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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
Wednesday 12:00 NOON
Thursday, Friday 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, please
see chapel bulletin board
Divine Mercy – Sundays 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 it to be on any:

☐ Tues. 7 PM ☐ Wed. 12 NOON ☐ Thur. 7 AM ☐ Fri. 7 AM ☐ Sat. 9 AM
☐ Sat. 5:00 PM ☐ Sunday 9:30 AM ☐ Sunday 11:30 AM

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

Oct. 7 – 13, 2019

Monday – NO MASS

Tuesday (FERIAL)

2:00 PM – Mass at Lanark Heights Long Term Care

7:00 PM + Collin Christopher – D'Souza family

Wednesday (FERIAL)

12:00 noon + Deon Laminato – Filmore Sabordo

Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am – Special Intention

1:00 PM – School Mass at St. Dominic School

Friday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Souls in Purgatory – Carlos & Leonor Fonseca

Saturday (FERIAL)

9:00 am + Leodegario Canete – Leovina Canete

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

Sat. 5:00 PM + Robert Unitt – Marilyn Dufresne

Sun. 9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

11:30 am + Deon Laminato – Brian Garrucho

Praise & Worship... Love music and looking for an opportunity to praise God? You are invited to join Ron & Rick Denomme this **Tuesday, October 8th at 7:30 p.m.** for 40 minutes of Praise & Worship immediately following the 7pm Mass. Look forward to seeing you.

Weekly Offertory Report for Sept. 28/29, 2019

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Offertory Collection: | \$ 2,237.32 |
| Pre-authorized debits: | \$ 1,401.35 |
| Total Offerings This Week: | \$ 3,638.67 |

Weekly Budget: \$ 5,200.00

Year-to-Date Report for Week 39

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Weekly Offerings: | \$ 122,613.86 |
| Pre-authorized debits: | \$ 50,199.00 |
| Total Offerings This Year: | \$ 172,812.86 |

Yearly Budget to Date: \$ 202,800.00

Under Yearly Budget: (29,987.14)

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| Mortgage Offerings to date this year: | \$ 19,811.50 |
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SVDP White Box collection for September \$194.15

'One Heart, One Soul' Campaign Video

If you missed this video, or had a hard time hearing it, or wish to watch it again, please visit:

<https://www.oneheartonesoul.ca/watch>

Thanksgiving Food Drive – St. Mark's Society of Saint Vincent De Paul is conducting our Thanksgiving food drive. We are in need of **dry** pasta, rice, canned fruit, cans of soup (540ml), jam, peanut butter, canned tomatoes and tomato sauce. If you care to donate, please place the items in the narthex in the blue bin. Thank you for your ongoing support!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ~ Friday, Oct. 11 & Monday, Oct. 14

Meetings & Events This Week:

| DATE | TIME | ROOM | EVENT |
|----------------------|---------|------|--------------------------------------|
| <u>Mon. Oct. 7</u> | 7:15 pm | (B) | Wisdom & Works of Mercy (DVD series) |
| | 8:00 pm | (H) | Alcoholics Anonymous |
| <u>Tue. Oct. 8</u> | 7:00 pm | (B) | Keys to Loving Relationships |
| | 7:30 pm | (CH) | Praise & Worship |
| | 7:30 pm | (M) | Knights of Columbus executive mtg. |
| <u>Wed. Oct. 9</u> | 6:00 pm | (L) | Children's Liturgy planning meeting |
| | 6:30 pm | (CH) | 9:30 Choir practice |
| | 7:30 pm | (B) | Women's Prayer Group |
| <u>Thur. Oct. 10</u> | 6:15 pm | (M) | Legion of Mary |
| | 7:30 pm | (CH) | 5:00 Choir practice |
| <u>Fri. Oct. 11</u> | 6:00 am | (M) | Men's group |
| <u>Sat. Oct. 12</u> | 7:15 am | (H) | That Man Is You! |

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

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus teach about faith and service to God. The context is a continuing dialogue between Jesus and his followers about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus has just finished an instruction on sin and forgiveness.

There are two related teachings that Jesus offers to his disciples when they cry out for an increase in faith. The first is the familiar reminder that faith, even just a little, will enable the followers of Jesus to do wondrous things. This uplifting and inspiring teaching, however, is quickly followed by a second teaching, a caution about knowing one's place in God's plans.

The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants to God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us—nothing more, nothing less. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. And yet, our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as his servants, can be made to produce a hundredfold. ■

"Toasty Toes" Sock Drive

St. Mark's is happy to support #ToastyToes2019 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.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS ~ TODAY (October 6th)

Bring your pet and join Fr. Steve and Nicholas outside the Church at **2:00 PM**



Advance Polling Station

St. Mark's Parish Hall – October 11-14
EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!





| Oct. 12 - 13 | 5:00 PM Mass | 9:30 AM Mass | 11:30 AM Mass |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Altar Servers: | V./P./J. Miller G./S. Morgan | E./T./T. Morgan | N./J. D'Souza C. Chacon; R. Robin |
| Commentator: | Sr. Kathleen | T. Lee | B. Starr |
| 1 st Reader: | M. Dufresne | P. Enticott | M. Oram |
| 2 nd Reader: | | V. DeVries | I. Kangaloo |
| Ushers: | A. Montag | J. DeSousa I./D. Culley | B. Voisin |
| Gift Bearers: | | Cerantola | Chacon |
| Eucharistic Ministers: | F./Y. Tully A. Bendia | M. Fernando A. Joseph H. Kress | D. Seymour-Weber B./C. Voisin |



Preparation for the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation



If you have a child in 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).

Until then, please mark these important dates on your calendar:

Enrollment Sunday: Nov. 30 / Dec. 1 at all Masses

Sacrament of First Holy Communion: Sundays, April 26th and May 3rd

Sacrament of Confirmation: Monday, May 25th

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 as soon as possible and let us know.

Pastoral Reference Letters - If you are applying for a teaching position in a Catholic School, please be advised that Pastoral Reference letters will only be provided to those who are registered members of the parish and active in parish life. Please think ahead and get involved.

RCIA – If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith, please send your name and contact information to the parish office (stmark@rogers.com) to be enrolled in **The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** (commonly referred to as R.C.I.A.). This is a formation and preparation process that begins in the Fall. To become a full member of the Catholic Faith, a person must receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist.

SANCTITY OF LIFE – OUR CATHOLIC BELIEFS 101

Abortion, Euthanasia, Assisted Suicide

Tuesday October 8th at 7:30pm at St. Michael Parish, 80 University Ave W., Waterloo. Do you struggle to understand the deep roots behind Catholic beliefs concerning abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide? Do you find yourself lost, not knowing how to respond when in conversation with others who perhaps support these issues? Join us in our Parish Centre as our guest speaker, Fr. Dave Perrin, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Religious Studies at St. Jerome's University and Assisting Priest at St. Michael Parish helps us to understand our faith and beliefs surrounding these critical and moral issues. There is no fee. Feel free to bring a family member or friend who may also benefit from this topic. Everyone is welcome.

2019 ANNUAL RECEPTION FOR THE CARMELITE SISTERS

Monday, October 28th from 6:30-9:00 pm at Conestoga Place, 110 Manitou Dr, Kitchener. Dinner ticket is \$250 for two people; donations appreciated if you are unable to attend. Cheques payable to: Carmel of St. Joseph; mail to 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd, RR 1, St Agatha ON N0B 2L0. For information, contact Jane Malleck at 519-748-1225. You are welcome to join the sisters in prayer at daily Mass at the Carmel, 7:30am, Mon – Fri, and 8am Saturday and Sunday.

K-W Silver Stars presents **"SHOW STOPPERS,"** a one-hour musical variety show on **Sunday, November 3** at 2:00 p.m. at **St. Luke Lutheran Church, 317 Franklin Street North, Kitchener.** Free will offering.



PRAY TO END ABORTION

Annual Fall campaign, September 20th to November 3rd. Daily hours in front of Freeport Hospital are from 7am to 7pm. **Our Parish is sponsoring Saturday, October 26th** (all 12 hours on this day). We need at least 2 people to sign-up for each hour. In the narthex you will see Adopt-a-Day sign-up sheets on the 40 Days for Life table. Please consider signing up for one or more hours that day. You can sign up for more prayer hours at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or by calling Patrick (519-748-5548) or Ewelina (519-589-2919).

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

- Oct. 7 - Rev. Meskel Abib Aibu, O.F.M.
- Oct. 8 - Rev. Miro Grubisic, O.F.M.
- Oct. 9 - Society Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Oct. 10 - Rev. Octavio Cidadao
- Oct. 11 - Rev. Francisco Cruz
- Oct. 12 - Rev. Stanley Zaryczny, C.R.

Prayer for Vocations:

God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Beginning Sunday, October 20th (9:30 Mass)

We're happy to be offering Children's Liturgy of the Word weekly at the 9:30 Mass, starting October 20th. Children (aged 5 to grade 3) will be called up to the front of the church after the opening prayer and dismissed with their catechists to listen to a simplified version of that day's Gospel. Children will then return to their pews after the prayers of the faithful. No registration is necessary, just bring your children to Mass.

Annual St. Mark's Parish Famous Italian

Spaghetti Supper & Salad Bar

SUNDAY, NOV. 3 | 5:00 to 7:00 PM | Parish Hall

Sponsored by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus, 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, hot and cold drinks and plenty of fun. All proceeds from the dinner and 50/50 draw will go toward the final payment purchase of a defibrillator for the parish.

Tickets go on sale next weekend (Oct. 12/13) after all Masses.

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

Family: 2 Adults & 3 children: \$35 (additional guests \$2 each)

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



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