

St. Mark Catholic Parish

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PASTOR: Fr. Steve Murrin
DEACON: Rev. 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
Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Wed., Thur., Fri. at 7:00 AM
Saturday at 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS
Saturday following 9:00 AM Mass
and 4:00–4:30 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 bulletin board
Divine Mercy: Fridays 3:00 PM
Our Lady's Rosary: 1st Saturday at 10 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 6
weeks in advance.

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.

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.

If you require a **Mass card** please make your request in person at the parish office during business hours.

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 check ✓ 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 # or email: _____

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Mass Intentions for the Week

May 21 – 27, 2018

Monday - NO MASS (FERIAL)

VICTORIA DAY

Tuesday (EASTER FERIAL)

7:00 PM + Felix Fernandes – *Agnelo & Dolorosa Dias*

Wednesday (FERIAL)

7:00 am - In Thanksgiving – *Kathy Smith*

Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Dennis Kuchma – *Ralph & Reta Lienhardt*

Friday (FERIAL)

7:00 am - Intentions of the Catholic Women's League

Saturday (MEMORIAL – ST. PHILIP NERI)

9:00 am - In Thanksgiving – *Kathy Smith*

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20

Sat. 5:00 PM + Cimermancic Family

Sun. 9:30 am + Cathy Grimwood – *the McCullough family*

11:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

St. Philip Neri (1515-1595) was born in Florence and died in Rome. He lived a spotless childhood in Florence. Later he came to Rome and after living for fifteen years as a pilgrim and hermit was ordained a priest. He gradually gathered around him a group of priests and established the Congregation of the Oratory. He was a man of original character and of a happy, genial and winning disposition. A great educator of youth, he spent whole nights in prayer, had a great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, and burned with an unbounded love for mankind. He died on the feast of Corpus Christi. The saint's best-known achievement is that he founded the Roman Congregation of the Oratory. Key to his success was that he used humour as his medicine. He may have made others laugh, from going around Rome with half his beard shaved off, doing humorous dances or setting penances for young men that involved them making fools of themselves in public. But he needed jokes more badly than those around him. He was said to have had an all-consuming love of God, and in order to concentrate before offering Mass, St. Philip would need to hear jokes or read humorous anecdotes which distracted him just a little from total absorption in the glory of God, so that he was able to concentrate on the task at hand, which was to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Offertory Collections

May 12/13, 2018

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,849.93
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,196.77
Loose monies	\$ 145.35
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....	\$ 4,192.05

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 280.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 247.96
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....	\$ 527.96

Pope's Pastoral Works.....\$ 125.00

Thank you for your generosity

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. May 21</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. May 22</u>	7:00 pm	(J)	Separated & Divorced Level III (final)
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus general meeting
<u>Wed. May 23</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thur. May 24</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. May 25</u>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's group
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' group
<u>Sat. May 26</u>	10:30 am	(L)	Writers' group
<u>Sun. May 27</u>	10:30 am	(H)	First Communion Reception

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

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost, which celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church.

The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is for us to know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an Advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins.

Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the apostles mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath." This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life.

In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people. ■

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: Monday, May 21
Happy Victoria Day!

Liturgical Ministers

MAY 26 & 27	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	M./V. McCullough	N./A. Gallagher C. Chacon
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	B. Sawarna	B. Starr
Lectors:	B. Burns B. Crawley	J. Flanigan T. Angel	L. Masbad M. Monte
Ushers:	L. Macedo I. Cimermancic	P. Drohan J./K. Snyder	B. Voisin
Gift Bearers:	<i>Can you help?</i>	Cerantola	Masbad
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Smith K. Friesen A. Bendia	T. Lee M. Lynch G. MacNeil	B. Denomme C./K. Dignam



Many of us like to sing, and all of us would like to honour our God...

All are invited to an

Hour of Praise & Worship Sunday, May 27th at 7:30 PM

Meet fellow Catholics and meet new friends. Afterwards we'll socialize and enjoy coffee and cookies. All are welcome ... young and old. Led by Joe Antal, past choir leader and current choir musician, this hour will be an enjoyable way to join in song with friends and get closer to our Lord through song. Remember ... it has been said that singing is praying twice!

First Communicants ... Don't forget!

St. Mark's Parish invites all First Communicants and their families to attend the **9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 27th** wearing their First Communion clothing. The children will receive their **certificates**, as well as a **blessed medal** to commemorate their First Eucharist. After Mass the children and their families are invited to a **small reception** in the parish hall for cake and refreshments. *Those not able to attend may pick up their certificate any time at the parish office or in the sacristy after Mass.*



Baby Bottle Campaign for Marillac Place

St. Mark's is proud to participate once again in the baby bottle campaign in support of Marillac Place. Marillac Place relies heavily on donations from our community to keep its doors open. **Bottles are available for pick up in the narthex.** Please consider supporting this important cause by filling a bottle with your spare change and **returning it to the church on Father's Day weekend (June 16/17).** For more info please visit www.marillacplace.ca. Thank you for your support.



A Big Thank-You...

to "Big Yellow Bag" for their generous donation of a cubic yard of soil for our spring gardening!

Catholic Women's League News



♦ Our **Book Sale** is on-going so we encourage you to please visit the tables often through the next few weeks. The selection will change as we continue to accept donations. Donated books can be left under the coat racks in the hallway across from the ladies' restroom. Thank you for your support! All proceeds to the St. Mark Accessible Door Project.

♦ **Next Mass for CWL Intentions:** Friday, May 25th at 7:00 a.m.

PRAYER to the HOLY SPIRIT



Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest, and in our souls take up Thy rest; come with Thy grace and heavenly aid to fill the hearts which Thou hast made. O comforter, to Thee we cry, O heavenly gift of God Most High, O fount of life and fire of love, and sweet anointing from above. Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts are known; Thou, finger of God's hand we own; Thou, promise of the Father, Thou Who dost the tongue with power imbue. Kindle our sense from above, and make our hearts over flow with love; with patience firm and virtue high the weakness of our flesh supply. Far from us drive the foe we dread, and grant us Thy peace instead; so shall we not, with Thee for guide, turn from the path of life aside. Oh, may Thy grace on us bestow the Father and the Son to know; and Thee, through endless times confessed, of both the eternal Spirit blest. Now to the Father and the Son, Who rose from death, be glory given, with Thou, O Holy Comforter, henceforth by all in earth and heaven. Amen.

"33 Days to Morning Glory"

Join us on a spiritual journey through this **6-week DVD series** by Fr. Michael Gaitley. Learn about Mary through the lives of the saints. By prayer and meditation... prepare your heart for spiritual growth. Begin a personal relationship with Mary, the Queen of Heaven. Consecrate yourself to the Heart of Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. **Beginning Thursday, May 31st** (Feast of the Visitation of Mary) at **7:30 p.m.** with Deacon Basil in the **basement meeting area.**



'EVENSONG' (EVENING PRAYER)

Sunday, May 27th at 7 pm at St. Mary's Church, 56 Duke St. W. Kitchener. The Sodality of St. Edmund, King and Martyr, a Catholic Community in the Diocese of Hamilton, hopes to join the North American Ordinariate (The Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St Peter) once fully established! Initially, we intend to have Evensong - in traditional English, monthly, on the last Sunday of the month. After Evensong, you are invited to join us in the Lower Hall for a social time, and an address about Anglican Patrimony and its place in the Catholic Church. On May 27th, Father Douglas Hayman, Priest Administrator of The Catholic Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Ottawa, will give the address.

Wishing our Grade 8's at St. Dominic Savio a moving and spirit-filled retreat at Mount Mary this week!

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