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 $9:30-10:30\,\mathrm{AM}\ \&\ 3:45-4:45\,\mathrm{PM}$ 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 2^{nd} 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 $11:30\,\mathrm{AM}$ 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

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I would like to have $\frac{1}{1000 \text{ MANY?}}$ Mass(es) celebrated for				
\square the intentions of <i>(living)</i> OR \square the repose of the soul of <i>(deceased)</i>				
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 a Weekday ☐ 5:00 PM on a Saturday ☐ 7:00 PM on a Tuesday ☐ 9:30 AM on a Sunday ☐ 9:00 AM on a Saturday ☐ 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:				

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

Daytime Phone Number: __

Worship This Week:

Nov. 9 - 15, 2015

Monday (FEAST - DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA)

7:00 am + Kathleen Higgins – Alberto & Artemisia Simoes

Tuesday (MEMORIAL - ST. LEO THE GREAT)

2:30 pm - Mass at Lanark Heights Long Term Care

7:00 pm + Frank Duff - Legion of Mary

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. MARTIN OF TOURS)

7:00 am + Mr. Sarzynski – Lisa & Ernie McCullough

Thursday (MEMORIAL – ST. JOSAPHAT)

7:00 am + Stanley Borys - Lisa & Ernie McCullough

9:30 am - Grade 4 Bible Celebration (at St. Dominic School)

3:00 pm - Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care

7:00 pm - Confirmation Information Meeting

Friday

7:00 am - Int. of Catherine Robinson - Jeanne Robinson

Saturday

9:00 am + Mrs. Do – Lisa & Ernie McCullough

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32

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

Sun. 9:30 am + Dave Walser – the Walser Family

11:30 am + Varghese Thakolkaren – *Anil Sosamma Thakolkaren*

Offertory Collections	Oct. 31/Nov. 1, 2015		
Sunday envelopes	\$ 3,283.00		
Sunday pre-authorized debits (monthly amount	ts ÷ 4.33)1,137.99		
Loose monies	<u>706.60</u>		
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 5,127.59		
Mortgage envelopes	\$ 955.00		
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (monthly amou	unts ÷ 4.33) <u>269.05</u>		
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS			
Thank you for your generosity!!			



SPIRIT CREW

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

■ MASS & FAITH-SHARING: Friday, Nov. 20th (6:30-9 p.m.)

For this week we will start with Mass at 6:30 p.m. and then continue with our regular Faith Sharing afterwards. Please remember to bring your bible, a pencil/pen and a donation for the snack that will be provided. Please RSVP to Christine at cutting-abcd@rogers.com.

■ CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX PROCESSING:

Friday, Nov. 27th from 6:20 - 10:00 p.m. (approx.)

All <u>High School Youth</u> are invited to volunteer at our annual event to help at the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Processing Centre in Kitchener. Those interested are asked to please pick up permission forms located on the Spirit Crew bulletin board, complete them and return them to the Spirit Crew Mailbox no later than Friday, Nov. 20th.

S.M.Y.C.A. ~ *St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults (ages 19-35)*The St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults invite anyone ages 19-35 to join them for a **PUB NIGHT** on **Saturday, November 21st** at 7:00pm at the **Williamsburg Arms** (1187 Fischer-Hallman Rd., Kitchener). RSVP online at facebook.com/StMarksYoungCatholicAdults, or email us at StMarksYoungCatholicAdults@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

LITURGICAL ROLES				
NOV. 14 & 15	Sat. 5:00 _{PM}	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM	
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	R./J. Henri	T. Shea N. Gallagher	
Commentator:	K. Friesen	P. Enticott	T. Boettger	
Lector:	K. Smith	D. Bristol	R. Bonilla	
Ushers:	L. Macedo R. Groothuis	F./B. Seaward	B. Voisin M. Schimus	
Gift Bearers:	Weber	Seaward	Masbad	
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Dokis K./N. Higgins G./G. Jans K. Smith	H. Kress A. Joseph A. Simoes D. Henri M. Lynch	C./K. Dignam R./P. Masbad B. Starr	

Attention Parents of Grade 7's...



Confirmation Information Meeting Thursday, Nov. 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Registration Forms for Confirmation were distributed this past week to students in Grade 7 at St. Mark's and St. Dominic's Schools. Please check your child's backpack, fill out the form and bring it with you to the information meeting. **If your child attends another school**, please obtain a form in the church lobby and bring it to the meeting.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of a few more volunteers to help with the **laundering of the altar linens** (washing and ironing the various cloths used during the Mass). It's not a big time commitment; generally only one load per week for 2 months out of the year. Please contact Joan Shea at 519-745-5246 or cjshea@sympatico.ca if you can help. Thanks!



Knights of Columbus ST. MARK'S COUNCIL #9276

Are you interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? St Mark's Council will be holding a Membership Drive during the weekends of Nov. 14/15 and Nov. 21/22

following all the Masses. We are a friendly group, dedicated to serving our Parish and our community in the spirit of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. All Catholic men are invited to learn more and join.

Remembering Our Dead during the Month of November



All are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones in our Book of the Dead, so that they may be remembered at all the Masses throughout November. You will find the book at the front of the church to the left of the altar.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Thank-You! 2015's annual *40 Days for Life* campaign ended on Sunday, November 1st. The Campaign would like to thank all participants who volunteered their time and/or prayers to witness to life and to family. We couldn't have done it without you! 40 Days looks forward to receiving your presence next year at 2016's annual 40 Days for Life campaign.



Winter Coat Drive

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus invites you to donate your **clean, gently used winter outerwear** (coats, snowpants, hats, mitts, scarves, boots) to the bin in the church lobby before November 22nd. They will be taking all donations to the Salvation Army on November 23rd to aid them in their Coat Drive.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Help bring joy and hope to a child living in remote corners of the world who are victims of war, disease, disaster and poverty. This Christmas season pack a shoebox filled with



school supplies, hygiene items and toys. **Empty boxes can now be picked up in the narthex after all Masses (or during the week)**. Please return filled shoeboxes to the Church by next Sunday, November 15th. Thank you for helping this worthy cause.

Mass at the Carmelite Monastery

All are invited to join Fr. Don and St. Mark's C.W.L. on **Wednesday**, **Nov. 18**th for Mass at the Carmelite Monastery at 7:00 p.m. **Carpooling will be available.** We will gather at St. Mark's at 6:15 and depart by 6:20 sharp. After Mass Father will give a talk on Pope Francis. Coffee and tea is provided by the Sisters – please bring a treat to share. We will be collecting a donation for the Sisters; your contribution is much appreciated.

Carmelite Monastery, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, St Agatha, Ontario NOB 2L0 (Ph. 519-884-6700)

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: The death of someone we love is one the most difficult experiences of life. At **St. Francis of Assisi Parish** (49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener) we offer a Bereavement Support Group, made up of people who have experienced the pain of loss and understand the struggles of finding a new way of life. Open to anyone, the program begins **Monday**, **Nov. 9**th from 1:00-2:30pm and runs for approximately **12 weeks**. We invite you to our first meeting to see if this program can help you on your grief journey. For more information or to register call Barbara Diemert, 519-744-8955.

PIANIST NEEDED

St. Joseph's Parish in Kitchener is looking for a pianist to accompany its Adult Choir beginning in January 2016!

Applicants should be comfortable reading sheet music and working from lead sheets (melody and chord symbols), and should be available from 10 am – 12 pm on Sunday mornings and 6 pm – 8:30 pm on Wednesday evenings. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact the parish office at 519-745-9302 or sjk@golden.net

St. Mark's Pre-Authorized Debit Plan: Thank you to all who signed up so far for this new plan! Withdrawals take place on the 15th day (or next business day) of every month. New members are always welcome! Enrollment forms are available year-round on the mail table in the narthex. Don't forget to use the special (coloured) envelopes in your box of envelopes for donating toward special collections (i.e. diocesan, Christmas, Easter, St. Vincent de Paul, etc.). White Sunday envelopes and green Mortgage envelopes can also still be used for those times when you may wish to augment your automatic monthly contribution. Questions? Please feel free to contact Pam at the parish office, by phone 519-571-9200 or email, stmark@rogers.com.

C.W.L. CORNER ...

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REGISTERED DIETICIAN, Andrea D'Abrosio will guide us in the world of nutrition, **Wed. November 11**th at 7 P.M. at **St. Francis of Assisi Church**, Kitchener. Sponsored by St. Francis C.W.L. & St. Francis Health and Wellness Committee. All welcome. For info call 519-745-7301.

ST. JOHN'S BAZAAR AND SCHNITZEL DINNER

Friday, November 13th, 2-7:30 p.m. at **St. John's Parish**, 85 Strange Street, Kitchener. Dinner served from 4:30 to 7 PM. \$15 per person

PREPARE FOR THE JUBILEE OF MERCY

Saturdays at 10 am beginning Nov. 14th at St. Mary's Parish (56 Duke Street West, Lower Hall). Based on Fr. Michael Gaitley's book "You Did it To Me: A Practical Guide to Mercy in Action," this 5-week course is designed to help participants discern how God is calling them to live out the Pope's call to Mercy in the upcoming Jubilee of Mercy. No registration or book purchase is necessary.

Listowel & District Right to Life
ANNUAL DINNER & SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER
Saturday, November 14th at the Bethel Christian Reformed Church,
345 Elizabeth St. E., Listowel. Doors open / silent auction at 6:00 p.m.
Catered dinner at 6:30 p.m. Featured speaker, Alex Schadenburg, at
7:45 p.m. on the topic of "Euthanasia." Adults \$25 / Teens \$15. For
tickets or more information please contact Donna Vollmer at 519-6383758 or dwvollmer@cyg.net. Everyone welcome!

BAZAAR: St. Francis Church, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener. Saturday, Nov. 14th from 9:30 A.M – 2 P.M. Pies Galore, Home Baking, Crafts, Special Draws, Penny Sale, Children's Games and Surprise Packages, Treasure Table, Freshly Made Crepes, Tea Room, Santa at 10:30 a.m., and much more! Sponsored by St. Francis C.W.L.

<u>CHRISTMAS BAZAAR</u> – Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 1:00-6:00pm, at the Marian Residence Retirement Home, 640 Hillview Road in Cambridge. All are welcome to come by and do some Christmas shopping! Proceeds go towards the Marian Residence Activity Fund. For more information, call Sister Marguerite at 519-653-0363.

37th ANNUAL ADVENT NOVENA – An invitation to prepare well for Christmas: Nine daily Masses at 6:30AM at St. Agnes Church (75 Bluevale Street N., Waterloo) from Friday, December 4th to Saturday, December 12th (note exception: Mass on Sunday, Dec. 6th is at 9am or 11am, or, you are welcome to attend your own church on this day). Make this Advent a special time of preparation for Christmas by joining your Twin-City friends who have been keeping this Advent tradition for many years. Bring along a friend! Everyone is welcome! Plenty of time to get to work afterwards! (see poster on narthex bulletin board)

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