 Queen Street South, Kitchener. 3km walk begins at 10:30 am. Prizes, Draws, Good Food, Win a \$150 gift certificate. Special guest: Stephen Woodworth. Call 519-746-5433 for pledge and walk information or email jane@kwrtl.ca.

HIGH TEA BRUNCH – The C.W.L. of **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo** is hosting a High Tea Brunch in honour of Mother's Day, **Sunday, May 26th** at 12:00 p.m. in the church hall. Mothers, daughters, grandmothers, and granddaughters, nieces, goddaughters are all welcome (8 years and older). Tickets are \$20 (first come, first served). Please call Patrycja Wiecek at 519-502-6917 or email ourladyoflourdescwl@gmail.com

DAY OF PRAYER & HEALING AFTER ABORTION – Hosted by The Sisters of Life on **Saturday, June 1st** in **Toronto** for women seeking healing after abortion. The day is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God and the joy of healing in Christ, in a confidential and sacred space. It will include a witness of mercy, a Scripture reflection, personal prayer, opportunity for Sacramental Confession, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There is no fee for the day, lunch will be provided. Contact The Sisters of Life at 416-463-2722 or toronto@sistersoflife.org

MOTORCYCLE BLESSING – All Motorcycle Riders are invited for a motorcycles blessing. Weather permitting it will take place on **Saturday, June 8th** at 10 a.m. in front of **St. Clement Church in St. Clements**. Please bring any friends who wish to join us. The blessing will be followed by a ride together.

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

- May 13 - Rev. Ronald Hodara
- May 14 - Rev. Ireneusz Koziak, S.A.C.
- May 15 - Society of Christ (S.Chr.)
- May 16 - Rev. Edward Hinsperger
- May 16 - Very Rev. Peter T. Nguyen
- May 18 - Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger

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.*



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