

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:

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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 Number: _____

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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship This Week:

Oct. 5 – 11, 2015

Monday

7:00 am + David Baggey – *Baggey family*

Tuesday

7:00 pm + Ann Kavanagh – *Ron & Barb Denomme*

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY)

7:00 am + Mary Dalton – *Derek & Connie Keough*

Thursday

7:00 am + Catherine “Kay” Trusz – *P. & S. Appelman*

Friday

7:00 am + K. S. Joseph – *K. O. Baby and Family*

Saturday

9:00 am + Anna Bergant – *Kathleen & George Sehl*

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

Sat. 5:00 pm Int. of Peter & Sharon McFadden – *G. & C. Thiel*

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

11:30 am + Kathleen Blanchard – *M./E. & Gino Sturino*

Offertory Collections

SEPT. 26/27, 2015

Sunday envelopes \$ 3,206.00

Loose monies \$ 443.10

TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS \$ 3,649.10

Needs of the Canadian Church \$612.00

Mortgage Fund \$ 245.00

St. Vincent de Paul's White Box (Sept.) \$ 442.67

REMINDER: Pre-Authorized Debits begin October 15th!

Thank you to all who have signed up so far for this new plan (your first withdrawal will take place Oct. 15th, and every month thereafter). We've had 50+ families sign up to date, which is a great start. Although the plan is not mandatory, it can be a great convenience for families and individuals who wish to automate their donations. Those who sign up can still use your box of envelopes for donating toward special collections (i.e. diocesan, Christmas, Easter, etc.) and for those times when you may wish to augment your Sunday contribution. Any questions can be directed to Pam at the parish office (519-571-9200 or email stmark@rogers.com). To sign up for this process, simply pick up a form in the narthex, or call the parish office to request one.



SPIRIT CREW

St. Mark's Ministry for Youth (Grade 6 and Up)

■ FIRST FAITH-SHARING NIGHT

Friday, October 23rd from 7-9 p.m.

Faith Sharing Meetings are held bi-weekly throughout the school year in the Church Basement. Come expecting to learn more about your faith through discussion and bible teaching along with forming great friendships with other youth. Please remember to bring your bible, a pencil/pen and a donation for the snack that will be provided. Please let us know if you will be attending! Email Christine at cutting_abcd@rogers.com.

LAST SIGN-UP SUNDAY TODAY!

We have extended Sign-up Sunday for one more weekend (Oct. 3/4 in the narthex) for those who missed signing up on the past two weekends.

All current ministers and volunteers, and any new and interested parishioners are asked to sign the sheet for your chosen ministry*.

Many hands make light work! If we have enough help, then each person's time commitment is reduced.

** A reminder to anyone in a high-risk ministry to make sure you have submitted a POLICE CHECK to the parish office within the last 5 years. If you have not yet done this, or need to renew your check, please be sure to pick up a letter to present to the police station to receive a volunteer discount. Copies are available at the sign up tables or at the parish office.*

St. Mark's Parish Famous Italian Supper & Salad Bar Sunday, November 8, 2015

5:00 - 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall

Now an annual tradition here at St. Mark's! Sponsored by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus. Join us, your family and friends for superb Italian food, a delicious multi-item salad bar, a wine bar and plenty of fun. **Tickets will be sold after all Masses in the Narthex on weekends starting Oct. 10/11 until Oct. 31/Nov. 1** by fine looking members of our own Knights of Columbus.

To reserve tickets call John Deneau @ 519-741-0434.

Adults: \$12 | Children 2-12 yrs.: \$6 | under 2 yrs.: FREE



K-W Right to Life Memorial Day: TODAY (Sun. Oct. 4)

from 2-3 p.m. in front of **Kitchener City Hall**, 200 King Street West. Speaker at 2:55 p.m. We remember over 3.5 million lives lost to abortion in Canada since 1970 and the effects on their parents, families and the nation. Call Right to Life 519-746-5433.

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? For more information please contact the parish office at 519-571-9200 or speak to Fr. Don.

First Communion & Confirmation PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS:



First Communion Info. Meeting: For parents of children in **Gr. 2, Thursday, October 15th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.



Confirmation Info. Meeting: For parents of children in **Gr. 7, Thursday, November 5th** 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

Registration Forms for these sacraments are being distributed currently to students in Grade 2, and near the end of October to students in Grade 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 obtain a form in the church lobby.

PRAY TO END ABORTION:

Abortion is a major problem all over the world, with millions of lives being terminated every year. This is especially a tragic problem in Canada, as there are no abortion laws whatsoever, which means a child's life can be taken away even days before birth!



From Sept. 23rd to Nov. 1st we invite you to join together with over 100,000 people across North America who will simultaneously participate in **40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.** *40 Days for Life™* saves the lives of children in the womb who do not have the chance to stand up for themselves. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information on how you can get involved.

A note from Fr. Don...

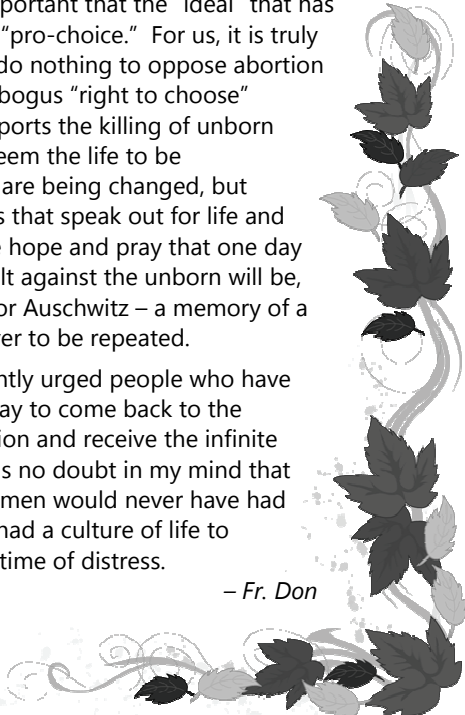
I was in Ithaca, New York this summer visiting family. In the town square even outdoor smoking is prohibited because of the crowds and the number of children present. So, that's good – no problem. At the same time, a huge poster is visible advertising the "services" of Planned Parenthood [P.P.]. This outfit is dedicated to horrible things including the killing of the unborn child. P.P. has an "ideal" they call "pro-choice." On the one hand, smoking is prohibited in the square to protect the young. On the other hand, in the name of "freedom," P.P. is advertised so that expectant mothers might be deceived into thinking that abortion would be a satisfying option for them. What a gross contradiction!

Adolf Hitler had an idea of the "super race," which included the notion that "undesirables" could be "eliminated" in order to advance this "ideal." A former soldier in the German army during Hitler's reign told me that the great shame of his nation was that the silent majority did or said little (likely out of fear) to oppose Hitler until the full horror of his plan was revealed – by then it was too late. (The above was his assessment of the situation – he was there, I wasn't.)

To be sure, an unborn child is a gift from God, a real human being and infinitely more important than the "ideal" that has come to be known as "pro-choice." For us, it is truly inexcusable to say or do nothing to oppose abortion out of deference to a bogus "right to choose" philosophy which supports the killing of unborn human life once we deem the life to be "undesirable." Hearts are being changed, but only because of voices that speak out for life and bear witness to it. We hope and pray that one day soon the "legal" assault against the unborn will be, in a way, like Dachau or Auschwitz – a memory of a past horror that is never to be repeated.

Pope Francis has recently urged people who have sinned in the above way to come back to the Sacrament of Confession and receive the infinite mercy of God. There is no doubt in my mind that many (if not most) women would never have had an abortion had they had a culture of life to support them in their time of distress.

– Fr. Don



C.W.L. CORNER ...

CALLING ALL C.W.L. MEMBERS! Our CWL is looking for volunteers for our upcoming November 4th Card Party. We need sandwiches, desserts, preparation and clean up assistance. Any type of assistance from all parishioners is appreciated. Please see the CWL representative in the Narthex after Mass.



• **CARD PARTY – Wed. Nov. 4th** at 7:00 p.m.
St. Mark's C.W.L. is planning a Card Party in the parish hall. A key to the success of this event is having sufficient door prizes to generate high attendance. Any new item or gift certificate would be appreciated – no value is too small. Donors will receive recognition at the event. If you are able to assist us, please leave your donation with Pam at the parish during office hours, or contact Carmel at 519-208-4952. We would like to receive all prizes by October 23rd. Larger items, suitable for raffle are also welcomed, and pick-up of the item can be arranged by calling Carmel. At the last card party the C.W.L. was able to donate \$1000 of the proceeds to St. Mark's Parish. Thank you for your consideration.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. TERESA PARISH (44 Leonard St., Kit.)
Sunday, October 18th beginning with Mass at 2:00 p.m. with Bishop Daniel Miehms followed by a Wine and Cheese in the church hall. Come to share past stories and see a slide show going back into the past. Past Priests and Sisters will also be invited to join us. All are welcome. If you have any questions, e-mail Ann at st.teresa@stteresakit.ca.

CALLING ALL PHOENIX!! Resurrection Catholic Secondary School is celebrating our 25th Anniversary this fall with a reunion weekend scheduled for **October 23 -25**. Be sure to make plans to attend our full-scale Rez Reunion at the school on **Saturday, October 24th** beginning at 6:30 pm to mix & mingle with your high school friends. Current and former staff members will be present too! Tickets can be bought in advance for \$15 (by October 1st) – simply visit the school webpage for more information & to find ordering details for Rez Spirit Wear too!



MARRIED SINGLES LIFESTYLE – Oct. 23-25, 2015 (Niagara Falls)
The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. *Retrouvaille* teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has thousands of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress. For confidential info or to register please call 905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

SPECIAL MASS FOR THOSE LIVING WITH CANCER, THEIR FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS
Saturday, Oct. 24th at 1:00 p.m. at **Blessed Sacrament Church**. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered. Reception to follow. Free Will offering to be taken up. The Celebrant will be Bishop Ustrzycki.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING for the YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE
All are invited to gather with Bishop Crosby and the men and women religious of the Diocese of Hamilton on **Sunday, Nov. 1st** at 3:00 p.m. at the **Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate** (28 Norfolk St., Guelph).

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