

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 & 3:45–4:45 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 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 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 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.

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:

<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 requests for weekend Masses a few months in advance.

Requested by: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

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

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship This Week:

Oct. 31 – Nov. 6, 2016

Monday

7:00 am + Christopher Lynch – *Rose & Derek Byrne*

Tuesday (SOLEMNITY – ALL SAINTS)

7:00 PM + Kenneth Stemmler

Wednesday (ALL SOULS' DAY – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed)

7:00 am + George Bell – *J. Burkholder & B. Crawley & families*

2:15 PM - GR. 4 BIBLE CELEBRATION AT ST. MARK SCHOOL

7:00 PM + Cody Andrews – *Jack & Sheila Coleman & family*

Thursday

7:00 am + Anastasia MacLean – *in gratitude*

2:00 PM - MASS AT BANKSIDE TERRACE

Friday (MEMORIAL – ST. CHARLES BORROMEO)

7:00 am + Fern Mainguy – *Shirley Gill*

Saturday

9:00 am + Abdalla – *Colette Dokis*

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Macc. 7:1-2, 7, 9-14++; 2 Thess. 2:16–3:5; Luke 20:27-38

SAT. 5:00 PM - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark's
+ Jack Soares - *Maria*

SUN. 9:30 am + Olivia Baptista – *Jose Baptista*

11:30 am + Frank Duff – *St. Mark's Legion of Mary*

Offertory Collections

October 22/23, 2016

Sunday envelopes	\$ 2,647.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	\$ 1,357.50
Loose monies	\$ 445.35
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,449.85

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 385.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	\$ 276.92
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 661.92

Evangelization of the Nations (World Mission Sunday).....\$ 380.00
Thank you for your generosity!!

RELIEF COLLECTION FOR HAITI ... At the request of Bishop Crosby, **THIS weekend (Oct. 29/30)** we will take up a second collection for Haiti relief. Funds collected will be sent to the Diocese of Hamilton for transfer to Development & Peace to assist with the relief of the people in Haiti. **If you donate by cheque, please make it payable to "St. Mark's Church" (with "Haiti Relief" in the memo section).** Thank you for your generosity.

Monthly Children's Mass

Dedicated to the children of our parish!



At one Mass each month, children from First Communion age (Gr.2) to Confirmation age (Gr. 7) are given the opportunity to fully participate in the Holy Mass by doing the readings, prayers of the faithful, and bearing gifts to the altar. **If you are interested in participating, please sign up on the blackboard in the narthex, or contact Jessica Heine (519-496-2328) for more details.** When you add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex, please include your phone number so the leader can contact you.

Next Children's Masses:	Practice Dates:
Sunday, Nov. 6 th at the 11:30am Mass	Friday, Nov. 4 th from 5-6pm
Sunday, Dec. 4 th at the 9:30am Mass	Friday, Dec. 2 nd from 5-6pm

LITURGICAL ROLES

Nov. 5 & 6	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	B./C. Morgan	<i>Vacant: Can you help?</i>	N./A. Gallagher
Commentator:	B. Burns	J. Germann	L. Masbad
Lector:	K. Friesen	D. Bristol	S. Roma
Ushers:	<i>Vacant: Can you help?</i>	B. Coutinho J./K. Culley-Snyder	<i>Vacant: Can you help?</i>
Gift Bearers:	Weber	Rye	<i>Vacant: Can you help?</i>
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Smith L. Macedo C. Dokis	M./L. Fernando D. Henri	R./P. Masbad B. Starr

MORE USHERS NEEDED: The 11:30 Mass is short on ushers. If you would like to join the rotation, please contact Colm Dignam at 519-570-3973.

MEETING FOR NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: If you signed up to become a new Eucharistic Minister, or are interested in doing so, please come to a meeting on Sunday, Nov. 6th after the 11:30 Mass in the church.

St. Mark's Parish Famous Italian Spaghetti Supper & Salad Bar NEXT SUNDAY, NOV. 6th



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 bar and plenty of fun. **TODAY IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE TICKETS, on sale after all weekend Masses in the Narthex today:**

Adults: \$12 | Children 4-12 yrs.: \$7 | 3 yrs. and under: FREE
Large family rates are also available. Call John at 519-741-0434.

Volunteer Needed – We are in need of a volunteer 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 of the year. Please call Joan Shea at 519-745-5246 or email cjshea@sympatico.ca if you can help. Thanks!



"Toasty Toes" Sock Drive

St. Mark's is happy to support **#ToastyToes2016** this year by requesting donations of NEW SOCKS on the weekends of **Oct. 29/30 and Nov. 5/6**. Last year this campaign distributed 1001 pairs of socks in Kitchener, Waterloo and Cambridge to 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. Let's see how many pairs of socks our wonderful parish can collect!

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. The Knights will be taking all donations to the Salvation Army to aid them in their Coat Drive.



Instrumentalists Wanted: If you would be willing to play for the **11:30 a.m. choir**, please call the parish office or contact choir leader, Susie Roma at susanne.m.roma@hotmail.com. Practices take place every other Tuesday in the Church.

First Communion & Confirmation

Parents' Information Meetings ... If you MISSED the meeting on Oct. 13 for Gr. 7 parents, or the meeting on Oct. 20 for Gr. 2 parents please pick up a handout from the meeting, as well as a sacramental registration form if you have not already got one. Both the handouts and the forms, for both sacraments, can be found on the information wall in the narthex (lobby).



Parish Mission: Nov. 26-30

Mark your calendars for a parish mission with Fr. Carlos Martins, C.C. On the last day of the mission, Father Carlos will be bringing with him many relics which he will have on display in the parish hall for viewing and veneration:

Sacred Relics of the Saints: Treasures of the Church

St. Mark's Parish presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on **Wed. Nov. 30th** at 7:00 pm. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with his very special ministry to teach about these holy objects. He will bring with him over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church's history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. Please do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.



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 November 5th.** Please return filled shoeboxes to the Church by Sunday, November 20th. Thank you for helping this worthy cause.



Pilgrim Virgin Statue

The Legion of Mary is asking parishioners to respond to the prayer requests made by the Blessed Virgin Mary during her apparitions at Fatima by encouraging them to pray in the presence of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue. **The statue is available for home visitations throughout the year.** Please email lomstmark@gmail.com or call Colette

at 519-576-7490 to reserve a week of your choice. Feel free to specify any special date such as birthdays or anniversaries.

R.C.I.A. Are you considering joining the Catholic Church?

Would you like to find out more about becoming a Catholic? Are you a Catholic who would like to grow in your own faith journey by helping others explore the love of God? **Our first session begins next Wed. Nov. 9th at 7:00 p.m.** For more information please contact the parish office at 519-571-9200 or speak to Fr. Don.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP – A 12-week Bereavement Support Group **begins on Monday, Nov. 7th** from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at **St. Francis Parish, Kitchener**. It is in being with others who are also grieving that a light begins to come through at the end of the tunnel. For more info please call Barbara Diemert, 519-744-8955 or St. Francis Parish. Registration is required as there is some material to order.

GRANDPARENTS: PROVIDING GIFTS FOR A LIFETIME! – The Holy Rosary chapter of the Catholic Grandparents Association invites all present and future grandparents to join them for an informative presentation by Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Hamilton, titled: *Grandparents: Providing Gifts for a Lifetime!* We will hear how grandparents can foster love, family and faith in their grandchildren and how our unconditional love can have a profound lifetime influence on our loved ones. Join us on **Tuesday, Nov. 8th** from 1 – 3 PM at **Holy Rosary Catholic Church**, 175 Emma St., Guelph in the "Our Lady of the Rosary" Community Room. All our welcome to attend and bring a friend!

MERCIFUL YOUTH PANEL – **Wed. Nov. 9th** at 7:00 pm at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall**, Kitchener. Come and hear a panel of St. Francis youth from Grade 8, Secondary School, University and the Work Force, discussing the challenges and blessings of God's Mercy in their lives. Refreshments to follow.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM – *K-W Couples for Christ* invite EVERYONE, married, divorced, widowed or single, to come to our Christian Life Program on **Sat. Nov. 12th** (8:30 am - 7 pm) and **Sun. Nov. 13th** (9am - 1 pm) at **St. Anne's Church**, Kitchener. Grow in your relationship with our Lord and live a fuller life in the Holy Spirit through inspiring talks, discussion, food, fellowship and song. A separate children's program is offered at the same time, same place for a family fun event. No cost. All meals provided. Please contact Scott Piggott/Rita Rudolph at 519-581-1389 with any questions.

HEALING MASS FOR THOSE MOURNING THE LOSS OF A CHILD

Losing a child is a painful and life-altering experience for parents, grandparents and other family members. The feeling of loss, regardless of the amount of time that has passed, is often more profound during the Christmas season. A Diocesan Healing Mass, meant to bring hope to all those trying to cope with such grief, is planned at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King for Sunday, November 27th** at 4 pm. Any one who has lost a child of any age from any cause, including those that have lost a child prior to birth, or who have had a still birth are invited to this Mass celebrated by Bishop Douglas Crosby. God is close to those who mourn, come and experience His healing presence. Registration is preferred, but not necessary, as it will assist us in knowing how many spaces to reserve and to ensure we have enough of the small memento each family will receive. Please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or register on-line at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

FR. TED COLLETON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – Senior high school students (**Gr.11-12**) are encouraged to enroll in this contest. Three cash prizes are available: First prize \$1,500; Second prize \$800; Third prize \$500. Scholarship program includes writing an essay of 1500 words in length on the following theme:

In 2017 Canada will celebrate the 150th Year of Confederation. Since 1867 there has been great technological progress, accompanied by a steady expansion of freedom in certain areas of social and economic life. Consider the contrasting views of the respective Prime Ministers of the day, Sir John A. Macdonald and Justin Trudeau on the issue of abortion: Sir John A. Macdonald said that abortion "...saps the very life blood of the nation" while Justin Trudeau considers it an inviolable human right.

With the above preamble in mind, compare Canada's social policies at the time of Confederation with those of contemporary Canada with specific reference to the issue of abortion. Explain the dramatic changes and offer your opinion as to whether these changes can be reversed, and if so explain how. **Essays must be postmarked no later than Dec. 1, 2016.** For details contact dirocco@theinterim.com.

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