

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:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Worship This Week: May 4 – 10, 2015

Monday

7:00 am + Ludwika Winnicki – *Helen Schell*

Tuesday

9:30 am - MASS AT ST. DOMINIC SAVIO SCHOOL

7:00 pm + Jack Soares – *Maria*

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA)

7:00 am + Lucy & Will Enticott – *Enticott Family*

Thursday (* NO 7:00 A.M. MASS)

9:30 am - MASS WITH ST. MARK SCHOOL

2:00 pm - MASS AT BANKSIDE TERRACE

Friday

7:00 am + Margaret Kennedy – *Mark & Eleanor Lawlor*

Saturday

9:00 am + Dave Walser – *Alberto & Artemesia Simoes*

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

Sat. 5:00 pm + Rollande Olmstead – *Fern Mainguy*

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

11:30 am + Giulia Donato – *Pietro*

Offertory Collections

April 25/26, 2015

Sunday envelopes..... \$ 4,561.00

Loose monies \$ 523.20

TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS \$ 5,084.20

Mortgage Fund..... \$ 2,484.00

St. Vincent de Paul White Box - April collection \$461.85

Also thank-you to the Knights of Columbus for their donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of \$56.75 in Canadian Tire money!

Thank you for your generosity!

FUNDRAISING REPORT:

'Who is the Man of the Shroud' Photo Fundraiser

We would like to thank all parishioners for their generosity with our first fundraiser. With your support we were able to raise **\$1,317.15**. All of the funds raised have been put toward the church's **Mortgage Fund**. Thank you and God Bless from your fundraising committee.



SPIRIT CREW

St. Mark's Ministry for Youth (Grade 6 and Up)

■ **YOUTH ALPHA FILM SERIES: (Grades 6 to 12 welcome)**

Every other Friday from 7-9 p.m. Includes video, small group discussion. Snack provided. Contact Andrea at 519-577-8553 or andreaappelman@hotmail.com.

May 8 ... What About The Church and Telling Others?

May 22 ... Celebration Dinner

■ **OVERFLOW YOUTH CONFERENCE – May 15-17 (long weekend)**

All youth in Grade 8 through High School are invited to attend this event at **Waterloo Recreational Memorial Complex**. This will be a weekend full of events to help us connect with other youth from surrounding areas. Please see Spirit Crew bulletin board for details.

LITURGICAL ROLES

May 9 & 10	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	C./B./T. Morgan	R./J. Henri	B./B./K./N. Starr
Commentator:	C. Baumtrog	B. Sawarna	O. Sirju
Lector:	K. Smith	D. Bristol	R. Dom.-Rey
Ushers:		B. Cutting J. Detzler	B. Voisin J. McCullough
Gift Bearers:	Buchanan	MacNeil	Masbad
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis F./Y. Tully P. Appelman R. Landgraff	B. Seaward A. Simoes G./T. MacNeil M. Walser	A. Monte B./C. Voisin E. Weiss

Attention Grade 7's ...

The day of your Confirmation will soon be here!

● **Don't forget that next weekend (May 9th or 10th) is your Enrollment Ceremony.** Father Don will call you up as a group after his homily to recite your enrollment prayer. You may attend whichever Mass you normally attend (*Saturday at 5:00pm, or Sunday at 9:30am or 11:30 am*). Copies of the script for the ceremony will be available when you enter the church.

● **Confirmation Rehearsal:** Tues., May 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the church

● **Confirmation Day:** Wed., May 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the church

Calling All Golfers!

Saturday, September 26th is the date set for this year's St. Mark's Golf Tournament! Because of the outstanding turnout last year, we are asking for a headcount early to determine if we are able to book a



shot-gun start. We need the number of golfers in your group, their names (first and last), phone numbers and email addresses.

Please place this information inside the "For Golfers Only" Box on the C.W.L. table in the narthex or contact Cathy Gelsing at 519-954-5734 or cathy.gelsing@yahoo.ca no later than May 17th.

Chef Peter will be preparing the food – you can expect the same great meal again this year. Pricing cannot be determined until we have a headcount. "Dinner Only" will also be available for those who don't golf but still want to join in. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – you need not be a golfer to participate.

Thank-you Legion of Mary Auxiliaries!

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Praesidium invites all our Auxiliaries to our **Auxiliary Appreciation** which will be held on **Sunday, May 24th** in the St. Matthew's Room after the 11:30am Mass. Refreshments will be provided at this informal meet-and-greet. Please RSVP to Stephanie Baskerville (president) at sbaskerville@sympatico.ca / 519-897-0067 or Margo Schimus (vice-president) at schimus@bell.net / 519-634-9449 to let us know you will be attending.



Rose Sunday

The Knights of Columbus are holding their annual Rose Sunday on **Mother's Day, May 10th**. Members will be distributing rose appliques for a good will offering. All monies will go to local Right to Life organizations.



Dear people ... Be aware!

The radical sex-ed curriculum which is to begin this fall gives us reason for concern. There are websites that will give you the exact nature of the information given in the curriculum to students (as early as grade 1), the philosophy behind it and the kind of groups that have lobbied for these changes (e.g. Planned Parenthood).

Please inform yourself as to what is in the curriculum and the mission/vision that is behind it. In the view of many experts in human development, psychology and health, this program will expose our young to a bad understanding of human sexuality that will confuse them and leave them open to exploitation.

There are good Catholic thinkers (solid) who do not think we have reason to panic, and believe that good catholic teachers will be able to deal with the material without compromising Catholic moral teaching. They still have serious questions and concerns and want to see how it all plays out before pushing the panic button. I must confess, personally, I can't see the good in the new curriculum – it is far too explicit in parts, without giving key definitive moral or spiritual direction and insight.

In any case, it is important that we all be informed. Please review this site for details: www.CampaignLifeCoalition.com/SexEd.

As well, you can get advice from this site as to how to address your concerns to Premiere Wynne's government and the Minister of Education, Liz Sandals: (<http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/index.php?p=Hot+News&id=247>)

Remember, parents are the first educators of their children, especially in the area of human development and morality. Please pray for our good Catholic teachers and leaders. This will be a real test to their courage and moral resolve.

The Effects of Holy Mass

Earlier this month, in Ancaster, I attended the funeral Mass of the wife/mother of two of my Myrtle Beach golfing friends -- respectively Joe and Dave. The Mass was celebrated by the pastor in a beautiful and reverent way.

As soon as I left the church to be on my way to a school Mass here, a man came up to me and said something quite profound. It wasn't, "that priest is a really great fellow" (the pastor knew, you see, how not to make the Mass his show). Rather, as he offered me one of his 'fresh air' sticks, he said the following, "I've never been to a Catholic funeral Mass. The way it was done and the way [people come up to the communion] made me feel close to God." I didn't catch the man's name, all I said in reply was that when he decides to become a full-fledged Catholic, call the priest in the parish church closest to where he lives. Better still, find out the Mass times for this Sunday and get an early start. There was no rebuttal.

Driving back from Ancaster it occurred to me that Helen, the deceased, was doing God's work. She carried a heavy physical cross for a number of years. Perhaps on her way to heaven she was interceding for the gentleman who was surely open to God's goodness. Joe, a real gentle man and Catholic, didn't find it easy to leave Helen, even for a few days of golfing with family and friends – with some coaxing he and his son, David, have made the trip down to Myrtle Beach for several years now. I wish Joe, David and the whole family God's peace. Helen's faith and Joe's faith and the faith of friends and loved ones present at the Holy Mass was a powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord and the hope of those who die in faith.

As an aside, Joe plays a great game for a man in his mid-eighties. He has a smooth putting stroke but he can never find the hole – even when the flagstick is in it. Repeatedly he's been encouraged to wear glasses! "Oh, no," Joe would reply, "Helen wouldn't want me to ruin my good looks." David is a true golfer and striker of the ball, but he can't play worth a darn out of the Myrtle Beach rough around the greens. "How can a golfer like David," I've thought, "find such a unique way to ruin an otherwise great golf game?" Well, as they hand over Helen completely to God's care, hopefully they'll have her intercession from above and eradicate their dark and rather pathetic golf weaknesses.

-- Father Don

C.W.L. CORNER ...

• WED. JUNE 17th – Speaker Dave Levac

Have you ever wondered what goes on in the Legislative Assembly on Ontario? Dave Levac, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, will be visiting St. Marks. Mr. Levac will not engage in party politics, he will only discuss his role as Speaker and the workings of the Ontario Legislature. More details to follow.



Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Nepal...

On April 25th the country experienced a destructive 7.8 magnitude earthquake. This natural disaster has caused over 4,000 deaths and 6,500 injuries, and many are still reported missing. The tremor was felt as far as India and triggered an avalanche on nearby Mount Everest. The amount of destruction is overwhelming, and those affected are struggling for food, water and shelter. Development and Peace is working with Caritas Nepal and others Caritas members to provide aid to the population. You can contribute to these much-needed relief efforts by donating to Development and Peace. Your contribution will be matched by the Canadian Government until May 25th, 2015.

Here are three ways to donate:

- online at www.devpc.org

- by phone at 1-888-664-3387

- by cheque, mailed to: Development and Peace
1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 3rd Floor
Montreal, Quebec H3G 1T7

(make cheque payable to Development & Peace and indicate "Nepal Earthquake")

Thank you for your generosity and prayers for the people of Nepal.

Attention Altar Servers...

We will hopefully be having an Altar Servers' Party sometime in June, likely on a Friday night. Prior to the social, we'll spend some time reviewing the Mass with everyone, to tighten up, even improve, the way we are currently carrying out this ministry. We need to be as reverent as we can be when serving at the Holy Mass so we will have a total review of the proper posturing at Mass that servers need to maintain.



NEW SERVERS will be welcome at this event, and will be introduced to others at the social. **If you have received your First Holy Communion and truly desire to be an altar server, please fill out this form** and drop it into the collection basket or hand it to Father after Mass. You will be contacted for group training. Remember, this is an important commitment to the Lord and your parish.

I would like to be an Altar Server at St. Mark's Parish!

I wish to serve at Mass because *(please give 1 or 2 reasons)*:

Name: _____ Age: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parent's Name: _____

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