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PASTOR: Fr. Steve Murrin **DEACON:** Rev. 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

Tuesday at 7:00 PM Wed., Thur., Fri. at 7:00 AM Saturday at 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday following 9:00 AM Mass and 4:00-4:30 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 bulletin board

Divine Mercy: Fridays 3:00 PM

Our Lady's Rosary: 1st Saturday at 10 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 6 weeks in advance.

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.

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

If you require a **Mass card** please make your request in person at the parish office

during business nours.						
The offering for a Mass (for living or deceased) is \$10 per Mass.						
I would like to have Mass(es) celebrated for HOW MANY?						
\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 check ✓ 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 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: _ Daytime Phone # or email: _ We will attempt to contact you if we are unable to accommodate your request.

Oct. 30 - Nov. 5, 2017

MONDAY - NO MASS

<u>Tuesday</u> (FERIAL)

7:00 PM + Burchat Family - Gerry & Terry Gerth

Wednesday (SOLEMNITY – ALL SAINTS)

7:00 am + Aldo Antonio Canas - Patricia Castillo

10:30 am - Mass at Resurrection C.S.S.

Thursday ALL SOUL'S DAY – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

2:00 PM - Mass at Bankside Terrace

★ 7:00 PM + All Souls in Purgatory – Agnelo & Dolorosa Dias

First Friday (FERIAL)

★ 7:00 PM + All Deceased Bishops, Priests and Deacons

of the Hamilton Diocese

Saturday (MEMORIAL – ST. CHARLES BORROMEO)

9:00 am + Peter Nickl, Albert & Lucy Lorentz

and Rose & Hubert Dietrich - Judy Nickl

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12

Sat. 5:00 PM - Int. of Hugh & Patricia Flood - the Flood family

Sun. 9:30 am + Dennis Reid - Mary Dreifelds

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

FIRST FRIDAY ... Mass this Friday will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. followed by Benediction and Devotions to the Sacred Heart.

Solemnity of All Saints is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1st. 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 1st 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.

Charles Borromeo was born in northern Italy in 1538 to an established and wealthy family. As Secretary of State at the Vatican, he played an important role in convincing the Pope (Pius IV) to reconvene the Council of Trent, which sought to address corruption in a sixteenth-century church beleaguered by Protestantism. Under the auspices of that council, beginning in 1563 Borromeo supervised the writing of an accurate catechism, rewrote liturgical texts and music, and began enforcing clerical reform in Rome. Saint Charles Borromeo is the Patron Saint of Catechists, Catechumens and Seminarians.

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	<u>EVENT</u>
Mon. Oct. 30	7:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Oct. 31	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
Wed. Nov. 1	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
	7:15 pm	(M)	9:30 choir practice
Thur. Nov. 2	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
First Fri. Nov. 3	6:00 am	(L)	Men's Group
Sun. Nov. 5	5:00 pm	(H)	Parish Spaghetti Supper

<u>Meeting Rooms</u>: CH = Church H = Hall B = Basement ★ = Offsite M = St. Matthew Room J = St. John Room L = St. Luke Room

Offertory Collection	Oct. 21/22, 2017			
Sunday envelopes Sunday loose Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52) TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.	\$398.15 <u>\$ 1,212.23</u>			
Mortgage envelopesMortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52). TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	<u>\$ 241.04</u>			
Evangelization of the Nations (World Mission Sunday)411.00 Thank you for your generosity.				

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see Matthew 22:22-33). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments. The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor.

FEAST OF ALL SOULS: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 MASS CELEBRATED AT 7:00 PM

Please ensure that all requests for **Mass intentions** and **candles** for this Mass are submitted **no later than Monday of this week**. This is an opportunity to solemnly remember our beloved dead.

PLENARY INDULGENCE: A plenary indulgence is the full forgiveness of the temporal punishment, due to sin, of the soul in Purgatory being prayed for.

Every day from Nov. 1st to 8th you may gain a Plenary Indulgence and offer it, once each day, for one deceased person. You must be in the state of grace (Confession and Communion), attend Church or visit the cemetery and say for the intention of the Holy Father one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be.

Liturgical Ministers

Nov. 4 & 5	Sat. 5:00рм	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	G./S./T. Morgan	A./J. Rye	Can you help?
Commentator:	M. Serschen	L. Rye	L. Masbad
Lector:	K. Smith	G. Rye	S. Roma
Ushers:	L. Macedo R. Phillips	T./J. Germann J. DeSousa	B. Voisin M. Monte
Gift Bearers:	Buchanan	Cerantola	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	F./Y. Tully C. Dokis	B. Cutting P./B. Enticott	R./P. Masbad B. Starr

St. Mark's Parish Famous Italian

Spaghetti Supper & Salad Bar NEXT SUNDAY, NOV. 5th

5:00 - 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall

Back again! Sponsored by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus, 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.

All proceeds from this year's Dinner and 50/50 Draw will go toward the purchase of an electric wheelchair for our parishioner, Clem Baumtrog, stricken with Parkinson's Disease. This is the last weekend for ticket sales in the narthex after Mass:

Adults: \$12 | Children 4-12 yrs.: \$7 | 3 yrs. and under: FREE

Family Rate: 2 Adults & 3 children: \$40

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

L@@KING AHEAD....

First Sunday of Advent: December 3rd

<u>Gr. 2 / Gr. 7 Enrollment Sunday</u>: December 2/3 at all Masses (for Gr. 2's seeking First Communion and Gr. 7's seeking Confirmation)

Christmas & New Year's Mass Times :

4 HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Dec. 23/24):

Sat. 5:00pm; Sun. 10:00am

Nativity of the Lord (Dec. 24/25):

Christmas Eve - Sat. 6:00pm, 11:00pm

Christmas Day – Sun. 10:00am

Feast of the Holy Family (Dec. 30/31):

Sat. 5:00pm; Sun. 10:00am

Mary, the Mother of God (Dec. 31/Jan.1):

New Year's Eve – Sun. 7:00pm New Year's Day – Mon. 10:00am

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 shoe box filled with school supplies, hygiene items and toys. **Empty boxes can be picked up in the narthex beginning November 4th.** Please return filled shoeboxes to the Church by Sunday, November 19th. Thank you for helping this worthy cause.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Pray to End Abortion

Daily from Sept. 27th until Nov. 5th. Sign up for prayer hours online at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or call Ewelina at 519-589-2919 or Patrick at 519-748-5548. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you <u>sign up</u> 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.

S.M.Y.C.A.

St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults (ages 19-35)



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■ Coffee House – Sunday, Nov. 19th from 7-9pm

Join us in the parish hall for coffee, board games, and great live music! All are welcome to attend or participate! Sign-up in the narthex before Nov. 12th. Performers should join us for a Sound Check on Sat. Nov. 18th at 6:00 p.m. Number of performers will dictate how much time each performer gets.

■ <u>Christmas Carolling</u> – **Saturday, Dec. 16th** from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. in the church.

"Toasty Toes" Sock Drive

St. Mark's is happy to support **#ToastyToes2017** again this year by collecting donations of NEW SOCKS from **Oct. 15 until** N**ov. 5** to distribute to area residents of shelters and those served by our local soup kitchen and self-help food bank. **Socks are the MOST requested item at shelters, but are the LEAST donated.** Clean, dry socks are essential to healthy feet. A drop-off bin is in the narthex.

Polish Mass with Fr. Dobromil Beker, O.F.M. Tuesday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. (with translator)

Join us as Fr. Beker celebrates Mass and speaks about the influence that the media has on people and their relationships to one another and to God. Father will also talk about the importance of praying the Rosary for the conversion of sinners, and prayer to make an amends for the sins of genocide.

Fr. Dobromil Beker has been a Franciscan priest in Poland for the past 20 years and in the Franciscan Order itself for 26 years. During this time he has been an Associate Pastor for 10 thousand parishioners, an educator at a dormitory for secondary and vocational schools, a chaplain in a small prison, a religion instructor in high school and vocational college, an educator in the theological seminary, and for the last nine years he has been leading missions and retreats for parishioners in many churches. One of his ministries is praying to restore family relationships and promote forgiveness, liberation prayers from dependencies, enslavement as well as from past hurts and ills. Fr. Beker has been specially blessed as a spiritual guide for those who desire a union with God, but don't know how to initiate it. He can help to identify and overcome obstacles to spiritual growth and wholeness.

PREPARING CATHOLIC TEACHERS

If you are a student studying to become a teacher and planning to teach in the Catholic School System, you will eventually need to obtain a pastoral reference from your parish priest, that asks if the person practices their faith and if they are active in the parish. If you are a potential teacher, therefore, and if you are not currently active in the parish, I advise you to consider signing up for a ministry in the upcoming weeks.

Are you in the process of planning your wedding?

Don't wait – register for the Waterloo Region Marriage Preparation Course. It fills up quickly!

Speak to your pastor for a registration form. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kathy Fahey at 519-342-6618 or marriageprep.waterloo@gmail.com. Sponsored by the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Waterloo Deanery.



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