

St. Mary of the Purification Parish

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New Parishioners - WELCOME! - Please introduce yourself to the priest.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Closed, Tuesday - Friday: 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

LORD'S DAY LITURGIES:

SATURDAY:

St. Mary: 4:00 pm Mass

St. Thomas: 5:30 pm Mass

SUNDAY:

St. Mary: 9:00 am Mass

St. Peter: 11:00 am Mass

WEEKDAY LITURGIES:

Please refer to schedule inside.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday: 5:30 pm-6:30 pm or by appointment.

MARRIAGE: Please notify the Pastor at least 6 months in advance.

*Deadline for all announcement for the bulletin is on Wednesday.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please contact the parish office.

PASTORAL CARE NEEDS:

Please contact the Parish Office - for a priest to administer the Sacrament of the sick (best to call at the onset of illness) - Holy Communion to the sick.

- Home, hospital and nursing home visit.

FUNERAL: When death occurs in the family, please contact the parish office.

PRIESTHOOD & RELIGIOUS

LIFE: For information or assistance, see

www.HamiltonVocations.com

DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER:

For information about home activities & events of interest in Diocese of Hamilton, subscribe to the online diocesan newsletter at:

www.hamiltondiocese.com

SCHOOL:

St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, 390 Parkside Drive, Mount Forest ON N0G 2L3
Telephone: 519-323-2586
Fax: 519-323-9446

PARISH BEQUESTS:

Keep your love for parish alive in your will & expression of sympathy.

Ascension of the Lord - May 29, 2022

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. May 31 - 7:00 p.m. Teresa Lehman Req'd by Betty Mogensen & family

Wed. Jun 1 - 9:00 a.m. Eleanor Michalsky Req'd by Staff & Students St. Mary School

Thur. Jun 2 - 9:00 a.m. Braedon Coburn Req'd by Adell Mueller

Fri. Jun 3 - 9:00 a.m. John Droog Req'd by Pastoral Care Team

Sat. Jun 4 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sun. Jun 5 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Jun 4 - 4:00 p.m. Marian Flanifan

Sun. Jun 5 - 9:00 a.m. C. Dalla Costa

**CONFESSION: Tue. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and by appointment,
call Fr. Mike at 519-323-1054 ext. 7**

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Jun 4 - 5:30 p.m.- Martin Pronk Req'd by Bill & Mary Hammond

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Jun 5 - 11:00 a.m. – The Parishioners Req'd by Paul & Bonnie Schmitz

Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11*

Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the Apostles.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 47:2-3,6-9*

Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

Second Reading: *Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23*

God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 24:46-53*

Jesus is taken to heaven and the disciples remain in Jerusalem awaiting his sending of the Spirit.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the 40th day after Easter. There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each account, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the Gospel to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize as well as to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, this commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' Ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus'

promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' Ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. Already in Mark's Gospel, during his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples out to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now, they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/>

Novena to the Holy Spirit

Please join us in praying our next novena, to the Holy Spirit as we prepare ourselves for Pentecost Sunday. Starting on Friday of the 6th week of Easter (May 27th)

What is the novena to the Holy Spirit – It is the oldest of all novenas and is where our tradition of novenas come from. Jesus himself sent his apostles to await the coming of the Holy Spirit and 'They devoted themselves with one accord to prayer...' Acts 1-14

Why the novena – With this novena we pray to the Holy Spirit to strengthen in us the gifts we received at our baptism and confirmation.

How to pray the novena – We can pray the novena as a group. This adds solidarity to our prayers and we practice 'communion of the saints'. For those who are able to join us after mass on the weekends and weekdays, we will pray as a group. We can also pray it on our own time and we strongly encourage everyone who cannot come together with us to do so.

- 1)start with the sign of the cross
- 2)read and dwell on the meditation of the day
- 3)prayer of the day
- 4)one Our Father, one Hail Mary, seven Glory

Be to the Father

5)pray the Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit

6)prayer for the Seven gifts of the Holy Spirit

Benefits to us – by the Grace of God we cooperate in the gifts given us and strengthen our resolve to avoid sin and to live our lives according to His Divine Will in all things

Further Instructions - Paper copies of the prayers will be available at the back of the church. You can also access it online at

<http://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/novena-a-to-the-holy-spirit-for-the-seven-gifts-309>

SHUFFLEBOARD

starts again on **Thursday's** at 1:00 pm.

EVERYBODY IS WELCOME!

The most beautiful creed is the one we pronounce in our hour of darkness.

–St. Pius of Pietrelcina

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

Please pray the Rosary for peace in our families and in the world!



Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

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.

Ramoth House

Are you looking to give to a mission field a few hours a month? Ramoth House needs moms, grandmas and aunts to support young moms.

Ramoth House is urgently seeking women to join our Support Staff Team. Training provided! A

detailed job description is available at <https://www.ramoth.ca/pages/career-and-volunteer-opportunities> to apply email your resume to Jennifer

Sanabria, Director of Programming at director@ramoth.ca

Ramoth Life Centre is seeking a Full Time Support Staff for a 40 hr per week. This Full-Time Support.

For more information, visit

<https://www.ramoth.ca/pages/career-and-volunteer-opportunities> to apply email your resume to Jennifer at director@ramoth.ca

To start using **FORMED** simply follow these instructions:

1. In your internet browser type in <https://formed.org/>
2. Click the SIGN UP button
3. Then click the SIGN UP AS A PARISHIONER button
4. Under the heading FIND YOUR PARISH or ORGANISATION type in "St. Mary of the Purification". In the box below our parish name as well as the address should appear. Click on the name and press next.
5. You will be asked to enter your name and an email address. Once this is done press the SIGN UP button and you should have full access to the service.



Bottle Collection:

Thank you for participating in the Michael House Baby Bottle Campaign. Please leave your bottles in your church's designated drop off location when you leave today. Money given will support the life-changing programs at Michael House. Every returned bottle matters. If you want to discover more ways to get involved with Michael House or, are looking for more helpful information, visit www.michaelhouse.ca.

Here is a 60 sec video might just fit what is needed to express our thoughts on the event.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/zd9uuhooyugadkf/Baby%20Bottle%20Video.mp4?dl=0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJkNCTU7p8Q>

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 to Ms. Adell Mueller 1-519-323-6012 or email: adellsbeautysalon@gmail.com