

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 and 3:45 - 4:45 PM
or at other times by appointment.

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. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it off at the parish office. Parents and godparents are requested to come to the 11:30 AM Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month and stay for a brief preparation meeting.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
October through May at the 11:30 AM Mass.
Three separate drop-in programs for K-1, Gr. 2-3, and Gr. 4-5. 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 arrange to have a Mass celebrated for the intentions of a living person, or for the repose of the soul of a departed loved one, please fill out this request form, place it in a **separate** envelope and drop it in the Sunday collection, or slip it under the door of the parish office outside of office hours. The 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 recommends an offering of \$10.

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 your request at least 2-3 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 6 – 12, 2013

Monday

7:00 am - Int. of Susanne Roma

Tuesday

★ 7:00 AM + Jack Soares – *Maria*

NO EVENING MASS –Fr. Don will be attending the Ordination of Bishop Miehm

Wednesday

7:00 am - Int. of the Immaculate Heart of Mary – *G. Merkley*

Thursday

7:00 am - In reparation for all the sins of mankind – *G. Merkley*

7:00 pm - **CONFIRMATIONS** with Bishop Daniel Miehm

Friday

7:00 am - Int. of the Confirmation Classes of 2013

Saturday

★ NO MORNING MASS

10:30 am - **CONFIRMATIONS** with Bishop Douglas Crosby

1:30 pm - **CONFIRMATIONS** with Bishop Douglas Crosby

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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

Sat. 5:00 pm - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Sun. 9:30 am + Edel Quinn – *Legion of Mary*

+ Senbetu Tensae – *E. Habtay*

11:30 am + Giulia Donato – *Pietro*



Office Hours This Week

May 6 - 10, 2013

Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Offertory Collection Last Weekend April 27/28, 2013

Envelope Users..... \$ 2,964.00

Loose monies..... \$ 723.42

TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS \$ 3,687.42

Parish Mortgage Fund \$ 330.00

St. Mark's Spirit Crew

Our Parish's Ministry for Youth ~ Grade 6 and Up

■ NEXT FAITH SHARING:

Friday, May 10th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the church.

(Rescheduled from May 3rd) Please come and join us for an evening of faith and fellowship. Remember your bible, a journal and a free will offering for the snack that will be provided. Please do let us know if you will be attending! Email Kate or Tom at the.boettgers@sympatico.ca.

VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE:
www.stmarkcatholicparish.org



25th Anniversary News...

■ UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, June 2: Corpus Christi Prayer Walk

Sunday, August 25: Parish Picnic

Sunday, Dec. 1: 25th Ann. Mass & Reception

Many other activities involving schools, senior care facilities, families and the community will be coming up! As the date of each event approaches, more details will be given in the bulletin. We will also be renting a mobile sign for each announcement in order to give more of public profile to our anniversary.

Last August, Father Don invited anyone interested to be participants in St. Mark's 25th Anniversary Committee. If you would still like to participate on the committee or one of the sub-committees please contact Pam at the parish office. Thank you!

■ PHOTO DIRECTORY:

If you had your portrait taken for the parish photo directory, but did not purchase a photo package, **your free 8x10 photo is now available for pick-up in the narthex.**



Dear People,

Just a little reminder...

If you need to reach me (i.e. Fr. Don Sanvido), it is best not to use parish e-mail. It is easier and even more effective to leave a message with Pam, or on the voicemail, and she will pass it on to me. I prefer it this way, and I think that phone messages are easier to identify than ones that are left in the dark, hidden recesses of that metal box (i.e. computer).

Besides, I enjoy talking to people on the phone when I can hear a human voice.

This does not apply to the sending of documents, or bulletin announcements, or other important information that does not require my personal attention.

As well, I do not own a personal computer. I was given one as a surprise gift when I left St. Basil's Parish – it was given to a happy university student the evening I received it.

It is nice to hear from you good people ... in person or in dialogue.

- Fr. Don

Mother's Appreciation Brunch

St. Mark's C.W.L. will be hosting the 2nd annual "Mothers Appreciation Brunch." Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 26th** after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. There will be a 'Crowning of Mary' before brunch begins. Tickets are \$7 per person and girls 3 and under are free. Tickets will be available for purchase after all masses the weekends of May 4th, 11th and 18th only. This is open to all Mothers and we encourage you to share this special event with your Daughters, Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Sisters and Sister in laws. New Members are always welcome.



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

**Catholic Education Week
May 5-10, 2013**

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ:

Once again we look forward to a week of celebration of Catholic education in our Diocese. The theme of this year's celebration is "Growing Together in Faith." This theme emphasizes two important aspects of our Catholic schools. The first is that our Catholic schools are places of growth. Growth is evident everywhere in Catholic education from the wonderful enthusiasm of kindergarten children to the wonder-filled questions of young people to the heart of discernment in our Catholic university students. And I am grateful for the adults who care for these young people and who, themselves, are open to growing in their own faith as they journey with students. Secondly, the theme reminds us that our journey of faith is not solitary. We grow together – together in families, in classrooms and staffrooms, and in our parishes.

Every day in our schools, children, young people and adults are rooted ever more fully in the life of Christ. As you pray together, worship together, and work together to feed and clothe the poor and protect and support the vulnerable in our cities and around the world, also take time to celebrate together.

Remember that we have much to celebrate. We celebrate a publicly-funded education system that is the envy of the world. We celebrate a Catholic education system that engages the minds and hearts and spirits of students. We celebrate the many, many works of social justice championed in our schools. We celebrate in a particular way, not our own goodness, but the goodness of Almighty God who loves us and saves us. This is a time to celebrate God's work in our midst and to remember how it is that God works in and through us.

We know we are made in the image of God. For that reason we are convinced of the dignity of all people. This is how our Catholic schools are communities of love and charity. We are nurtured, too, by that same life-giving Spirit breathed into us in creation that animates each one of us today. This is the Holy Spirit who leads us in truth, who guides our discernment and who gives life to our witness.

It is because we are securely rooted, because we know who we are and whose we are, that we are able to witness to our faith. This is a gift in a world where people yearn for meaning and often live in despair. Let us stand proud, rooted in the love of Christ, and nurtured by prayer, and let us continue to profess by our actions, by our very being, that there is hope. Let us show the world a faith that is rooted, witnessed and celebrated. Let all the world see the love of Christ dwelling in our hearts!

Yours sincerely in Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate,

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

C.W.L. Corner ...

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a national organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God.



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE C.W.L.?

This Week's Question: What is the Maple Leaf service pin?

Last Week's Answer: The Breast Cancer Research Fund was established by the C.W.L. in 1993.

Charities Raffle

The Knights of Columbus Charities Raffle is in full swing! Prizes include **13 cash prizes** and **8 brand new vehicles!** Proceeds support the fight against Arthritis. Help the Knights make a difference in the community by purchasing a raffle ticket today. Please see a member of the Knights of Columbus in the narthex after Mass.



Jumping Into Retirement!

Information Meeting presented by Bill Vollmer, Senior Financial Advisor, ARCA Financial Group. Sponsored by St. Francis C.W.L. **Wednesday, May 8th** with Mass at 7:00 p.m.; Speaker 7:45 p.m. St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 49 Blueridge Avenue, Kitchener. Topics: Investing for Retirement? Downsizing? Rental? Condo? Budgeting? Lifestyle Change? Bring questions. All are welcome.

K-W & Area Right to Life Association 2013 March for Life in Ottawa

Thursday, May 9, 2013. The KW Right to Life chartered bus leaves at 5:30 a.m. from behind Burger King at Fairway Road and Wilson Avenue and returns by 11:00 p.m. Bus seats are \$60. Book your seat now by calling 519-746-5433 or email Jane at: jane@kwrtl.ca.



An Invitation to All Families:

As we continue to celebrate this "Year of Faith," St. Mary's Catholic High School invites you to attend a special evening with noted theologian and professor, Dr. Josephine Lombardi, on "**Living with the Rosary.**" CONTEST TO FOLLOW: STUDENTS ONLY! Open to all Grade 9-12 students. The WINNER will receive \$100 and your winning submission will be sent to the Most Reverend (Bishop) Douglas Crosby.

Thursday, May 23rd from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. St. Mary's Catholic High School, 1500 Block Line Rd., Kitchener in Alumni Hall.

Refreshments and small gifts will be provided. For more info contact Laurie Brookes at laurie_brookes@hotmail.com or Mary Flynn at mary.flynn@rogers.com or phone 519 895-1153.

We pray that you will come and join us and that our Lord will bless you abundantly for attending!

In Sister Lucia of Fatima's own words: "*There is no problem I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.*"

VATICAN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF Eucharistic Miracles of the World

This exhibit will be at Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener from **May 31-June 3**. Exhibit times: May 31: 10am to 4pm; June 1: 10 am to 9 pm; June 2- 1 pm - 9 pm; June 3 - 10 am - 4pm. The Vatican Int. Exhibition of the Miracles of the Eucharist consists of 146 posters documenting Miracles related to the Eucharist. The verified accounts date from as early as the 3rd century, the latest in 2001. Free Admission.

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