

PRAY PLEASE FOR:

Holy Souls in Purgatory

The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.

— Isaiah 50:7a

WEEK AT A GLANCE (Apr 15- 21)

Mon	1:30 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	OCDS Carmelites Meeting
	7:00 pm	Mass of Christ- St. Peters Cathedral, London
	8:00 pm	Tillsonburg Right to Life Meeting
	8:00 pm	AA
Tues	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
Wed	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion
	1:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	5:00 pm	Friendship Dinner
	6:30 pm	Folk Choir Practice
Thurs	HOLY THURSDAY	
	9:30 am	Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph's School
	11:30 am	Jollymakers - Bingo
	1:00 pm	Stations of the Cross at Monsignor O'Neil School
	7:00 pm	(Incense will be used)
	8:00 pm	Adoration Chapel- FLPC
Fri	GOOD FRIDAY	
	OFFICE CLOSED	
	10:00 am	(Children's Choir)
	3:00 pm	(Sunday Choir)
Sat	HOLY SATURDAY	
	10:00 am	Easter Vigil Rehearsal
	11:00 am	Blessing of Easter Foods
	EASTER VIGIL	
	8:00 pm	(Folk Choir, Incense will be used)
Sun	EASTER SUNDAY	
	9:00 am	(Sunday Choir)
	11:00 am	(Cantor)
Mon	EASTER MONDAY	
	OFFICE CLOSED	

Knights of Columbus Can Collection

Altar Server (April 16) Matthew Ecker

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.



MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (April 15-21)

Tues	7:00 pm	Manuel Oliveira John Schonberger Archbishop O'Brien
Wed	10:00 am	Joseph Borbely Nick Doneff Ben Lefebvre Debra Cosgrove
Thurs	7:00 pm	HOLY THURSDAY MASS
Fri	10:00 am	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
	3:00 pm	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
Sat	8:00 PM	HOLY SATURDAY- EASTER VIGIL MASS
Sun	9 & 11 am	EASTER SUNDAY MASSES Parishioners of St. Mary's

EASTER FLOWERS

Special envelopes are available at all entrances for donations for Easter Flowers in memory of your deceased loved ones. The names will appear in the Easter bulletin. Thank you for your generosity.



WEEKLY OFFERTORY – APRIL 6/7

Regular Envelope	\$ 6183.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 775.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 70.00
Good Friday	\$ 5.00
Loose	\$ 252.50
Capital/Building Fund	\$ 3046.00
April-Pre-Authorized- Regular	\$ 3170.00
April-Pre-Authorized- Building Fund	\$ 785.00
Total	\$14286.50

Thanks!



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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Jack Grim, Deacon
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

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 14, 2019

FAMILY CATECHISM - ONGOING FORMATION FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES

"As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live."

Saint Pope John Paul II

We sincerely believe that stronger families make a stronger world. As Catholic parents, we really value the Family Catechism program - in the midst of our busy society today, living a Catholic culture and raising Catholic kids is a challenge. It requires us to be firm in our convictions, loving in our actions, and very intentional in matters of parenting, faith and morals. This is why Family Catechism is so important to our family - it provides each one of us with the ongoing formation and support necessary to help live our Catholic culture.

Our aim with this program is to establish a wonderful channel of creating a strong Catholic community while connecting many Catholic families. This is achieved through consistent meetings throughout the year to encourage spiritual growth, family unity, friendship and community solidarity. Family Catechism is a gathering of many individual families who are enriched and guided by various authentic spiritualities of the Catholic Church.

This Sunday we are wrapping up our second year and are already making plans to begin again in October! We have been working on a dynamic adult program though which we will be exploring topics of interest to all, including current events, the relevance of Church teaching and tradition, and the lives of the saints. Similarly, we will continue to supplement the children's Catholic education by deepening their understanding of our faith while developing great friendships. Our hope is that we will all learn how to respond to Pope Francis' call to evangelize by "giving witness with joy and simplicity to what we are and what we believe in."

All families with children of any age are welcome to attend! If you would like to hear more about our program we would love to talk to you! You can talk to us in person or you can reach us by phone at 519-550-0304 or by email at jklansink@gmail.com. You can also find more information at www.famfi.ca.

Sincerely,
John & Karin Lansink

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.



HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Our monthly High School Nights are the second Sunday of the month from 7-9 pm and our next night is this Sunday April 14th. These nights are open to all high school students and will include games, faith formation, prayer and of course food! Why come? Be a part of a community of your peers who share values and views that will help you navigate the prevalent culture that is at school and in the media. We will be hosting High School Nights at the Parish Centre in Room 9. Please share this with all the high school aged youth in your life and we hope to see you this Sunday!

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! 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.

BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ART EXHIBIT

Please visit brescia.uwo.ca/100/events to learn about the current Brescia Centennial Art Exhibition, which showcases works by ten artists from London and region—including Group of Seven member, A.J. Casson. This second of four Centennial Art Exhibitions is selected on the theme of Seeking the Way Through and Beyond and is created to engage dialogue with the community. Each exhibition will highlight the spirit of Brescia over the past 100 years and leading into the next. The venue is the Beryl Ivey Library, Mother St. James Building. For more info contact Catherinanne George, Director of Campus Ministry at 519.432.8353 ext. 28250. Large groups by appointment only. Metered Parking is available in front of the building, accessible from Brescia's Western Road entrance.

2019 ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Wedding Anniversary Mass honoring all married couples in our diocese will be held on Sunday, June 2 at 3:00 p.m. The Mass will be celebrated at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica in London with Bishop Fabbro as the main celebrant. All married couples are invited to register by contacting the parish office at 519-842-3224 Please call the parish office to register no later than May 17, 2019.



MARRIAGE ANNULMENT

Are you hoping to get married in the Catholic Church or to have a new union blessed? Or are you simply looking for some closure after a painful divorce? If so, consider applying for a Declaration of Nullity ("annulment") from the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of London. The process is free of charge. We are here to help. If you want to start the process, or if you just have some questions about obtaining a Declaration of Nullity, feel free to call us at 519-439-1553 or Toll Free at 1-866-603-4317, or e-mail tribunal@dol.ca



MAY IS RESPECT FOR LIFE MONTH

Tillsonburg Right to Life Brunch is on Saturday, May 4th, at 11 am at the Carriage Hall, 25 Brock St. West. \$15/ adult, \$10/ youth. Guest speaker is Melody Aldred - For tickets call Bonnie at 519-913-3533.

22ND NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE IN OTTAWA

Thursday, May 9th, marks 50 years of abortion on demand in Canada. Bus leaves Highway 19 & 401 at 12:30am. - \$60/adult & \$40/student – Call Andre at 519-913-3533.

RESPECT FOR LIFE PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, May 22nd, 7 pm at St. Mary's Church, 137 Rolph Street. Social to follow.

ANNUAL RIGHT TO LIFE WALKATHON

Saturday, May 25th Registration: at 9 am at Emmanuel Church, Clarke St. Woodstock Call Mary at 519-421-0029 at 10 am at the First Baptist Church Thames St. South, Ingersoll at 519-485-2603.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All are welcome on Saturday, April 27 to attend the Development & Peace Caritas Canada annual general meeting for the Diocese of London at Villa Angela, 20 Merici Way, Chatham, from 9:30 am to 1 pm. The guest speaker will be Mr. Gilbert Iyamuremye, Director of the Refugee Office for the Diocese of London. The cost of \$15 includes snacks and lunch. Please RSVP and mention your dietary restrictions, if any, to marian.blonde@hotmail.com or gosmit@execulink.com.

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.

BIBLE STUDY

Monday April 15th from 1:30-3:00pm. We will begin with "On the Son of David" Mt 22.41-46. "God's truth is expressed in a variety of forms: epic history, poetry, proverbs, parables, and other literary expressions." Dei Verbum.



We welcome into our faith community through the waters of baptism: **Oliver William Morello Claessens**. May him and his family always be guided by the Lord.



May your life be blessed in holy union with Christ and with one another.

**Congratulations to:
Christopher Kersten & Connie Booker**



**Happy Anniversary
Otto & Raymonde Brotz**
who celebrated their
50th Anniversary on April 12th !



Mass of Chrism

April 15 - 7:00 pm St. Peter's Cathedral, London

Holy Thursday

April 18 - 7:00 pm (Incense will be used)
Adoration Chapel (8 pm until midnight) in the Parish Centre

Good Friday

April 19 - 10:00 am (Children's Choir)
- 3:00 pm (Sunday Choir)

Holy Saturday

April 20 - 10:00 am Easter Vigil Rehearsal
- 11:00 am Blessing of Easter Foods

Easter Vigil

April 20 - 8:00 pm (Folk Choir, Incense will be used)

Easter Sunday

April 21 - 9:00 am (Sunday Choir)
- 11:00 am (Cantor)

CWL NEWS

The CWL have been blessed with your contribution to the SOCK CAMPAIGN. We collected **302** pairs of socks. Thank you!

CWL- ANNUAL DINNER

St. Mary's CWL Annual Dinner will be on Tuesday, May 7th in the church basement with the Memorial Ceremony at 5:00 pm. Dinner is at 6:30 pm, entertainment starts at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$25 per person. Tickets will be available after all masses on April 27/28 & May 4/5. Please bring a paper product (Kleenex, diapers etc.) that evening for Fresh Start Maternity Support, it would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please call Janet Guralski at 519-842-9623.

RUMMAGE SALE

April 27th is quickly approaching!! Is your Spring cleaning underway? Please keep our sale in mind when getting rid of your gently used items. We accept all clean saleable items. Just label them "RUMMAGE SALE" and leave them by the large coat rack area on the north side of the church hall. Any assistance that you can offer is also appreciated. Set up begins on Friday April 26th at 1:00 pm. Assistance is also needed for Saturday from 9:00 am until approximately 12:30 noon.

