

# 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.

# THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Oct. 29 – Nov. 4, 2018**

**Monday - NO MASS**

**Tuesday** (FERIAL)

**7:00 PM** + Jack Soares – *Lorain & D'Souza*

**Wednesday** (FERIAL)

**7:00 am** - Int. of Brendan Flood – *Flood family*

**10:45 am** - **MASS AT RESURRECTION C.S.S.**

**Thursday** (SOLEMNITY – ALL SAINTS)

**2:00 PM** - **MASS AT BANKSIDE TERRACE**

**\* 7:00 PM** - Int. of Eric & Rosemary Kubica

**First Friday** ALL SOULS' DAY – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

**\* 7:00 PM** + Maria Rosa C. Pereira – *Fonseca family*

**Saturday** (FERIAL)

**9:00 am** + All Deceased Bishops, Priests and Deacons of the Hamilton Diocese

**31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34*

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

**Sun. 9:30 am** + Duniec Family – *Robert & Margaret*

**11:30 am** - Int. of Hugh & Pat Flood – *Flood family*

Solemnity of All Saints is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints – that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church. The holy day was eventually established on November 1<sup>st</sup> by Pope Gregory III in the mid-eighth century as a day dedicated to the saints and their relics.

All Souls Day is a holy day set aside for honoring the dead. According to Catholic belief, the soul of a person who dies can go to one of three places. The first is heaven, where a person who dies in a state of perfect grace and communion with God goes. The second is hell, where those who die in a state of mortal sin are naturally condemned by their choice. The intermediate option is purgatory, which is thought to be where most people, free of mortal sin, but still in a state of lesser (venial) sin, must go. Purgatory is necessary so that souls can be cleansed and perfected before they enter into heaven. There is scriptural basis for this belief. The primary reference is in 2 Maccabees, 12:26 and 12:32. *"Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out... Thus made atonement for the dead that they might be free from sin."* Consistent with these teachings and traditions, Catholics believe that through the prayers of the faithful on Earth, the dead are cleansed of their sins so they may enter into heaven.

**Offertory Collection**

**Oct. 20/21, 2018**

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,319.19
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,200.46
Loose monies .....	\$ 449.35
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....</b>	<b>\$ 3,969.00</b>

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 120.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) .....	\$ 254.88
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....</b>	<b>\$ 374.88</b>

Accessible Door Fund.....	\$525.00
Evangelization of the Nations (World Mission Sunday).....	\$425.00

*- Thank you for your generosity -*

## Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Oct. 29</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Oct. 30</u>	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:30 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
<u>Wed. Oct. 31</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
	7:15 pm	(M)	"The One Thing is Three" DVD series
<u>Thur. Nov. 1</u>	6:00 pm	(J)	Search & Rescue group
	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(H)	C.W.L. Executive meeting
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. Nov. 2</u>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's group
	6:00 pm	(M)	Search & Rescue group
<u>Sat. Nov. 3</u>	9:00 am	(M)	Search & Rescue group
<u>Sun. Nov. 4</u>	5:00 pm	(H)	Annual Spaghetti Supper

**Meeting Rooms:** **B** = Basement **CH** = Church **H** = Hall **\*** = Offsite  
**J** = St. John Room **L** = St. Luke Room **M** = St. Matthew Room

**Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel.** In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesu' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark's Gospel, actions accompany Jesus' words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the hemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—"Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death. ■

**Today is White Box Sunday** - The St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed a White Box in the narthex this weekend (Oct. 27/28) for anyone wishing to make a donation. Thank you for helping us to assist the less fortunate in our community.



Ministers, please check your email for the Nov. schedule.

NOV. 3 - 4	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller N. D'Souza		C. Chacon B. Starr
Commentator:	K Friesen	J Flanagan	I Kangaloo
Lectors:	M Dufresne J. Deneau	T Angel T Boettger	M Monte B. Starr
Ushers:	A Montag K Friesen	L. Koehler I./D. Culley	B Voisin
Gift Bearers:		Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia F./Y. Tully	P./B. Enticott S. Sawchuk T. Lee	B. Denomme B. Starr E. Weiss

## FEAST OF ALL SOULS

Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Mass at 7:00 p.m.



On this day, and throughout the month of November, the Church calls our thoughts to our beloved dead. We are reminded to pray for our dead, and offer acts of charity and Mass intentions for the repose and union of their souls to God. By doing so, grace enables us to remember the bond of love that existed in life and strengthen that bond, undefeated by death.

During Mass this evening, the names of our beloved dead will be called out and Mass offered for their intention.

**To include your beloved dead for the intentions of the Mass that day, please pick up an envelope from the narthex, place the names of the deceased inside and place in the collection basket, or give to Pam at the Parish office.**

If you would like to request a **candle** to burn in their memory, please include a **\$5 offering for each candle** you request. These will be 5-day candles that you may take home at the end of Mass or leave for them to continue to burn in the church.

### St. Mark's Parish Famous Italian Spaghetti Supper & Salad Bar



**SUNDAY, NOV. 4 | 5:00 to 7:00 PM | Parish Hall**

Tickets are going fast!!! Sponsored by St. Mark's K of C, this dinner is now an annual tradition here in our Parish. Bring your family and friends for superb Italian spaghetti, a delicious multi-item salad bar, a great dessert, wine/beer bar and plenty of fun. This year we also have a Silent Auction sponsored by the C.W.L! **All proceeds from this year's Dinner and Auction will go to St. Mark's Accessible Door Fund!** Tickets available after all weekend Masses Narthex

Adults: \$12 | Children 4-12 yrs.: \$7 | 3 yrs. & under: FREE  
Family Rate (2 Adults + 3-4 kids): \$40 (additional kids \$2 each)

To reserve tickets call John Deneau at 519-741-0434 or text 226-789-1094.

### 40 Days for Life -- Pray to End Abortion

Peaceful prayer vigil in front of **Freeport Hospital** from 7AM to 7PM. St. Mark's Parish is sponsoring **Tues. Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>**. Together we are committing to filling all the hours on this day. We need at least two people to sign up for each hour. Adopt-A-Day sign-up sheets can be found on the 40 Days for Life table in the narthex. You can also sign up by going online at [www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener](http://www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener) or calling Ewelina at 519-589-2919 or Patrick at 519-748-5548.

*It is VERY IMPORTANT that you sign up BEFORE coming to the vigil site to prevent one of the committee or emergency back-up members from driving out to the site. Details on the poster in the narthex!*

## LOOKING AHEAD...

**Gr. 2 / Gr. 7 Enrollment Sunday:** December 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> at all Masses  
(for Gr. 2's seeking First Communion and Gr. 7's seeking Confirmation)

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion:** Sundays, May 26<sup>th</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Preparation for the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation

If you have a child attending Grade 2 or Grade 7 at either St. Mark's or St. Dominic's Schools, you will be receiving in a couple of weeks a letter from the parish (via the school) concerning the Sacramental Preparations for First Communion (for grade 2's) and Confirmation (for grade 7's). **If your child is seeking one of these Sacraments but does not attend either of the parish schools (or is in a different grade), please call the parish office and let us know.**

### 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 be picked up in the narthex beginning next weekend, November 3/4.** Please return filled shoeboxes to the Church by Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for helping this worthy cause!

DOMINY WILLIAMS, Director of the Bishop Farrell Library and Archives at the Diocese of Hamilton, announced a new post on the Library and Archives blog earlier this week! **Do you know the connection between the Diocese of Hamilton and the new Saint, Archbishop Oscar Romero?** Read the blog to find out: <https://bflhamiltondiocese.wordpress.com/2018/10/15/saint-oscar-romero>. It is well worth the read!

### Thank you from the Diocesan Mission Co-operative

Dear Fr. Murrin ... We send our sincere thanks to you and to your parishioners for hosting the mission group from the Order of the Piarists (Fr. Andrew Berinyuy, Sch.P.) in August 2018. Your remittance of \$4,820.00 is a genuine affirmation of your generosity and interest in the mission work of the Church. The Mission Co-op program offers an effective way to reach out to our brothers and sisters in mission areas of the world. On behalf of the visiting missionaries, we send our warmest wishes and blessings for the hospitality which you offer to them on their travels throughout our diocese. May the Lord's blessings be with you and all the members of your parish. Sincerely yours ... *Frank Cappelli*, Mission Co-operative, Diocese of Hamilton.

### "TOASTY TOES" SOCK DRIVE

St. Mark's is happy to support #ToastyToes2018 again this year by collecting donations of NEW, WARM sock (no dress socks) from Oct. 10 until Nov. 10 for those experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Waterloo Region. Socks are the most requested but LEAST donated item at shelters ... and wet or worn out socks can lead to a multitude of foot-related health problems. Last year the campaign collected 32,400 pairs of new socks. Twenty social profit groups benefited from these donations. Men's socks are most needed, but women's and children's socks are also welcome. See white donation bin in the narthex.



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