

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 23, 2020

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Feb 25 - 9:00 a.m. Helen Belanser Req'd by Bert O'Donnell
 Tue. Feb 25 - 10:30 a.m. Strathcona
 Wed. Feb 26 - 9:15 a.m. Roseanne Ferrier Req'd by Gerry Ferrier/ with the school
 Wed. Feb 26 - 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass
 Thur. Feb 27 - 9:15 a.m. Joseph Raftis Req'd by Anne Marie Raftis
 Fri. Feb 28- 9:00 a.m. Kay Lehman Req'd by Marcia Weiser
 Fri. Feb 28- 7:00 p.m. Mass and Stations of the Cross
 Sat. Feb 29 - 4:00 p.m. Christine Bults Req'd by Sharon and Ron Schmidt
 Sun. Mar 1 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Feb 29 - 4:00 p.m. Evelyn Collins
 Sun. Mar 1 - 9:00 a.m. Debra Ross

GIFTBEARERS

Sat. Feb 29 - 4:00 p.m. M. Hoffman
 Sun. Mar 1- 9:00 a.m. D. Meyer

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Carol Ann Rice
 F. McKenna/ R. Fortier

MASS FACILITATOR

Sun. Mar 1- Carl Dalla Costa

ALTAR CARE – Feb 27 – Cheryl Allen and M.M. Tangney

TRAVELLING BLESSED MOTHER – Feb 29- Mar 7 Mary and Bob McIntee

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – Feb 23 – Shannon and Rachel

Hall Set-up – Team #2 – Feb 24- Mar 1

ST. PETER'S, Ayton – Offertory \$267.50

Wed. Feb 26 - 8:30 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Mass
 Sun. Mar 1- 11:00 a.m. Garvey and Burns Families Req'd by Estate of Bernadette Burns
 Communion Minister – R. Diemert Lector- B. Schmitz Usher – P. Culliton

ST. THOMAS, Harriston - Offertory \$190.00

Wed. Feb 26 - 10:30 a.m. - Ash Wednesday Mass
 Fri. No Mass during winter

McMillan. Please contact Bill Dineen @ 519-323-3161

EUCHRE result:
Ladies: 1- Margarete Rayea
 2- Marian Flanigan
 3-Doris Tone
Door Prize: Colleen Dalla Costa
Men: 1- Pat Nolan
 2- Garry Tennant
 3- Gerald Crockford

Kind words
 can be short
 and easy to speak,
 but their echoes
 are truly endless.

-St. Teresa of
 Calcutta

2020- Mississauga, 9:00 am – 4pm, cost \$70 in Le Treport Banquet Hall, 1075 Queensway E., Mississauga, ON L4Y 4C1
CALLING ALL GIRLS: For Female High school & University Students Friday **March 27, 2020** in Le Treport Banquet Hall Mississauga @ 7:00 pm- 10:00 pm, cost \$30.
 For more information call 416-971-1042
 www.dynamicwomenfaith.com

28th ANNUAL LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 9:00 am-5:30pm

Come experience why thousands return each year...

- *Compelling Speakers*
- *Powerful Christian Music*
- *Inspiring Personal Testimony*
- *Divine Mercy Celebration*
- *Eucharistic Procession*
- *Prayer Ministry for Healing & Empowerment*
- *Adults RALLY \$25/ Youth Rally \$15*
- *Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building 255 Front Street W*
- *For Tickets/ info : www.ljhr.ca*
- *call 647 243 9441*
- *email: contact@ljhr.ca*

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass June 14, 2020

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2020? If you are, you are cordially invited to join **couples** from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster in the back of the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

EUCHRE

February's Euchre will be on Thur. Feb 27 at 7:30 pm in the TD Smith Memorial Hall. Admission is \$3.00 -includes light lunch and prizes. ALL WELCOME.

Overland Tours is organizing another pilgrimage to the Shrines of Quebec.

Monday, **August 3, 2020** to Friday, August 7, 2020. Think about joining us for 5 days of Masses, Stations of the Cross, recitation of the rosary and the Divine Mercies, tours of the shrines, and much more. Please consider sharing a room with a friend. For more information, contact Rose Gunn 519-744-5923 or Angie Hunt 519-766-5262. Looking forward to seeing you in August.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

We pray for all our sick parishioners, especially Nellie Franco, Colleen McManus, Adell Mueller, Mary Carney, Dustin Purvis, Lucas Reinhart, Laura Walker, Bert Holmes, David McCarthy, Lonta Williams, Glen Wright.

(Please notify the office when a name is to be removed from this list.)

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon. – Rev. J. Curtin **Tues.** –Rev. M. Mihokovic
Wed. – **Ash Wednesday**
Thurs. – Rev. Msgr. V. McNamara
Fri. – Rev. M. Bennett **Sat.** – Rev. M. Myroniuk

Healthy Relationships Share Common Skills – Come and Learn More!

“Keys to Loving Relationships” is a ten week video-based program that all people (married, dating, or single) can use to develop the skills needed to have a truly meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better “me” in all your relationships! The program is offered in Hamilton at the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King ST. W., Hamilton on **Thursday evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. March 26 – June 4, 2020.** The cost is \$45.00. For more information or to register, call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249 or register at: www.hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events.

PASTORAL CARE VISITS

If you or a loved one are feeling lonely and isolated and/or are unable to attend Mass, members of the St. Mary Pastoral Care Team are available to visit homes in the Mount Forest community. Team members can bring Communion and have a friendly visit with parishioners in their home. Our team is made up of male and female members of the parish who have been vetted by the OPP. Please call the church office at (519) 323-1054 to request a visit and/or Communion if so desired.

The church also has a selection of **prayer shawls**, made by members of the CWL, to offer people who are ill and would like the comfort of a handmade shawl that has been blessed by Father Joe.

COFFEE SUNDAY

To encourage fellowship among the parishioners, there will be a social with refreshments after the 9 a.m. Mass Sunday, **Mar.1st, 2020** in the TD Smith Hall. All are welcome!

We celebrate **Ash Wednesday**, the first day of the liturgical season of Lent. In this season, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the high point of our Christian life, Easter. They call us to a change of heart and teach us about the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These disciplines are to be part of the Christian life during every season, but during the season of Lent, we renew our commitment to them.

The meaning behind tracing a cross on our foreheads with ashes is a summary of our Christian life. On one level, the ashes remind us of our origin and our death. The ashes are also the sign of our victory: the cross of Christ. In his death and resurrection, Christ conquered death. Our destiny as Christians is to receive the victory over death that Christ won for us. We acknowledge that victory when we “turn away from sin and faithful to the gospel,” words from the alternative prayer when we are signed with ashes.

LENT: Every Friday in Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass at 7 pm. All are encouraged to participate.

St. Mary weekly donation:	# of givers
\$1 - \$10	21
\$10.01 - \$20	16
\$20.01 - \$50	9
\$50.01 - \$100	2
\$100.01 →	2
Total # of Givers	50
Offertory: \$1,637.25	Weekly PAR: \$993.92

Vocation

“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”
*Do you feel called to help people get closer to God? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact **Fr. Michael King**, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com*

Your **2019 income tax receipts** are available to pick up at all three churches this weekend. Please review your receipt and report any errors to the Parish office (Annette – (519) 323-1054 or stmarybookkeeper@wightman.ca) as soon as possible. Any receipts that are not picked up by Sunday, Feb. 23rd will be mailed to the donors later this week. If you do not have weekly donation envelopes and would like to use them, please call the Parish office to request a box.

Dynamic Women of Faith
Catholic Women's Conference will be on Saturday **March 28,**

World Day of Prayer Service at the Anglican Church on
Friday, March 6, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. All parishioners are
welcome to attend.