

St. Mark Catholic Parish

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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 Mass.

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

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 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:

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| <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 # or email: _____

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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions: October 10 – 15, 2017

MONDAY - NO MASS – *Happy Thanksgiving!*

Tuesday (FERIAL)

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

7:00 PM + Dean Gallant – *Shirley Sanvido*

Wednesday (ST. JOHN XXIII)

7:00 am – Int. of Fr. Don Sanvido – *Legion of Mary*

Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Raymond Laurette – *the Laurette family*

3:00 PM – Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care

Friday (FERIAL)

6:30 PM – ROSARY

7:00 PM – MASS & BLESSING OF NEW GROTTO

+ Johnny O'Dwyer – *Mark & Eleanor Lawlor*

Saturday (OUR LADY'S SATURDAY)

9:00 am + Kathleen Donovan – *John*

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

Sat. 5:00 PM – Int. of Kathy Smith – *Catherine Mackid*

Sun. 9:30 am – Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

11:30 am + Theresia Bauer – *Trudy Dallosch*

St. John XXIII – Pope from 1958-1963, best known for convening the Second Vatican Council. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II on September 3, 2000. His feast is assigned to the day on which the first session of Vatican II opened in 1962. His pontificate, which lasted less than five years, presented him to the entire world as an authentic image of the Good Shepherd. Meek and gentle, enterprising and courageous, simple and active, he carried out the Christian duties of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy: visiting the imprisoned and the sick, welcoming those of every nation and faith, bestowing on all his exquisite fatherly care.

Offertory Collections Sept. 30/Oct. 1, 2017

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,486.80
Sunday loose	\$513.15
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12+52).....	<u>\$ 1,235.31</u>
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....	\$ 4,235.26
Mortgage envelopes	\$ 630.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12+52).....	<u>\$ 246.81</u>
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....	\$ 876.81
Our Lady of Fatima Grotto Fund	105.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

*Blessing of Grotto to
Our Lady of Fatima*

Please join us for a parish celebration
in honor of Our Blessed Mother

THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13th

6:30 p.m. Rosary ~ 7:00 p.m. Mass

Following Mass, a Candlelight Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the new grotto for the blessing of the statue of Mary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Liturgy will finish by 8:30 and a reception will follow.

There will be no 7 a.m. Mass on Friday, October 13.

Mass on that day will be celebrated at 7 pm.



Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Oct. 9	7:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Oct. 10	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus executive mtg.
Wed. Oct. 11	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
	7:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 choir practice
Thur. Oct. 12	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
Fri. Oct. 13	6:00 am	(L)	Men's Group
	6:30 am	(CH)	Rosary
	7:00 pm	(CH)	Mass & Blessing of New Grotto
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' Group
Sat. Oct. 14	10:30 am	(L)	Writers' Group

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

SIX APPARITIONS of OUR LADY of FATIMA

1st Apparition – On May 13, 1917, Blessed Mary appears for the first time to the children as they are tending the sheep in Fatima, Portugal. The children — Lucia dos Santos, age ten, Francisco Marto, age nine, and Jacinta Marto, age seven were cousins. Blessed Mary urged the children to *"Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world, and the end of the war."* (World War I)

2nd Apparition – As promised, on June 13, 1917, Blessed Mary appeared again instructing the children to continue to Fatima say the Rosary every day and for Lucia to learn to read and write. She told Lucia that God wants to *"establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart in the world."* Whoever embraces it is promised salvation.

3rd Apparition – On July 13, 1917 in addition to urging the children to continue to say the Rosary for peace in the world, Blessed Mary told the children to pray for the conversion of sinners and all the sins committed against her Immaculate Heart. In this apparition, Mary revealed three secrets or prophetic visions.

4th Apparition – In August, the children were prevented by the disapproving civil authorities to go to their usual meeting place and missed Mary's apparition on the 13th day. However, on August 19, Blessed Mary appeared to the children and urged them to continue to say the Rosary and to *"Pray for the many souls that go the hell because there is none who pray for them."*

5th Apparition – By the fifth apparition on September 13, the children were joined by thousands of onlookers. People went to see Mary but only the children saw the apparitions of Mary and described them to the people. The Blessed Lady appeared to the children with the message: *"Continue to pray the Rosary in order to obtain the end of the war. In October Our Lord will come, as well as our Lady of Sorrows and Our Lady of Carmel, Saint Joseph will appear with the Child Jesus to bless the world. In October I will perform a miracle so that all may believe."*

6th Apparition – On October 13, 1917 the children surrounded by a crowd of 70,000 people stood under a torrential rain as Blessed Mary appeared and revealed her identity: *"I am the Lady of the Rosary, I desire here a chapel in my honor to be built, that people continue to recite the Rosary every day."* On this last day the Miracle of the Sun occurred. Many described the miracle similarly: Mary opened her hands and launched a ray of light in the direction of the sun; the rain stopped suddenly and there appeared an exceptionally bright sun. The sun began to turn, projecting colorful bands of light. Then the sun appeared as if it was spinning out from the sky and towards the crowd, as people fell to their knees and begged for mercy. Meanwhile, as promised, the three children saw the Blessed Lady dressed in white with a blue cape, along with St. Joseph with the Child Jesus blessing the world. Then after this vision they saw The Lord bless the world, standing next to Our Lady of Sorrows. After this vision vanished, they saw Our Lady once more, this time resembling Our Lady of Carmel.

★ **ALTAR SERVERS** – If you are able to serve for the Mass this **Friday, Oct. 13** at 7:00 p.m. for the Blessing of the Grotto, **please sign up on the sheet posted in the sacristy.** You must be able to attend a **rehearsal for that Mass on Thursday, October 12 at 7 p.m.**

LITURGICAL ROLES			
OCT. 14 & 15	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	A./J. Rye	C. Chacon N. D'Souza
Commentator:	M. Serschen	B. Sawarna	I. Kanggaloo
Lector:	K. Smith	P. Enticott	O. Sirju
Ushers:	L. Macedo R. Phillips	L. Koehler I./D. Culley	B. Voisin M. Monte
Gift Bearers:	Buchanan	Cerantola	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia G. Jans C. Dokis	G./T. MacNeil L. McCullough	B./S. Markides F. Kanggaloo

Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone

Whenever we pray, we should always first begin with thanksgiving to God. In fact, the word “*Eucharist*” is a transliteration of the Greek word *eucharistia*, which is itself a translation of the Hebrew word *berakah* and all three words have the meaning of thanksgiving, or praise for the wonderful works of God. Today, it is fitting for God’s people to offer public thanks for all the gifts we have received. The bountiful produce of the earth is a visible sign of the many blessings God wants to shower on us through Christ (EPHESIANS 1:3-10). In turn, we are to share the goods of the earth with all people.



St. Mark’s Parish Famous Italian Spaghetti Supper & Salad Bar 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. **Tickets NOW ON SALE after all weekend Masses in the Narthex until Oct. 29.**

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.

“**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 Nov. 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 bin will be set up in the narthex.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Pray to End Abortion

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 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.

C.W.L. News

St. Mark’s C.W.L. would like to invite you for an **Evening of Prayer at the Carmelite Monastery on Thurs. Oct. 19th**. We begin with Mass at 7:00pm followed by a talk on our Blessed Virgin Mary given by Fr. Steve. Refreshments will be provided; please bring a light snack to share. There will be time to purchase religious artifacts and hand-made items offered by the Sisters. Car pooling is available – we meet in the church parking lot at 6:15. A monetary donation for the Sisters will be appreciated. For more info please call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519.



FEAST OF ALL SOULS

Thursday, November 2
Mass on this day will be celebrated 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 that 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 Mass that day, please place the names of the deceased on a blank envelope and place in the Offertory Collection or give to Pam, at the Parish office.

If you would like to request a candle to burn in their memory during Mass, please leave a **\$5 offering for each candle** you request. These will be **4-day candles** that you may take home at the end of Mass or leave for them to continue to burn in the church.

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or knowing more about the Catholic Faith, you may leave your name and contact information with the parish office 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 will **begin in October** and consist of weekly Wednesday evening meetings that will continue until the last week of Lent, March 21st.

To become a full member of the Catholic Faith, a person must receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. The program, therefore, is for people who have (1) never been baptized; (2) been baptized in another Christian Faith and are now seeking to be accepted into full communion with the Catholic Church, and (3) been baptized in the Catholic Church but have not received both Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

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.

Thanksgiving Food Drive - Our St. Vincent de Paul Society’s stocks are low! If you wish to contribute non-perishable food, please drop it off in the plastic bin at the back of the church. At present, we are in need of **jam, canned fruit, canned meat and tuna, canned kidney beans and chickpeas, peanut butter and tomato sauce.** All food collected goes to people in need in our parish. Both St. Mark’s School and St. Dominic’s School are contributing. *Thank you for your generosity!*

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