

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 and 3:45 - 4:45 PM
or at other times by appointment.

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. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it off at the parish office. Parents and godparents are requested to come to the 11:30 AM Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month and stay for a brief preparation meeting.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
October through May at the 11:30 AM Mass.
Three separate drop-in programs for K-1, Gr. 2-3, and Gr. 4-5. 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 arrange to have a Mass celebrated for the intentions of a living person, or for the repose of the soul of a departed loved one, please fill out this request form, place it in a **separate** envelope and drop it in the Sunday collection, or slip it under the door of the parish office outside of office hours. The 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 recommends an offering of \$10.

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 your request at least 2-3 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship This Week

SEPT. 9 – 15, 2013

Monday

7:00 am + Arlene Gorman – J. & L. Cote

Tuesday

7:00 pm - Int. of Glenn Smith – Kathy

Wednesday

7:00 am - Int. of Ernest Doran – Stephanie Baskerville

Thursday

7:00 am - Int. of Diane Blanchette – Lisa Reitzel

Friday (memorial – St. John Chrysostom)

7:00 am + Mae Florence Runstedler – J. & L. Cote

Saturday (feast – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

9:00 am - Int. of Katherine Reidy – Lisa Reitzel

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32

Sat. 5:00 pm + Herbert Linus Waechter – Daniel Bartlett
- Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Sun. 9:30 am + Coleen Nagle – John & Elaine Kelly

11:30 am + Yvon Lalonde – Bruce & Paulette Shephard



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Resumes on **Sunday, Sept. 22nd** at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. All children in Kindergarten to Grade 3 are welcome.



Youth Choir

Attention all youth in Grade 1 and up!

Do you like singing? Do you enjoy music? Would you like to meet new friends? Then come on out and join the St. Mark's Youth Choir! The youth choir sings at two masses a month and also sings at special occasions like the First Communion Masses of nearby schools. **Practices will be held every Monday night in the church from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Our first practice will be this **Monday, Sept. 9th**. Hope to see you there! For more information, please see Sara Sawaya-Bester or Sandra Appelman. Thanks! sarasawaya@hotmail.com

The Alpha Course at St. Mark's

The Alpha course is an opportunity for anyone to re-ignite their Christian faith. There is a meal together at the beginning of each session, then a 40-minute video followed by group discussion – where no question is too simple or too 'out there.' It's low key, friendly and fun! **You are invited to a 'Come and See' this Thursday, Sept. 12th** at 7:00 p.m. There will be a chance to ask questions and check out a sample video. Refreshments will be provided. **Course begins Thursday, Sept. 26th** from 6:45 to 9:00 p.m. and runs until November 28th. To register, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ian Kangaloo at 519-743-1338 or email stmarkalpha@gmail.com. (alphacanada.org)



Parish Office Hours

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Offertory Collection Last Weekend Aug. 31/Sept. 1

Envelope Users.....	\$ 4,909.00
Loose monies.....	\$ 529.35
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 5,438.35
Mortgage Fund.....	\$724.00

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Mark's Spirit Crew

Our Parish's Ministry for Youth ~ Grade 6 and Up

■ GAMES NIGHT: Friday, Sept. 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Come join us for an evening of fun, laughter, fellowship, and snacks, to kick off our Faith Sharing season. Please let us know if you will be coming, so we make sure to have enough snacks for everyone. E-mail Lisa at maenpaa@primus.ca or Christine at cutting_abcd@rogers.com. We are really looking forward to seeing you all!

■ FAITH SHARING: Friday, October 4th from 7-9 p.m.

Please come and join us for an evening of faith and fellowship. Remember your bible, a journal and a free will offering for the snack that will be provided. Please do let us know if you will be attending! Email Lisa at maenpaa@primus.ca or Christine at cutting_abcd@rogers.com.

For Adults (16+) Interested in Conversion (R.C.I.A.)

One of the chief works of the Church is to instruct people in the faith. There are always people being directed by the Holy Spirit to join the Church. **If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please let us know as soon as possible.** Many details must be discussed, of course, and we will do so at the appropriate time. For now, **pick up an R.C.I.A. Registration Form in the church lobby**, fill it out and get it to the office or to me personally. Keep praying for guidance and, above all, do everything possible to get to Mass every Sunday.

May the Lord bring to completion the good work He has begun in you. God Bless. – Fr. Don

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS for First Communion & Confirmation:



FIRST COMMUNION

Parent Info Meeting:

For parents of children in Grade 2
Thursday, October 3rd
7:00 p.m. in the Church



CONFIRMATION

Parent Info Meeting:

For parents of children in Grade 7
Thursday, October 10th
7:00 p.m. in the Church

Registration Forms for these sacraments will soon be 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 a different school**, you can obtain a form in the church lobby.

7th Annual Cemetery Mass for the deceased of the Waterloo Region will be celebrated in the chapel of the Williamsburg Cemetery on **Saturday, Sept. 14th** beginning at 11:00 a.m. This Mass is offered for all who are buried in all the cemeteries of this region. Fr. Mark Morley will be the main Celebrant and Homilist. All are invited to attend this Mass and pray for our beloved dead.

10th Annual Walking Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Sorrowful Mother in St. Agatha Sunday, Sept. 15th. Gather at Beechwood Plaza Erb St. at 12:00 noon. Pilgrimage begins at 12:30pm. We walk to St. Agatha Church for a break followed by refreshments after Mass at Chapel Shrine. Seven Sorrows Rosary at 2:45pm led by St. Teresa CWL, followed by Mass at 3:00pm. It is a 6 kilometre walk from Beechwood Plaza to the Shrine. Walk one way only. We receive a ride back by anyone who wants to participate in the Mass only. All are welcome. Seven Sorrows Rosaries Available starting at \$3. Call 519-744-8330 for information.

Programs for Separated and Divorced

- **LEVEL 1 - (Learning to Cope)** and
- **LEVEL 2 - (Accepting the Situation)** are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Topics include: the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, guilt, loneliness, forgiveness, trust, singleness and children. Course fees: \$35 (Level 1) and \$45 (Level 2). Courses are held Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks, starting **Sept. 17th** from 7pm – 9pm at **St. Francis of Assisi Church**, Kitchener. Contact Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249, or St. Francis Parish 519-745-7301 to register.
- **LEVEL 3 (Enhancing Self-Esteem)** is also available for interested people who have completed Level 1 & 2. It will be held on Tuesday evenings for ten weeks starting **September 17th** here at **St. Mark's Parish** from 7-9 p.m. Course fee \$40. Contact Family Ministry Office at (905)528-7988 ext. 2249 to register.

12th Annual Vocations Mass

Sunday, Sept. 22nd at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Owen Sound during the 11:00 a.m. mass. We encourage parishioners to attend.

Hugs for Humanity Charity Dinner

The Next Chapter of St. Louis "Out of the Cold" is having a fundraising dinner on **Friday, Sept. 27th** at St. Louis Church Gym in Waterloo. Tickets are \$75 each (includes a \$50 tax receipt). Doors open 5:15, Dinner at 6:15. Starting May to November 2014 we are seeking new ways to help the homeless with affordable housing, clothing, support, etc. The current program does not change. We are not asking any more commitment from our current volunteers. However, if anyone wishes to volunteer for the next chapter it is a different setup: no 6-month shift obligations. For tickets and info please call Keith at 519-656-9005.



St. Mark's C.W.L. invites you to a
FALL CARD PARTY
Tuesday, September 17th
ST. MARK'S PARISH HALL
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Refreshments at 7:00 p.m.
Door prize draws at 9:30 p.m.



Admission \$7

Proceeds to help defray expenses of our parish's 25th anniversary.

Come away and pray for awhile

Praying with the Sisters of St. Joseph

All interested women are invited to join the Sisters of St. Joseph at the Motherhouse at 574 Northcliffe Avenue, Hamilton on **Saturday, Sept. 28th** from 9:30 am until 3 pm. The day will include Mass, spiritual presentation, time for prayer and reflection, lunch. Suggested contribution is \$20. Please call 905-528-0138 for directions or to register by Sept. 23.

KW Right to Life Memorial Day

Sunday, October 6th from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in front of K-W Health Centre, 835 King St. West, Kitchener. Speaker: Fr. Don Sanvido at 2:55 p.m. We remember over 3½ million lives lost to abortion in Canada since 1970 and the effects on their parents, families and the nation. Call 519-746-5433

Dear St. Mark's parishioners,

I'm so thankful to all of you for your prayers, generosity and support to me in past months and years. I don't know how to convey my gratitude, or how much I am enjoying my time at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. Here in the heart of the Church, I am seeing even more clearly the beauty of the Church and its teachings. The faculty and classes are great, and the meals are incredible.

All the seminarians here are having a great time together, with time for ping pong, foosball, and working out at the gym between prayer and class times. The men here are very orthodox and holy, and all the priests are extremely knowledgeable and wise, with hearts after the loving heart of Jesus.

Overall I wanted to thank each of you again for all your support, and ask your continued prayers for me and the other seminarians.

I also invite young people to consider what God may be calling them to in their own life. God has a particular mission for everyone, and only you can fulfill that mission that God has for you. Pray about it, and ask God to show you what that is. The success of His plan for the world depends on your decision to fulfill that mission or not. Your happiness also depends on accepting or rejecting God's call. For my part, I can personally vouch that the life of a seminarian is a life of great joy, peace, freedom and happiness. I've never been happier in my life.

I hope to come back occasionally when possible, but I don't know when that will be. In the meantime, I encourage anyone who would like to, to add me on Facebook. Please don't hesitate to contact me at any time for anything.

In Christ,

Gregory Merkley

Seminarian for the Diocese of Hamilton

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