

PRAY PLEASE FOR:

Olga Odorjan & Julia Hall

The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or Psalm 95.

WEEK AT A GLANCE (Mar 25- 31)

Mon	1:30 pm	Bible Study
	8:00 pm	Right to Life Meeting
	8:00 pm	AA
Tues	9:00 am	Lent School Confessions at St. Joseph's School
	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
	7:30 pm	Liturgy Meeting
	8:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wed	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion
	5:00 pm	Friendship Dinner
	6:30 pm	CAT Meeting
	6:30 pm	Folk Choir Practice
Thurs	8:30 am	Lent School Confessions at Monsignor O'Neil School
	11:00 am	Rosary- Tillsonburg Retirement
	11:30 am	Jollymakers - Bingo
	3:30 pm	Rosary-Maple Manor
	7:45 pm	RCIA
Fri	9:30 am	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	10:30 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	11:45 am	Benediction
	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat	8:00 am	Confessions before Mass
	8:45 am	Altar Server Retreat
	9:30 am	Confessions until 10:00 am
Sun	9:00 am	Sunday School
	3:00 pm	Family Catechism
	7:30 pm	VIA Practice

Altar Server (March 26 & 28) Michael Hopper

In the event of a funeral Mass on Wednesday or Friday, Mass will be cancelled and the Mass Intentions will be offered at the funeral.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – MAR 16/17

Regular Envelope	\$ 5070.00
Initial Envelope	\$ 40.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 20.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 260.00
Loose	\$ 360.40
Capital/Building Fund	\$ 60.00
Total	\$ 5810.40



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (March 30/31)

Saturday (5 pm)

Commentator: Cathy Palmer
 1st, 2nd Lector: Dan Mahony, Dorothy Lipsit
 Gift Bearers: Gary & Kathy Myny

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Veronica Holly, Kathy Myny, Dave Bertling, Linda Bertling,
 Greeter: Veronica Holly
 Rosary: Dorothy Lipsit

Sunday (9 am)

Commentator: Marlene Kirwin
 1st, 2nd Lector: TBD, Anne Stancek
 Gift Bearers: Bob & Sandra Laking

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Mariola Pleli, Wim Vink, Carol Van Moerkerke, Eric Van Moerkerke
 Greeter: Barbara Libon
 Rosary: Anne Stancek

Sunday (11 am)

Commentator: Janet Guralski
 1st, 2nd Lector: Helen Bobely, Elizabeth Czomba
 Gift Bearer: Helen Borbely

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Norbert Vanhooren, Ana Jayne, Ted Novakowski, Darlene Papaioannou
 Greeters: Nora Marie Bruder
 Rosary: Norbert Vanhooren



MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Mar 25- 31)

Tues	7:00 pm	David Peloso & Family Ben Lefebvre
Wed	10:00 am	John Pittao Nick Doneff Peter Lingaitis
Thurs	3:30 pm 7:00 pm	Mass- Harvest Retirement Centre Martha & Michael Demaiter Fr. Van Damme
Fri	10:00 am	Maria To Thanh Tung Ida Gastaldin
Sat	9:00 am	Tullio Cecchetto Julia Hall
Sun	5:00 pm 9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's Parishioners of St. Mary's



Let your roots go down into Christ,
 and let your lives be built on him.
 Then your faith will grow strong in the
 truth you were taught, and you will
 overflow with thankfulness.
 Colossians 2:7

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 Brian Hanley, Deacon
 Colleen Hanley, Pastoral Minister
 Teena Mendonca, Business Manager
 Melissa Sioen, Secretary

Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri
 (9 am - 12 pm, 1 pm - 4 pm)

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
 Sunday Masses: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Daily Mass

Tuesday, Thursday: 7:00 pm
 Wednesday, Friday: 10:00 am
 Saturday: 9:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 8:00 am -8:45 am & 9:30 am - 10:00 am or by appointment

Children's "Sunday School"

Oct to May, @ 9 am Mass

Catholic Schools

St. Joseph School: (519) 660-2783
 Msgr. O'Neil School: (519) 660-2772
 St. Mary's High School: (519) 675-4435

Baptism Preparation

Contact Father John, ext. 22

Weddings

By appointment, and 6 months notice

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 24, 2019

From Reach Out Ministry..

At St. Mary's Parish, we believe in the importance of helping people practice their faith, and feel as though they are a valued part of our parish community. Reach Out Ministry upholds this belief by committing a small portion of time to visit the people from our parish who are no longer able to attend church, due to illness and mobility issues. Our Reach Out Ministry is comprised of wonderful and generous volunteers who give their time once a month to go to the homes of shut-ins, with the intent to pray together, give Holy Communion, and provide a friendly visit to individuals who request it. Our volunteers have described volunteering with Reach Out Ministry as a rewarding experience that provides those that they are helping with a beautiful gift. People who become shut-ins often have a lack of face-to-face contact with others, which can often lead to feelings of loneliness. Not only does Reach Out Ministry give the benefit of allowing shut-ins to receive the gift of the Eucharist, but it also alleviates feelings of loneliness, as it increases the opportunity for these individuals to interact and chat with other people who share their value of faith and prayer. As for our volunteers, they have noted that they benefit from this experience because they are able to see how much their visits mean to the shut-in that receives them. Volunteers and shut-ins who are involved with St. Mary's Reach Out Ministry will also gain a closer connection to the church and its community, that goes beyond the church walls and into the homes of shut-ins. Being a part of this ministry teaches you that even a small commitment of time and friendship can make such a positive impact on an individual's life.

If you know of an individual who may benefit from being visited by volunteers from Reach Out Ministry and receiving the Body of Christ at their home, or, if you are interested in volunteering with Reach Out Ministry and understanding more deeply how your actions of friendship and prayer can affect the lives of shut-ins, please contact Elyse Pelland at ecpellan@edu.uwaterloo.ca.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School is a program for children who are age 3 (or toilet trained) until they enter grade 2 to help them learn the rituals of mass and hear the Gospel story in child friendly language, through craft and song. Father John, at the beginning of Mass, calls the children forward and they process to the Parish Centre with their leader and return to you during the offertory song. This year Sunday School will be available at the Sunday 9 AM Mass. For more information please contact Colleen Hanley (chanley@dol.ca) or call the office.

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2019 – CAN YOU HELP?

On July 12-14, 2019 our parish will be sending a bus of youth going into high school or already in high school to this amazing Conference! If you have a child in grade eight they are eligible to come to Steubenville this year! Mark your calendars ... we all BELONG! The cost is \$200 which includes the conference, lodging, bussing and food. If you would like to offer some financial assistance to cover the cost for a young person to go to Steubenville – please contact Colleen Hanley - we are in need of your help with some young people who wish to go! To save a spot for the conference please drop \$75 deposit off at the rectory by March 31st.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

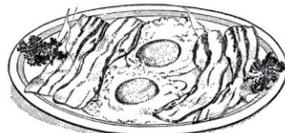
Vacation Bible School is coming back this summer for one amazing week! Circle your calendars – St. Mary’s will be hosting a “Cool Kingdom Party” July 22nd – 26th! Any youth wishing to volunteer as group leaders must be entering grade 8 this year. Application forms for youth leaders will be out the end of April and registration forms for VBS will be out the end of May. For more information about volunteering or registering please contact Mrs. Hanley at 842-3324 ext 23 or chanley@dol.ca.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Our next session for Confirmation preparation is Wednesday April 3rd (6:30-8:30 pm) or Saturday April 6th (10 am-noon). It is our last meeting together as we prepare for the Rite of Confirmation Sunday May 5th at 2 pm. Please continue to pray for our confirmation candidates, their sponsors and their families.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

This weekend after the 9 am & 11 am Masses the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a breakfast will all proceeds going to our Steubenville Trip to help purchase t-shirts for all our participants! Please come and enjoy a fabulous breakfast and see some of our high school youth sporting Steubie t-shirts we have worn in the past. Please come and support our high school youth as they prepare for a life changing weekend!



FIRST COMMUNION NEWS

Our First Communion families have been busy at home completing their “Called to His Supper” workbooks. This weekend they are participating in Learning Centres on Friday March 22nd (3-8 pm), Saturday March 23rd (8 am-noon) or Sunday March 24th (1-5 pm). Learning Centres help parents to share faith with their children in a non-intimidating, educational and enjoyable way. Children learn best when they are fully involved in the process. At each centre, children and their families share church teaching, Scripture, prayers, conversation and a fun activity!

ALTAR SERVER RETREAT

Our Lenten Altar Server Retreat is Saturday March 30th from 8:45 – 11 am. We will begin with Mass in the Church, work on some training issues, talk about upcoming liturgies for Holy Week, create our very own crown of thorns, enjoy some hot chocolate and tasty treats! You will receive info in the mail to RSVP as soon as possible and sign up for Holy Week Liturgies (due April 1st).

CHILL ZONE

Our April Chill Zone will be cancelled to allow all our elementary youth and high school youth to attend Stations of the Cross Friday April 12th at 7 pm. Our High School Team will be presenting the Stations of the Cross and concluding with the Via Dolorosa Liturgical Dance. We invite everyone to come, bring their families and support youth ministry as the walk the Way of the Cross. Chill Zone will resume Friday May 10th.

FAMILY CATECHISM

We are a group that offers family faith formation in a welcoming setting - teaching your children the fundamentals of the Catholic Faith with other like minded parents is fun and effective! We offer classes for JK - Gr. 9, as well as an adult video and discussion. Our next meeting is on Sunday, March 31 at 2:55 pm in the Father Langan Parish Centre. For more information please visit www.famfi.ca or talk to John & Karin Lansink at 519-550-0304.

CWL NEWS

The Catholic’s Women’s League in the Diocese of London are asking all CWL councils to collect **ONLY NEW SOCKS** for men, women & children. We hope to collect 2019 pairs of socks. These socks will be returned to the regions to be distributed in their respective areas as needed. “We are women helping those in need.” **Please drop off socks in container in the new addition before April 13th.**

RUMMAGE SALE

When you are spring cleaning & sorting, please keep our April 27th sale in mind. More information to follow in future bulletins.

THE LEGACY OF ST. PATRICK - PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

As you enjoy a 10 day tour to the Emerald Isle, from September 24-October 3, 2019, you will experience the history, culture and faith of Ireland that came through the missionary efforts of St. Patrick in the 5th century. This pilgrimage includes visits to many historical churches as well as a visit to Knock, where in 1879, Mary appeared to 15 townspeople. In addition to your Irish Guide, as part of this pilgrimage, Fr. David Johnston and Fr. John Pirt will be offering daily Mass. Cost is \$2639 per person (Based on twin) - airfare extra. For further information, contact Cheryl Johnston, 855 St. Clair St., Chatham, ON N7L 0E9 Phone: 519-354-6040 or 1 877 735 5633 ext 6225 Email: cjohnston@selloffvacations.com.

OXFORD RIGHT TO LIFE 44TH ANNUAL DINNER

Thursday, April 4th, 2019, Covenant Christian Reformed Church, 410 Lansdowne Avenue, Woodstock, 6:00 pm Social, 6:30 pm Beef Dinner: \$20 adults, \$10 students. 8:00 pm Speaker: Jakki Jeffs, Executive Director, Alliance for Life Ontario, Topic: Pro-life witness, a timeless voice! Everyone is welcome to hear our speaker even if not attending the dinner. To reserve dinner tickets, call Bonnie 519-913-3533 by March 28th.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

“SILVER ROSE”

*The “Silver Rose”
One Life-One Rose*

Tuesday March 26, 2019



at the 7:00 pm mass the Knights of Columbus will have on display the “Silver Rose” as it makes its way across North America to “Guadalupe” Mexico to be presented at the shrine of Our Lady promoting the dignity of human life and honouring the blessed virgin.

BIBLE STUDY

Monday March 25th from 1:30-3:00 pm. Beginning with the “Third prediction of the Passion” Matthew 20.17-19. The same Holy Spirit who guides the Church and who inspired the Scriptures is present to us when we read the Scriptures with faith. Dei Verbum.

MISSIO DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER – SPRING 2018 EDITION

The Spring 2019 edition of Missio, the newspaper of the Diocese of London, has been published. Copies are available at the back of the church, compliments of our parish. The current issue, as well as back issues, are available online at www.dol.ca/newspaper. Please read and share freely.

ST. MARY’S PRAYER CHAIN

Interested in praying for others? It’s time to do our annual update of the St. Mary’s Prayer Chain. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please phone Andre & Bonnie De Decker 519-913-3533.

LENTEN JOURNEY INFORMATION

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Weekly Stations of the Cross are this Friday evening at 7 pm with the Knights of Columbus leading us in prayer.

LENTEN NOON HOUR SERVICE

St. Mary’s will be hosting the Tillsonburg Ministerial Lenten Noon Hour Service Wednesday April 3rd beginning at 12 noon in the Church. After the service there will be a soup and sandwich luncheon downstairs prepared by St. Mary’s CWL.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday mornings during Lent, after the 10 am morning Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be on the altar for adoration. Benediction will conclude the period of adoration at 11:45 am. Come and spend an hour with Jesus.

DAY OF CONFESSIONS

This year’s diocesan Day of Confessions is being planned for Wednesday, April 10. This special opportunity helps us to set aside our old ways, to be renewed in heart and soul, and to be reconciled with our merciful and loving God. As Pope Frances reminds us, confession is where we encounter Jesus. Confession times in our parish are: **9:00 am to 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm until finished.** Our diocesan website (www.dol.ca) offers some excellent resources and information about Lent and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Share the journey with the Rohingyas of Myanmar

Facing persecution and violence, 723,000 Rohingyas have fled Myanmar since August 2017 and taken refuge across the border, in neighboring Bangladesh. Development and Peace’s long-time partner Caritas Bangladesh is working hard to restore some dignity to these people who simply yearn to live in peace. Thanks to your donation, Caritas Bangladesh has been able to provide temporary shelters, across to clean water, safe latrines, showers for woman & girls, hygiene kits, and to raise awareness among refugees about safety issues.

Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of the Rohingya! devp.org/give

For more information, please contact Rita Bailey by email: ruby101@sympatico.ca or Elena Luna at 1-647-561-1648 or email: eluna@devp.org.

2018 CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS

The 2018 Charitable Donation Receipts are available in the Annex. Thank you for your co-operation in picking up your 2018 donation receipts.