

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stephen Murrin – *Pastor*
Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez – *Deacon*
Mrs. Pam Olinski – *Parish Secretary*

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM
No Children's Liturgy of the Word until further notice.

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 12:00 NOON
First Saturday of the Month at 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 4:15 PM or by appointment.

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. A date for 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 start the process..

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 SOCIETY

Call 519-571-8485 for information on food distribution.

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Dominic Savio Catholic Elementary School

Principal: *Pat Runstedler*
3 Westforest Trail 519-576-5503

St. Mark Catholic Elementary School

Principal: *Gary Lankowski*
240 Autumn Hill Crescent 519-743-4682

Resurrection Catholic Elementary School

Principal: *Marisa Munroe*
455 University Avenue West 519-741-1990



"...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 drop it in the mail. Your intention will appear in the bulletin.

If you require a Mass card please call or email the parish office to make pick-up arrangements.

The offering (stipend) for a Mass Intention 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

☐ I would like the Mass to be on this specific date*: _____

**Please submit requests as far in advance as possible to reserve preferred dates.*

Sunday Masses may only be requested twice per year.

All other requests will be satisfied on weekdays.

Requested by: _____

Daytime Phone # or email: _____

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

Mass Intentions for the Week



November 1 – 7, 2021

Seating is restricted by physical distancing of 2 metres (6 feet) between households, until further notice. Masks continue to be mandatory. Please stay home if you are feeling unwell.

- Monday** (SOLEMNITY – ALL SAINTS)
12 Noon + Ivan Cimermanic – Michelle
- Tuesday** (All Soul's Day – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed)
7:00 PM + All Our Beloved Dead
- Wednesday** (FERIAL)
12 Noon + Deceased Bishops, Priests and Deacons of the Diocese of Hamilton
- Thursday** (MEMORIAL – ST. CHARLES BORROMEO)
12 Noon + Maria Silvestre – Joao
- First Friday** (FERIAL)
12 Noon + Joseph Monis Correia – Justina
- First Saturday** (FERIAL)
9:00 am + Maria Campos – Campos family

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Nov. 6-7

1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Sat. 5:00 PM – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

Sun. 9:30 am + Walt Runstedler – David & Sabine Lynch

11:30 am + Mary & Joseph Petrovich – Rosemary & Jane

PLEASE NOTE NEW MASS TIME:

The Tuesday evening Mass will move to 12 noon beginning Nov. 9th.

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.



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:

+ Kathy Germann and + Carl Hauck



You may request to have one or both lamps burn for a special intention or for the repose of someone's soul. Public intentions will be published in the bulletin and on our website; private intentions will not.



BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL RE-OPENING NOVEMBER 3RD

Our Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be re-opening for private devotion on November 3rd for parishioners only.

The new hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays only from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. A few limited spaces may still be available. Sign up is in the narthex.



Prayers for the Sick

If you or someone you know is unwell and would like us to include their name in the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass, **please call or email the parish office to submit their name.**



SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – NOVEMBER 1

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favored." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.



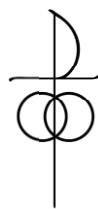
FEAST OF ALL SOULS – NOVEMBER 2

This is a holy day set aside to remember our beloved 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.



Please check your email inbox for the new schedule.



Congratulations Newlyweds

St. Mark's Parish offers congratulations to newlyweds

Kevin & Amanda

joined in Holy Matrimony this month.

May God shower your lives together with many blessings!

St. Mark's Parish congratulates all those who received the SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION on Oct. 26th & 28th



Please pray with us, that the Holy Spirit will enlighten their minds and touch their hearts as they seek to understand more deeply their Baptismal Promises to live a life more closely united to Christ.

Adrianna	Jonathan	Austin	Dominic	Neima
Sofia	Isabella	Jack	Andy	Johnson
Paige	Tomas	Benjamin	Steven	Justin
Taylor	Mariana	Nathan	Danika	Juan
Ewin	Maria	Landon	Laura	Maximus
Sadra	Brooklyn	Sarah	Braeden	Natasha
Jorge	Evan	Coen	Sophia	John
Brooke	Kara	Abigail	Marcus	Grace
Alexander	Blake	Gabriel	Dylan	Ryan
	Nolan		Julia	

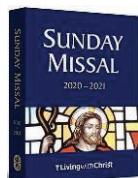
Prayer for Our Newly Confirmed

Father, pour out Your Spirit upon our newly confirmed. Grant them a new vision of Your glory, a new experience of Your power, a new faithfulness to Your Word, and a new consecration to Your service. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A special thank-you to Kate, Tom and Terri for helping to prepare the confirmandi and making our celebrations run smoothly.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Help bring joy and hope and the Good News of the Gospel to a child living in remote corners of the world who are victims of war, disease and recently the COVID pandemic, 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 this weekend, October 30th.** Please return filled shoeboxes to the Church by Sunday, November 14th. Thank you for helping this worthy cause.



Living with Christ 2021-2022 Sunday Missals

will be arriving soon.

Cost will be \$5 each.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH A Creatively Courageous Father

Reflection

Patris Corde, 5

(Apostolic Letter by Pope Francis, 2020)

We should always consider whether we ourselves are protecting Jesus and Mary, for they are also mysteriously entrusted to our own responsibility, care and safekeeping. The Son of the Almighty came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph. God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child. In this sense, Saint Joseph could not be other than the Guardian of the Church, for the Church is the continuation of the Body of Christ in history, even as Mary's motherhood is reflected in the motherhood of the Church. In his continued protection of the Church, Joseph continues to protect *the child and his mother*, and we too, by our love for the Church, continue to love *the child and his mother*.

Prayer: For Youth and the Elderly

Saint Joseph, creatively courageous father, we ask that you intercede with your Son, the Saviour of the world, that we may honour and cherish the youth and the elderly by defending, protecting and caring for them, as you cared for your Son and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

V. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,

R. Where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. (Ps 84.3)

Action: Take a step toward interior healing by accepting your personal history and embracing the things in life you did not choose.

Diocese of Hamilton Year of St. Joseph Novena Prayers

C.W.L. News...

♦ **Let's get reacquainted!** It's been a long 20 months since we have gotten together. Mark your calendars for St. Mark's C.W.L. **General Meeting; Friday, Nov. 19th at 7 pm.** Let us come together to pray for each other, catch up, and be informed. Covid protocols will be followed. Not ready to meet in person? You may join us via Zoom (meeting log-in provided closer to the date).

♦ **Thank-you! Thank-you!** Your generous donations of materials, blankets, and labor provided many blankets for St. Mary's Hospital this past Saturday! Our work is not finished yet, as we still have material to work on, hence your continued support of loving labor is still appreciated. We will gather once again on **Sat. Nov. 13th from 10:30 to 2:30** to provide much-needed warmth to the needy. Thank you again to all the ladies that came out on Oct. 16th – it could not have been done without you! -- *Betty Enticott and St. Mark's C.W.L.*



Toasty Toes VIRTUAL Sock Drive

The annual Toasty Toes Waterloo Region campaign is asking for donations of FUNDS rather than socks this fall due to pandemic precautions. We regret that we CANNOT ACCEPT SOCKS this year. If you wish to support this worthy cause, please consider a monetary donation by visiting: www.kwcf.ca/toastytoes

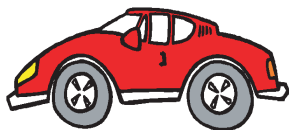




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