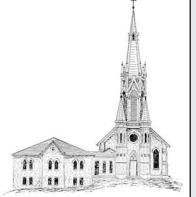
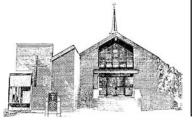
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St. Mary of the Assumption Owen Sound Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am



St. Vincent, Meaford Sunday 11:00 am



St. Thomas The Apostle, Tobermory Saturday 11:30 am



St. Mark, Lions Head Saturday 9:30 am



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WEEKDAY MASSES

Owen Sound:	Monday-Friday Tuesday, Thursday	
Sauble Beach: (Apr-Oct)	1st, 3rd, 5th Wed. of the month	7:00 pm
Hepworth: (Nov-Mar)	1st, 3rd, 5th Wed. of the month	7:00 pm
Meaford:	2nd, 4th Wed. of the month	7:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am-12 noon; 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

CONFESSIONS 30 minutes before all weekday and the Lord's Day Masses.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to your new parish! You will find registration forms in the pews. Fill one out and drop it in the collection basket.



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Meetings: Every 2nd Monday – 7:30 pm; Mass: 7:00 pm

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INSURANCE AGENT Carlos Diaz – 519-500-0947



519-371-0627

St. Basil's School 519-376-9370

Notre Dame Catholic School 519-371-0161

St. Mary's High School 519-376-4278



St. Mary of the Rosary, Hepworth Sunday 9:00 am (Nov-Mar)



Holy Family, Sauble Beach Saturday 5:00 pm (July-Aug) Sunday 9:00 am (Apr-Oct)



St. Stanislaus, Chatsworth Sunday 9:00 am



St. Thomas Aquinas, Wiarton Sunday 11:00 am



St. Mary's, Cape Croker Sunday 1:00 pm

3rd Sunday of Advent December 16, 2018



Mass Intentions

December 17 - 23 Mon 9:00 am – Tony Rovers (Int) Tue 9:00 am - Coral Burges + 7:00 pm - Catherine Newton + Wed 9:00 am – Sr. Justina (50th Jubilee – Int) 10:00 am Lee Manor - Bill Alexander + 7:00 pm Hepworth - Roger Mueller + Thu 9:00 am – Celina Hamilton (Int) 10:00 am John Joseph - Earl & Marian Hoffman + 7:00 pm – Suzanne Gariepy (Int) Fri 9:00 am - Carol Ann Norcott (Int) 10:00 am Seasons – Don Cameron + Saturday – December 22 9:30 am Lion's Head – Mass 11:30 am Tobermory - Mary Walser + 5:00 pm Owen Sound - Earl & Marian Hoffman + Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 23 9:00 am Chatsworth- Carl Hunt + 9:00 am Hepworth - Rita Rudolph + 9:00 am Owen Sound - Ross Cruikshank, Jr. + 11:00 am Owen Sound - Madeline Woods + 11:00 am Wiarton - Pro Populo 11:00 am Meaford - Ida Degilio + 1:00 pm Cape Croker - Mass

From the Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

This week we pray for:

Fr. Sam Restivo
Fr. Tim Uniac
Missionaries
Fr. Stephen Murrin
Fr. Timothy Higgins
Fr. Romelito Guillen

- * Sacrament of Anointing & Communion to the Sick: Available upon request
- * Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Friday from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

What's Happening December 17 - 23

Tuesday – Senior Cards	1:00 pm
Tuesday – RCIA	
Wednesday – Prayers & Squares	9:30 am
Wednesday – Choir	7:00 pm
Thursday – Prayer Ministry	
Friday – Divine Mercy Devotion	3:00 pm
Saturday – Ultreya	9:15 am

From the Pastor's Desk.

The season of Advent is divided into two section: first two weeks are all about heaven, the last two weeks are about God coming to earth. Whenever we read about heaven we see how God is preparing a place for us, how much He desires to give us everything we desire. God's love is expressed in the care with which God prepares for us. As we draw closer to Christmas we shift our focus on God

coming to visit us on earth, and we are invited to reflect on our preparations for God's visit with us. God makes room for us in His home, we should also make room for God in our homes. When Jesus was born there was no place for Him, no one was ready to welcome Him. How sad it is when a guest comes and he is not welcomed. As Christians we are called to prepare our homes, our families and our lives for Jesus who wishes to come and visit with us. How we live, how we treat one another, how we conduct ourselves in this world speaks volumes about us. As Christians we are called to be in the business of hospitality, ready to welcome the stranger, the lonely, the needy, the lost, the forgotten, etc. In many ways Jesus is that stranger, He is forgotten by our world today. He cannot be forgotten by us, He must be welcomed, anticipated, celebrated, and honoured. May our preparations for Christmas this year proclaim loud and clear that God is welcome in our homes, lives, world.

Fr. Wojtek Kuzma

A Seminarian's Thoughts:

About a week after I arrived home that June, Fr. William Slattery came to our house to visit. He was the holy Irish priest who had greatly inspired me to become a Legionary since I had first met him at the Legionary boys' camp. Fr. William and I went out on the porch to talk about my situation. As I mentioned last week, my dad had revealed that it was Fr. William who had advised my parents to remove me from the Legion while they still could. What did Fr. William know?

He explained that there were deep-seated problems in their formation process. They did not give you proper freedom to discern your vocation. Once you were in, you were not permitted to doubt your call-God had you there for a reason, so to question anything was considered weak or being unfaithful to God's call. Also, the Legion had some cult-like attributes. Besides the standard vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, there were two secret vows that every Legionary had to take: a vow of humility and vow of charity. The vow of humility was to never seek promotion or higher office within the Legionary hierarchy. Verv commendable; Our Lord said something similar. But the vow of charity was problematic. A Legionary vowed never to criticize his superiors. This could be a good thing, but the way it was usually practiced meant that the higher-ups in the Legion acted without scrutiny or questioning. This is one of the primary ways cults function. You cannot criticize or question the leaders. To do so is considered disloyalty. But this was just the tip of the iceberg. As Fr. William was about to tell me, the entire Legion of Christ congregation was built on a lie. A big lie. A mountain of a lie.

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Remember with joy Rev. Edwin J. Kline, CSB, age 91, who died November 27th at Presentation Manor in Scarborough. He was a Basilian for 67 years and a priest for 62. He served St Mary's & Missions from 1986 to 1989. "I knew Ed Kline as a young priest and as an old priest," writes Fr John Wheeler CSB. "Throughout his priestly life he was a kind and humble man. He used his talents to serve his confreres and to build bonds of friendship with the people he served. In his later years, when health and strength had abandoned him, he remained as cheerful as ever. He had 'put on the mind of Christ' and followed the "way" that Jesus traced for him. He was one of my heroes, and his holy card will find a place in my office book at the Psalms of Sunday Week I, so that I can remember him often."

Vocations - Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious consecrated man or woman, and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Christmas Schedule

CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24

Lion's Head		pm
Wiarton	5	jpm
Meaford	5	5pm
Owen Sound	6pm, 9	pm

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25

Owen Sound	9am, 11am
Hepworth	
Chatsworth	
Cape Croker	11am

MARY MOTHER OF GOD. NEW YEAR

Monday, December 31

Tobermory	. 3pm
Wiarton	5pm
Meaford	. 5pm
Owen Sound	5pm
Tuesday, January 1	•
Owen Sound	11am
Hepworth	9am
Chatsworth	9am
Cape Croker	11pm

*In the Parish *

St. Mary's & the Missions Christmas Card to



Each Other - The deadline for including your name in the Christmas card is this Sunday, December 16th. Catholic Charities, a vital ministry

in our parish, depends on the donations from this Christmas card for the various individuals and charities they assist. Please put your donation envelope in the collection basket. Bless you for your support.



St. Mary's Giving Tree Project - There are tags on the Giving Tree in the foyer of St. Mary's Church. Please take a tag if you can, purchase the item described and return it (unwrapped) along with the tag, no later this Sunday -**December 16th**. We thank you for your generosity.

St. Mary's Choir Presents: An Advent Evening of



Lessons, Reflections and Music, this Sunday, December 16th at 7:00 pm, at St. Mary's Church. Come celebrate this beautiful season of preparation and readiness. Bring your family and friends. All

are welcome!

CWL Membership Fees are due now for 2019. The cost is \$25. Please use the blue envelope from your box

of envelopes. Be sure to put your name, address and phone number on the envelope and place it in the collection basket. Thank you.

It's that time of year again - Please be kind to those who clean the floors of our churches. It would be most helpful if you would stamp the snow AND the salt off your boots before entering the church. Thank you.



* In the Diocese *

The Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation (CWLF) is accepting applications for 2019 Leadership Program for Canadian Catholic women. The Program will be facilitated by the Providence School of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality, Saint Paul University, Ottawa, For more information about CWLF, the Leadership Program and to complete an application form, visit the website www.cwlfcanada.ca.



The Hamilton Diocese is conducting the One Heart. Soul One **Campaign** to raise money for every Parish in the Diocese and for shared

ministries. For a compilation of all questions asked regarding this campaign go to www.oneheartonesoul.ca What is the state of diocesan finances? Is this a desperate situation that requires a campaign? I've heard the Diocese has a lot of assets. Can't those be used? What kind of financial transparency can we expect during the campaign and beyond? These are some of the questions parishioners are asking. Find the answers at www.oneheartonesoul.ca

For the Sick, our fellow parishioners and family members who are in need of our prayers: for Mary Ann Burke, Marilyn Schinbein, Becki Knisley, Joanne LaFlamme Talbot, Terry Gurica, Marlene Lukie June Peet, Mike Adams, Sharon Cantlon, Tom McDonnell, Maureen McTeague, Vern Finlayson, Fred Fries, Josh Cahoon, and Sean McTeague, - We pray to the Lord. We are rebuilding our prayer list. If you or a loved one are in need of prayer, please call the office. Each year, at this time, we will begin our list anew.

Donations for December 8 / 9 were unavailable for this bulletin. They will be included next week.

God bless you for your generosity.

Have you considered PAR? (Pre-Authorized Remittance) It's an easy and convenient way to regularly donate to the parish directly from your bank account. Find the PAR form on our website, or come into the office to pick one up.

