

St. Mark Catholic Parish

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Let us be thankful ...

*Let us be thankful for
the blessings we receive.*

Let us be thoughtful of others.

Let us remember dear and close friends.

Let us have faith in tomorrow.

Let us live life as a Golden Rule.

Let us find sunlight through the clouds.

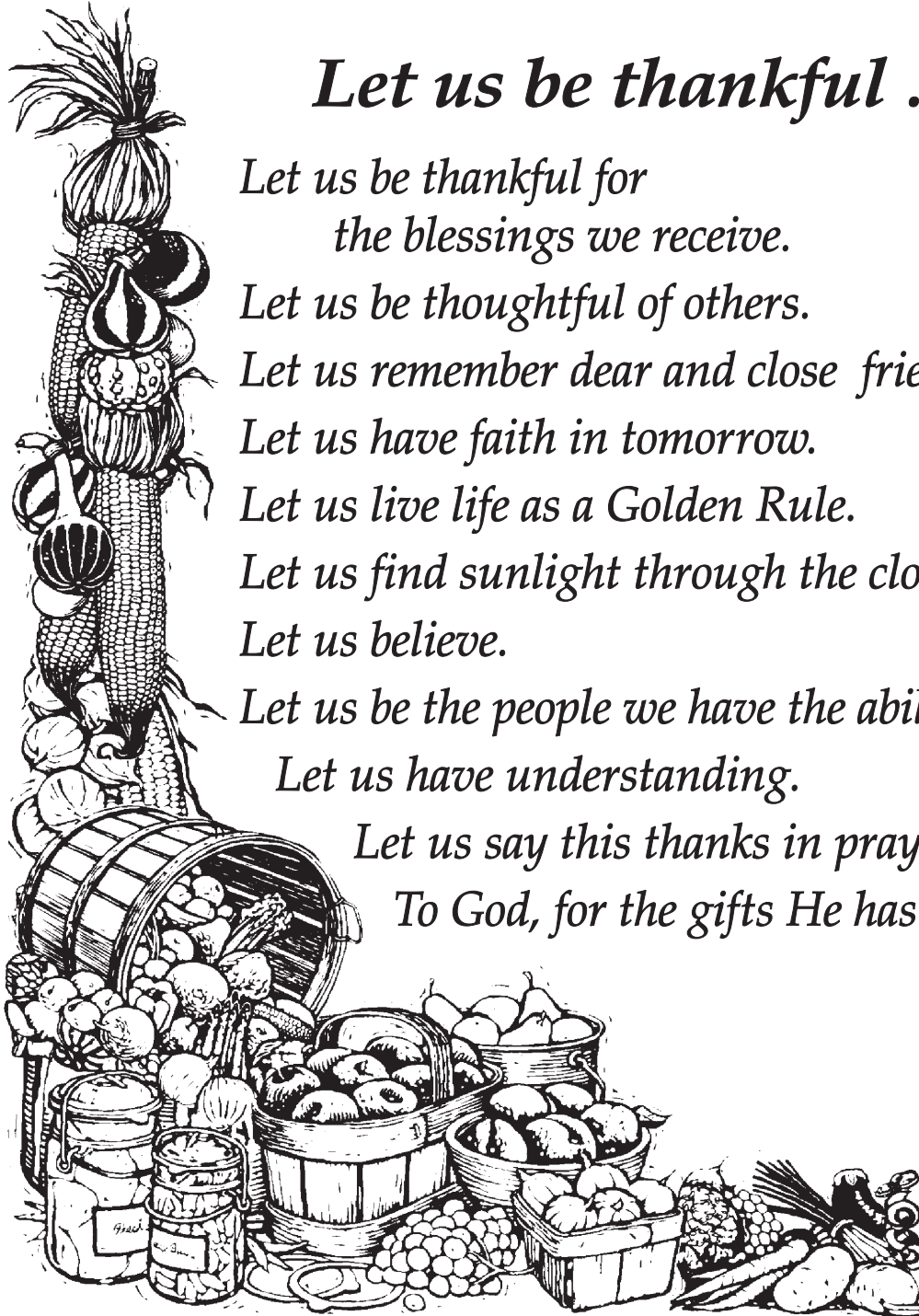
Let us believe.

Let us be the people we have the ability to be.

Let us have understanding.

Let us say this thanks in prayer

To God, for the gifts He has given.



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship This Week:

October 10 – 16, 2016

Monday **THANKSGIVING DAY**

★ 9:00 am + Fern Mainguy – *Sherril Dokis*

Tuesday

10:30 am – FUNERAL for Cynthia Grills

2:30 PM – MASS AT LANARK HEIGHTS LONG TERM CARE

7:00 PM + Victoria Dypak – *Dan & Rose Wycoco*

Wednesday

7:00 am – Int. of Brian Flood – *Flood family*

9:15 am – THANKSGIVING MASS WITH ST. MARK SCHOOL

Thursday

7:00 am – Int. of Brendan Flood – *Flood family*

3:00 PM – MASS AT FOREST HEIGHTS LONG TERM CARE

7:00 PM – Gr. 7 Parents' Information Meeting for Confirmation

Friday

7:00 am + Kay Donovan – *John Donovan*

Saturday (MEMORIAL – ST. TERESA OF JESUS)

9:00 am + Lena Fegan – *Bernie & Barrie McCourt*

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8

SAT. 5:00 PM + Theresia Bauer – *Trudy Dallosch*

SUN. 9:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

11:30 am + Olivia Baptista – *Jose Baptista*

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: Thanksgiving Monday, Oct. 10th

Offertory Collections

Sept. 24/25, 2016

Sunday envelopes..... \$ 2,594.00

Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52) \$ 1,357.50

Loose monies \$ 481.25

TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS..... \$ 4,432.75

Mortgage envelopes.....\$ 998.00

Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52) \$ 276.92

TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS..... \$ 1,274.92

Needs of the Canadian Church.....\$ 45.00

Thank you for your generosity!!

S.M.Y.C.A.

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

**YOUNG
ADULTS**

► "What does it TRULY mean to be "pro-life"?"

Join us on **Saturday, October 15th** as we consider this question together! Our evening will begin at 6:15 pm at St. Mark's Parish, where we will meet to watch the critically acclaimed film, *"The Dropbox"*.

All parishioners are invited to join us for this portion of our evening!

Due to scheduling changes with the 40-Days For Life Campaign, we will no longer be going to Freeport that day. We will instead head directly over to a local pub to discuss the film and what it means to be pro-life. We will volunteer with the 40-Days Campaign at a different time in the next few weeks ... stay tuned for updates!

► Halloween Hijinks – Saturday, October 22nd at 7pm in the

parish hall. Our evening will include pumpkin carving, with a prize for the most creative design, and end with Glow-In-The-Dark Capture-The-Flag! Admission is \$5 to cover the cost of the pumpkins. For full event details, visit our Facebook at StMarksYoungCatholicAdults. RSVP via email at StMarksYoungCatholicAdults@gmail.com, or on Facebook.

LITURGICAL ROLES

	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	<i>Thank you to all who signed up for these ministries, either as new or returning members! Watch for full "October to June" schedules to be ready for pick-up in the narthex.</i>		
Commentator:			
Lector:			
Ushers:			
Gift Bearers:			
Eucharistic Ministers:			

First Communion & Confirmation PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS:



Confirmation Info. Meeting: For parents of children in Gr. 7, **Thursday, October 13th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.



First Communion Info. Meeting: For parents of children in Gr. 2, **Thursday, October 20th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

Registration Forms for these sacraments have been distributed to students in Grades 2 and 7 at St. Mark's and St. Dominic's Schools. Please check your child's backpack, fill out the form and bring it with you to the information meeting.

If your child attends another school, please pick up a form today in the church lobby, fill it out, and bring it with you to the info meeting.

*Fall
Bazaar*

Save the date!
Saturday, October 29th
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

*Drop in to the Parish Hall to shop
from over 25 different vendors!*

\$\$ • PROCEEDS WILL GO TO OUR MORTGAGE FUND • \$\$

Rosary for the Unborn

Join us on **Tuesday evenings in October at 6:40 p.m.** in the church to pray the Rosary for the Unborn, in solidarity with the 40 Days for Life fall campaign. Led by the Catholic Women's League. All are welcome.



Monthly Children's Mass

Dedicated to the children of the 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

New!

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



Campaign: Sept. 28th to Nov. 6th
We stand and pray in witness in front of Freeport Hospital for all life but

especially for the weakest and most defenseless – the child in the womb. Daily hours are from 6 am until 9 pm, seven days a week. To sign up for hours or more info please visit: www.40daysforlife.com.

Our parish has adopted Fri. Oct. 14th & Wed. Oct. 26th. A big thank you to all parishioners who signed up for an hour of witnessing!

Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances the vigil hours of 6 am, 7 pm, and 8pm have been cancelled. Vigil hours will only run from 7 am to 7 pm. More info and sign ups in the narthex.

St. Mark's Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



All are welcome to our chapel to spend time visiting with our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider making a weekly commitment to an hour of your choice, or by signing up for one of these vacant hours:

- Sunday 4-5pm
- Monday 3-4am
- Monday 9-10am
- Tuesday 12-1am
- Tuesday 3-4am
- Tuesday 4-5am
- Thursday 7-8am
- Friday 7-8pm
- Saturday 11-12noon
- Saturday 12noon - 1pm
- Saturday 6-7pm
- Saturday 7-8pm

For information about our chapel, please call Colette at 519-576-7490.

Syrian Family Sponsorship Update

The family sponsored by our parish arrived in Canada from Lebanon on Monday, September 19 and, already, many good things have happened. In addition to helping them get to know their new neighbourhood, members of our sponsorship committee have been helping the family with school enrolment, shopping, language assessment meetings, getting library cards, planning upcoming outings (they love swimming!), and much more. We've had a few bumps along the way (such as occasional language barriers) but so far, so good. It will take time for the family to settle; we'll do our best to help. Again, on behalf of St. Mark's Sponsorship Committee, many thanks for your prayers, support and generosity. - *Daina Feick*



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 will be available for home visitations beginning in October, the month of the Holy Rosary, and will continue 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. ... Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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? Classes will begin in November for all who are interested in becoming Catholic or considering the Catholic faith. Please call the parish office or speak to Fr. Don after Mass soon to inform us of your interest.

Are you in the process of planning your wedding?

Don't wait to register for the Waterloo Region Marriage Preparation Course. Application forms and dates are available at your parish. Please speak to your pastor for a registration form. Please contact Kathy Fahey at marriageprep.waterloo@gmail.com for information.



A RECIPE FOR FAITH: Choosing and Using the Right Ingredients

Guest Speaker, Anne Jamieson from the Hamilton Diocese, will speak at **St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Kitchener** CWL General Meeting on **Tuesday, October 11th** after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. In the season of Thanksgiving for the harvest, we'll consider what is fresh, fragrant and abundant for our own recipe for faith and how to pass that on to others. Following her talk we will have refreshments and dessert. To end the evening we will have a short meeting. All are welcome.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY - Saturday, October 15th from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m., 3570 King Street East, Kitchener ("40 Days for Life" vigil site opposite Freeport Hospital). Come pray with us, asking Our Blessed Mother to intervene to Her Son so that He may help Canada and the world in these times of great trial. Supplication and prayers for God's blessings on Canada. For more information call 905 630 3227. www.canadaneedsourlady.org

R.C.I.A. REUNION - Sunday, October 16th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at **St. Michael's Church Hall, Waterloo.** We welcome all former and present RCIA members of St. Michael's Parish (*priests, catechists, candidates, parish sponsors, godparents and pew partners*) to renew friendships, tell stories and see some of the pictures from their time. Refreshments & snacks will be served. Please R.S.V.P. by Oct. 11th to jeanbalahura@rogers.com.

AMORIS LAETITIA – THE JOY OF LOVE - Love is a word used to describe many things. In his Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis engages us in a genuine perspective on how to understand love from the perspective of both the Church teachings and the family. He presents both the goodness and challenges of the family and, with keen insights, points out some of the issues faced by families in the world today. Join the C.W.L. of **St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener** on **Wed. Oct. 19th** from 7:00 – 9:00 PM to hear more about love and the family as Pope Francis sees them. Presented by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Director, Diocese of Hamilton. All are welcome, so bring a friend.

ST. ANNE PARISH FALL CARD PARTY - Monday, October 24th, Corner of East & Pandora Avenues, Kitchener. Doors Open at 6pm, Lunch served at 7pm. Admission \$8. Great Prizes, Two \$50 Cash Prizes, Quilts and so much more!

ST. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH 50th ANNIVERSARY - You are invited to join us for a great evening of choral and organ music! LAURIER SINGERS CHAMBER CHOIR with LEE WILLINGHAM (conductor) and JAN OVERDUIN (concert organist) will bring you a feast of beautiful music from the 17th to 21st Century! Join us **Friday, October 28th** at 7:30 PM, 29 Midland Drive, Kitchener. Tickets \$15 at the door or purchase in advance by calling the parish at 519-893-6960.

ROCK 'N ROLL IS HERE TO STAY! 50's & 60's Music – Fundraiser for 7 year old Dalton who has Muscular Dystrophy. He needs an elevator in his home. **Saturday, Oct. 29th** from 8 p.m.- 1 a.m. at the **Bridgeport Rod & Gun.** Please contact Doug or Sandy Zinger (519) 648-2939 for tickets.

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