

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions for the Week



May 27 – June 2, 2019

Monday – NO MASS

Tuesday (FEAST – EASTER)

7:00 PM + Veronica & Alfred Broderick – *Gloria Kubisevsky*

Wednesday (FERIAL – EASTER)

12 noon - Int. of Jason Kolbas – *the Flood family*

Thursday (FERIAL – EASTER)

7:00 am - Int. of Lisa Reitzel – *Gene Furtado*

Friday (FEAST – THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)

7:00 am - Int. of Ralph Tomlinson – *the Flood family*

Saturday (MEMORIAL – ST. JUSTIN)

9:00 am + Dave Walser – *Maria Soares*

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:44-53

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

Sun. 9:30 am + Carter Michael Querin

11:30 am + Lauren Montenegro – *Frank & Maria Caprara*

2:00 PM - **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** with St. Dominic School

The Feast of the Visitation of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth, although celebrated in the church going as far back as the 13th century, was set in 1969 to be celebrated on May 31st, in order to follow the Annunciation of the Lord and precede the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. Like most feasts of Mary, it is closely connected with Jesus and his saving work. The more visible actors in the visitation drama (see Luke 1:39-45) are Mary and Elizabeth. However, Jesus and John the Baptist steal the scene in a hidden way. Jesus makes John leap with joy—the joy of messianic salvation. Elizabeth, in turn, is filled with the Holy Spirit and addresses words of praise to Mary—words that echo down through the ages. In the meeting, Elizabeth praises Mary as “the mother of my Lord”. As with all authentic devotion to Mary, Elizabeth’s (the Church’s) words first praise God for what God has done to Mary. Only secondly does she praise Mary for trusting God’s words. Then comes the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55). Here, Mary herself—like the Church—traces all her greatness to God.

St. Justin (Martyr) was an early Father of the Church and one of the first apologists for the Christian faith. Born at Neapolis around the year 100 A.D., Justin was born in a pagan society and was a pagan philosopher until he converted around the age of 30. After converting, Justin became one of the first great apologists of the Church. Using his skill in philosophy to dispute pagans and explain Christian faith, he taught and defended the faith and even opened a school of debate in Rome. The words of the second Eucharistic prayer in the Mass of the Roman Rite are attributed to this great, early saint.

OFFERTORY REPORT

May 18/19, 2019

Sunday envelopes \$ 2,229.25

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

Loose monies \$ 562.00

TOTAL EASTER SUNDAY OFFERINGS \$ 4,059.79

Mortgage envelopes \$ 215.00

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

TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS \$ 476.81

Pope’s Pastoral Works (diocesan collection) \$ 50.00

Thank you for your generosity

Meetings & Events This Week:

| DATE | TIME | ROOM | EVENT |
|-------------|---------|------|-------------------------------------|
| Mon. May 27 | 8:00 pm | (H) | Alcoholics Anonymous |
| | 7:15 pm | (B) | Consoling the Heart of Jesus |
| Tue. May 28 | 7:30 pm | (M) | Knights of Columbus general meeting |
| Wed. May 29 | 6:30 pm | (CH) | 9:30 Choir practice |
| | 7:30 pm | (B) | Women’s Prayer Group |
| Thu. May 30 | 6:15 pm | (M) | Legion of Mary |
| | 7:30 pm | (CH) | 5:00 Choir practice |
| Fri. May 31 | 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

This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace. ■

Today is White Box Sunday

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed a White Box in the narthex this weekend (May 25/26) for anyone wishing to make a donation.



NEWLY BAPTIZED

With joyful hearts St. Mark’s Parish congratulates and welcomes into the Roman Catholic Church these newly baptized children of God: **Sloane, Jillian, Rhya, Frankie, Kyle, Jack, Sinit, Hunter and Sherrie.**

God has saved us by living water which gives our lives a fresh beginning, and He put his Spirit in us, so that healed by His grace, we may share His life and hope to live forever. (TITUS 3:5,7)

9 DAY NOVENA FOR LIFE: June 1 - 9, 2019

St. Mark Knights of Columbus Council #9276 is promoting a 9-Day Novena for Life from June 1st to 9th, 2019. The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being from the moment of conception to natural death. **To participate in this novena, please save the insert included in today’s bulletin.**





| June 1 - 2 | 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: | J. Deneau | J. Germann | B. Starr |
| 1 st Reader: | K. Friesen | T. Germann | D. DeSousa |
| 2 nd Reader: | M. Dufresne | T. Angel | R. Kubica |
| Ushers: | K. Friesen A. Montag | J. Kelly J./K. Snyder | M. Monte |
| Gift Bearers: | | Seaward | Kubica |
| Eucharistic Ministers: | G. MacNeil C. Dokis A. Bendia | B. Seaward M. Fernando H. Kress | B. Starr C./K. Dignam |



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.

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 rjrajg@hotmail.com. Commitment is twice a month.

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 15/16).** For more info please visit www.marillacplace.ca. Thank you for your support.

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

- May 27 - Most Rev. Anthony Tonnos
- May 28 - Rev. Luc Payette
- May 29 - Catholic Teachers
- May 30 - Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
- May 31 - Rev. Anthony Azzopardi
- June 1 - Rev. Gordian Okpuruka

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.

Marriage & Parenting Tips from the Diocesan Family Ministry Office...

PARENTING TIP - As summer approaches, life tends to become a little more relaxed. Longer days mean bedtimes become less specific, warmer days mean our food and drink consumption changes and, hopefully, we take full advantage of these lovely days by spending more time with our children. This summer, be specific and plan what you would like to accomplish with your children: reading together, hiking, family game nights, preparing and cooking as a family, etc. More time spent together creates confident, healthy children; when we include daily prayer with our family, life is golden!

MARRIAGE TIP - It has been established that an attitude of gratitude improves our health, but can it be beneficial for our spouse as well? Praise, sharing traits in your spouse you are thankful for, withholding criticism and sharing compliments, thanking your spouse for the small (and large) moments you share – these are but a few ways you can show your spouse gratitude. When we take these actions to heart, our spouse feels better physically, mentally and emotionally. A win-win for both partners!

Congratulations...

to the children of St. Mark's School and the Parish who will be receiving the **Sacrament of First Holy Communion** this Sunday (May 26) afternoon. Especially today, please keep them in your prayers:



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| <i>Charlotte Afshar</i> | <i>Carter Gaulton</i> | <i>Larissa Popen</i> |
| <i>Isabela Aguilar</i> | <i>Garrett Gentile</i> | <i>Phoenix Rowe</i> |
| <i>Danna Arato-Camacho</i> | <i>Benjamin Gibson</i> | <i>Kyle Scherman</i> |
| <i>Benjamin Bezaire</i> | <i>Alyssa Graham</i> | <i>Robert Scoular</i> |
| <i>Avery James Bolen</i> | <i>Riley Green</i> | <i>Grayson Shaw</i> |
| <i>James Braganza</i> | <i>Delina Habtesien</i> | <i>Jonathan Tran</i> |
| <i>Ryha Brisson</i> | <i>Julia Harms</i> | <i>Sophie Tuka</i> |
| <i>Eric Darling</i> | <i>Samantha McCaffery</i> | <i>Cole Weber</i> |
| <i>Spencer Dawson</i> | <i>Gabriel Oliveira-Sierra</i> | <i>Dakota Weiler</i> |
| <i>Kayden Dawson-Savic</i> | <i>Filip Paso</i> | <i>Ashley Zikovic</i> |

Sacred Heart of Jesus, ever present in our lives, grant your loving grace to our First Holy Communicants. Help still their hearts with mindful prayer and worship whenever they receive the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit shine a guiding light throughout the course of their lives, always leading these blessed children one step closer to the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen.

■■■■■ ELSEWHERE IN THE REGION ■■■■■

THURSDAY NIGHT CO-ED HORSESHOES – Weekly beginning May 23rd through to August 15th, Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Waterloo Knights of Columbus, 145 Dearborn Place. \$45.00 per person, includes Year End Banquet on September 12th. Contact Cathy-Jo Weiss at 519-578-8738.

K-W CATHOLIC MOMS KICK-OFF SOCIAL – Calling all Moms! St Anthony Daniel Parish is excited to announce a new ministry focused on supporting Moms in Kitchener Waterloo. Come out to the kick-off social on Thursday, May 30th at 7:00 p.m. and meet an amazing community of women. Experience local food trucks 4:30-8pm and bring the kids for balloon animals, craft tables and lot of activities. Check out KW Catholic Moms on Facebook or Contact Sarah smounstevensonbertling@hamiltondiocese.com for questions.

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

THE SHRINE OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER, St. Agatha Cemetery Chapel, St. Agatha, Ontario. Built in 1857 the shrine is open for visitation every Sunday from June 2nd through to September 29th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA'S 30TH ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY - Friday, June 7th at St. Teresa of Avila Church, Elmira. Enjoy our Community BBQ in the hall from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., an Outdoor Snack Booth with chips, soft drinks, fresh made popcorn and candy. Lots of fun for young and old - bingo, penny table, silent auction, bouncies, tombola, video games, inside and outside activities, play area for children 5 and under and much more. Come and enjoy an evening of food and fellowship. Fun starts at 5:00 p.m. and ends with fireworks at 9:30 p.m. All are welcome!



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