# St. Mark Catholic Parish

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# Let us be thankful ...

Let us be thankful for the blessings we receive.

Let us be thoughtful of others.

Let us remember dear and close friends.

Let us have faith in tomorrow.

Let us live life as a Golden Rule.

Let us find sunlight through the clouds.

Let us believe.

Let us be the people we have the ability to be.

Let us have understanding.

Let us say this thanks in prayer

To God, for the gifts He has given.

## Worship This Week:

Oct. 12 - 18, 2015

#### Monday THANKSGIVING DAY

**★ 9:00 am** - Int. of Peter Kahner – Ann Doyle

#### **Tuesday**

2:30 pm - MASS AT LANARK HEIGHTS

7:00 pm + Desmond McGovern – McGovern Family

#### Wednesday

7:00 am + Louis McHugh - Peter & Sandra Appelman

Thursday (MEMORIAL – ST. TERESA OF JESUS)

7:00 am + Theresia Bauer - Trudy Dallosch

7:00 pm - First Communion Information Meeting for Parents

Friday (MEMORIAL – ST. MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE)

7:00 am - Int. of Doyle twins - Ann Doyle

Saturday (MEMORIAL - ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH)

9:00 am + Edward McGuiness - Ann Doyle

#### 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME World Mission Sunday

Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

Sat. 5:00 pm + Cimermancic Family

Sun. 9:30 am + Jean Phee - Joe & Helen Skidd

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

# Offertory Collections OCT. 3/4, 2015 Sunday envelopes \$ 3,628.00 Loose monies \$ 334.95 TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS \$ 3,962.95 Needs of the Canadian Church \$90.00 Mortgage Fund \$ 807.00

#### REMINDER: Pre-Authorized Debits begin October 15th!

Thank you to all who have signed up so far for this new plan! Your first withdrawal will take place Oct. 15th, and every month thereafter. Don't forget you can still use your box of envelopes for donating toward special collections (i.e. diocesan, Christmas, Easter, etc.) and for those times when you may wish to augment your Sunday contribution. Any questions can be directed to Pam at the parish office, 519-571-9200 or stmark@rogers.com).



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## **■ FIRST FAITH-SHARING NIGHT**

#### Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7-9 p.m.

Faith Sharing Meetings are held bi-weekly throughout the school year in the Church Basement. Come expecting to learn more about your faith through discussion and bible teaching along with forming great friendships with other youth. Please remember to bring your bible, a pencil/pen and a donation for the snack that will be provided. Please let us know if you will be attending! Email Christine at <a href="mailto:cutting-abcd@rogers.com">cutting-abcd@rogers.com</a>.

#### **SMYCA**: St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults (ages 19-35)

Join us **Saturday, October 24**<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm for an evening of baking and learning to pray with St. Ignatius! RSVP at facebook.com/StMarksYoungCatholicAdults, or email us at StMarksYoungCatholicAdults@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

LITURGICAL ROLES			
	Sat. 5:00 <sub>PM</sub>	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:			
Commentator:	Thank you to all who signed up for these		
Lector:	ministries, either as new or returning		
Ushers:	members! Watch for full "October to June"		
Gift Bearers:	schedules to be ready for pick-up in the		
Eucharistic Ministers:	narthex.		

# First Communion & Confirmation PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS:



<u>First Communion Info. Meeting</u>: For parents of children in <u>Gr. 2</u>, **Thursday, October 15**<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.



Confirmation Info. Meeting: For parents of children in Gr. 7, Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

**Registration Forms** for these sacraments are being distributed currently to students in Grade 2, and near the end of October 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.

**R.C.I.A.** Are you considering joining the Catholic Church? Would you like to find out more about becoming a Catholic? **Our first session begins Wed. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** For more information please contact the parish office at 519-571-9200 or speak to Fr. Don.

#### St. Mark's Parish Famous Italian Supper & Salad Bar Sunday, November 8, 2015 5:00 - 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall



Now an annual tradition here at St. Mark's! Sponsored by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus. Join us, your family and friends for superb Italian food, a delicious multi-item salad bar, a wine bar and plenty of fun. **Tickets will be sold after all Masses in the Narthex starting THIS weekend, until Oct. 31/Nov. 1** by fine looking members of our own Knights of Columbus. To reserve tickets please call John Deneau @ 519-741-0434.

Adults: \$12 | Children 2-12 yrs.: \$6 | under 2 yrs.: FREE

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.

#### From Fr. Don...

- 1. Please pray for God's blessings on all who are attending the Pope's synod on The Family. May God guide our leaders and may all resolutions be a reflection of the life of the Holy Family itself.
- 2. I have some books that do not belong to me, but I cannot remember who they belong to. I'd like to get them back to you. If you wish me to do so, give me an envelope with your name, phone number, and the title(s) of your book(s). I'll root them out and call you when I've gathered them up. Thank you.



#### The Legion of Mary Needs You!

With our President moving on to another city, and a decline in our member numbers, the St. Mark's Our Lady Queen of Heaven Praesidium is in danger of folding! Why join the Legion of Mary? Learn more about your Catholic faith and our Divine Mother! The Legion of Mary is founded in the Rosary, is formed by Legion prayers, has a spiritual reading and discussion each week and weekly talks given by the President or

Spiritual Director on ways we can grow in our faith.

Save Souls! The Legion of Mary works to bring Catholics who have fallen away back to the Sacraments, and to bring new people to understand the many blessings that the Catholic faith offers them. We do so by friendly, non-threatening outreach to our community through various ways.

Become a Saint! Frank Duff, the Founder of the Legion of Mary, once said, "The Legion makes saints, and makes them by the bushel." Mary, Our Mother, needs your support in continuing this worthy lay movement within St. Mark's. Our current works include: praying the Rosary at Forest Heights Long Term Care facility on alternating Wednesday nights, helping Fr. Don with Masses at the surrounding Retirement Residences at the beginning of the month and running the St. Mark's Book Barrow. We will be holding a Columban Drive on Saturday & Sunday, October 24th and 25th after all three Masses. Please drop by to ask questions and to sign up!

#### **PRAY TO END ABORTION:**

40 DAYS FOR LIFE. Abortion is a major problem all over the world, with millions of lives being terminated every year. This is especially a tragic problem in Canada, as there are no abortion laws whatsoever, which means a child's life can be taken away even days before birth! From Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> to Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> we invite you to join together with over 100,000 people across North America who will simultaneously participate in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. 40 Days for Life™ saves the lives of children in the womb who do not have the chance to stand up for themselves. St. Mark's Parish has chosen Monday, October 19th as our day to sign-up, and together we are committing to filling all the hours for this day. We need at least 2 people to sign-up for each hour. At the back of the church, there is a sign-up sheet on the 40 Days for Life™ table. We ask that you consider signing up for one or more hours that day. You can also sign-up for prayer hours online at: 40daysforlife.com/kitchener, or by calling: Patrick (519-748-5548) or Ewelina (519-589-2919).

#### MASS OF THANKSGIVING for the YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

All are invited to gather with Bishop Crosby and the men and women religious of the Diocese of Hamilton on **Sunday**, **Nov. 1**<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk St., Guelph).

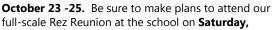
#### C.W.L. CORNER ...

CALLING ALL C.W.L. MEMBERS! Our CWL is looking for volunteers for our upcoming November 4<sup>th</sup> Card Party. We need sandwiches, desserts, preparation and clean up assistance. Any type of assistance from all parishioners is appreciated. Please see the CWL representative in the Narthex after Mass.

#### • CARD PARTY - Wed. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

St. Mark's C.W.L. is planning a Card Party in the parish hall. A key to the success of this event is having sufficient door prizes to generate high attendance. Any new item or gift certificate would be appreciated – no value is too small. Donors will receive recognition at the event. If you are able to assist us, please leave your donation with Pam at the parish during office hours, or contact Carmel at 519-208-4952. We would like to receive all prizes by October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Prizes can also be dropped off to the parish hall between 10:30 and 12 noon on Mon. Oct. 26. Larger items, suitable for raffle are also welcomed, and pick-up of the item can be arranged by calling Carmel. At the last card party the C.W.L. was able to donate \$1000 of the proceeds to St. Mark's Parish. Thank you for your consideration.

**CALLING ALL PHOENIX!!** Resurrection Catholic Secondary School is celebrating our 25th Anniversary this fall with a reunion weekend scheduled for



October 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 pm to mix & mingle with your high school friends. Current and former staff members will be present too! Tickets can be bought in advance for \$15 (by October 1st) – simply visit the school webpage for more information & to find ordering details for Rez Spirit Wear too!

#### MARRIED SINGLES LIFESTYLE - Oct. 23-25, 2015 (Niagara Falls)

The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has thousands of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress. For confidential info or to register please call 905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

#### SPECIAL MASS FOR THOSE LIVING WITH CANCER, THEIR FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS

Saturday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered. Reception to follow. Free Will offering to be taken up. The Celebrant will be Bishop Ustrzycki.

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<sup>th</sup>** 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.

The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild wishes to express our sincere thanks for the overwhelming support of our annual Luncheon and Card Party on Sept 23, 2015 in support of our Carmelite Sisters. It was a great event.

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