

5th Sunday of Lent – April 3, 2022

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. April 5 - 7:00 p.m. Braedon Coburn Req'd by Adell Mueller
Wed. April 6- 9:00 a.m. Theresa Lehman Req'd by Staff St. Mary School
Thur. April 7- 9:00 a.m. Dec'd members of the Tone & Dinneen families
Fri. April 8- 9:00 a.m. Michael Raftis Req'd by The Family
Fri. April 8- 7:00 p.m. The Stations of the Cross
Sat. April 9- 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish
Sun. April 10- 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. April 9- 4:00 p.m. Luis Arruda
Sun. April 10- 9:00 a.m. Coleen Dalla Costa

CONFESSION only by appointment, call Fr. Mike at: 519-323-1054 ext. 7 and Tue's 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and Fri's 5:00 p.m.- 7:00p.m. of Lent

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. April 9- 5:30 p.m.- Dec'd members of the Pronk families Req'd by Corrie Pronk

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. April 10- 11:00 a.m. – Ruth Goetz Req'd by Bonnie Schmitz

Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis

On behalf of Mr. Francis Doyle, Vice-Chancellor (Temporal Affairs), please be advised that Parishioners wishing to make a donation to the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis can do so online through Development & Peace at https://www.devp.org/en/wp_press_release/solidarity-prayers-and-support-for-ukraine-development-and-peace-joins-relief-efforts/ or by calling 1-888-664-3387.

A reminder to please **be careful** of texts or e-mails seeking donations to support Ukraine. If anyone wishes to make a donation it is better to do so through a reputable agency. **Do not click** on any links from unsolicited emails or texts. Make sure you are on the organization's secure website before sharing your financial information!

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

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A free monthly virtual event from the Diocese of Hamilton – 2nd session : April 26, 2022 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The Real Me: Drawing Teens Out of the Shadows. **Presenter:** Roy Petitfils

Roy Petitfils has spent his life helping teens so they will not feel invisible and will provide insights into how parents/teachers/parish staff/others can help ensure no child ever feels this way. He will also provide practical and experiential antidotes on how to assist teens to feel empowered, supported and strong enough so they can come out of the shadows and thrive in their lives.

Roy Petitfils is an internationally recognized expert in understanding and raising teenagers. He is a therapist at Pax Renewal Center in Lafayette, Louisiana. He holds a

Masters in Mental Health and School Counseling from the University of Louisiana, Lafayette. Roy is an internationally sought after speaker who uses humor, passion, clinical and life experience to help adults connect with teens and teens to know, understand and love themselves.

He has authored, What Teens Want You to Know (But Won't Tell You), A Practical Guide to High School Campus Ministry (St. Mary's Press, 2007), What I Wish Someone Had Told Me About the First Five Years of Marriage (St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2010) and God Wears Running Shoes: Spiritual Reflections for Those Ministering to Young People (2009).

CWL- Catholic Women's League

Dues for the CWL are still \$25.00 and must be submitted ASAP to my attention, Colleen Dalla Costa, president of the CWL. Any questions please call me. If you have not paid for 2021 as yet that can still be submitted as well or if not a year will just show up as unpaid and deducted from your total years.

THE DESTRUCTIVE WAR IN UKRAINE continues to capture the attention of the world. Pope Francis recently sent two Cardinals to represent him in Ukraine and neighbouring countries. Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, Papal Almoner, and Cardinal Michael Czerny, Interim Prefect for the Dicastery for Integral Human Development, have travelled to Ukraine and are meeting with Ukrainian refugees in neighbouring countries, offering the reassuring care and concern of Pope Francis and the entire Catholic community. St. Michael the Archangel, (Patron of Kyiv), pray for us!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



St. Mary – Mount Forest

Holy Thursday **7:00 pm** --Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday **3:00 pm** --The Passion of the Lord
7:00 pm --The Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday **8:15 pm** --Easter Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday **9:00 am** -- Resurrection of the Lord

St Peter's - Ayton

Easter Sunday **11:00 am** -- Resurrection of the Lord

Fr. Joe's Silver Jubilee Invitation

Dear Parishioners of Mount Forest/Ayton/Harriston
Please join me celebrate

The 25th anniversary of my Priestly Ordination

On Tuesday June 21, 2022 at 5:00 pm Holy Mass

At St. Patrick's Catholic Church,

53 wellington Street, Cambridge, ON. N1R 3Y6

And afterwards the reception

At Paragon Banquet & Catering

15 International Village Dr. Cambridge, ON. N1R 7M5

***You have all touched my heart and are dear to me.
I hope you will join me for this joyous event***

Please Reply by: April 31, 2022 to Ms. Adell Mueller
1-519-323-6012 OR email: adellsbeautysalon@gmail.com

Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Isaiah 43:16-21*

The Lord is doing something new for his people.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 126:1-6*

A song in praise of the Lord's marvelous deeds

Second Reading: *Philippians 3:8-14*

Paul says that he counts all things as loss and focuses on one goal, Christ.

Gospel Reading: *John 8:1-11*

Jesus does not condemn the woman caught in adultery.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness.

Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

