

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 visits.

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.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept 11, 2022

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Sept 13 – 7:00 p.m. Braedon Coburn Req'd by Adell Mueller

Wed. Sept 14 – 9:00 a.m. Martin Sokol Req'd by Jolanta Sokol

Thur. Sept 15 – 9:00 a.m. Jim Norris Req'd by Myrtle Gorman & Family

Fri. Sept 16 – 9:00 a.m. Muriel Roberts Req'd Frank Roberts

Sat. Sept 17 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sun. Sept 18 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Sept 17 - 4:00 p.m. Evelyn Collins

Sun. Sept 18 - 9:00 a.m. Emma Westendorp

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. Sept 17 - 5:30 p.m. Peace in the World

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Sept 18 - 11:00 a.m. Anna Arnold Req'd by Roy & Agnes Diemert

Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14*

Moses stands up to God, recalling all of God's great promises.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19*

Once we are forgiven, we can hope for a new heart and a fresh start.

Second Reading: *1 Timothy 1:12-17*

Paul proves it's never too late to repent and serve God.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 15:1-32*

Jesus responds to those who criticize him for keeping company with the unworthy.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In Gospel, Jesus tells three parables about losing, finding, and rejoicing. The outcasts of society, the taxpayers, and the sinners approach Jesus eager to hear what he has to say, *hearing* is a sign of conversion. The Pharisees and scribes, still suspicious of Jesus, complain about him associating with sinners. He tells them these three parables.

In the first story, the parable of The Lost Sheep. In the same way, God rejoices more over 1 sinner who repents—like the outcasts who have come to hear Jesus—than over the 99 righteous like the Pharisees and scribes.

The second story, about a poor woman who will not stop searching until she finds her lost coin, makes the same point. Why are the Pharisees complaining? They should rejoice when the lost are found.

Just as in The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin, this story is really about the seeker.

The third story, The Prodigal Son.

The loving father is at the center of this parable. Even though his son runs off with his father's inheritance and squanders the money, the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return, the father, "full of compassion," runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this point, the rejoicing begins. The parable does not end there. Rather, it makes one more point about the older son's reaction. This son, who never left, just like the Pharisees and scribes who feel they are righteous, refuses to enter his father's house to join in the rejoicing. He has served his father. He has obeyed him. Perhaps it was not out of love. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God does not wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?

Family Connection

Ask your children if they have any memories of losing something special or being lost themselves. Share the stories as well as the fears or feelings. Then tell them that just as you would go to any length to find and bring them home if they were lost, so too would God. That is what Jesus is telling us in the three stories. No matter what we do, no matter how wrong we are, God, our loving father, is always anxious to forgive us and welcome us back home. <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/>

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon. - Rev. J. Pachocki, O.M.I. Thurs. - Rev. A. Voisin
Tue. - Rev. Hahn Van Tran, O.M.I.
Wed. – Salesian of St. Don Bosco (S.D.B.)
Fri. - Rev. D. Wilhelm Sat. - Rev. J. Oehring



Are you looking for something to do? How about giving a few hours a month or be on call? Give Ramoith a call and join our Support Team, change your life forever along with a young mom's and baby's life. Training provided! A detailed job description is available at <https://www.ramoith.ca/pages/career-and-volunteer-opportunities> To apply email your resume to Jennifer Sanabria, Director of Programming at office@ramoith.ca"

A Celebration of Life will be held for the late **Bert O'Donnell on Oct 1, 2022 at 310 Pell St. Mount Forest.**

For more information or register, please contact Julia at (647) 833-5087 or julia.belanger@gmail.com

CWL

CWL Meeting - Tue Sept 13 at 1:00 p.m.
New members are welcome.

Election forms for the CWL will be in the foyer.

The positions that are needed to be filled are
1 – TREASURER. 2 - SECRETARY.

Please nominate someone you know that may be interested or apply yourself.

The CWL is a vibrant and fulfilling organization to belong to and we would like more ladies from the parish to come out and participate.

Please leave the forms in the collection basket addressed to the CWL.

CWL North Regional Meeting will be on Saturday Sept 10/22 at 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. with Brown Bag lunch at St. John Glenelg Church 384258, 4th Concession West Grey, ON



Annual Bishop's Dinner for Community Needs:

The Diocese of Hamilton and the Wellington Catholic District School Board will be hosting the 20th Annual Bishop's Dinner for Community Needs on Thursday, October 13 at the Italian Canadian Club of Guelph. The evening will include dinner, a silent auction, and an opportunity to celebrate Catholic education within our community. All net proceeds directly benefit families in need within our community. To purchase tickets and learn more about the event, please visit <https://www.wellingtoncdsb.ca/apps/pages/bishopsdinner>

International Students Seeking Host Families for Exchange:

Wellington Catholic Secondary Schools will be welcoming international students this fall. Through this international program, students stay with families in the area where they study to provide a fully immersive experience for the students involved. The Wellington Catholic DSB's partner agency, MLI Homestay, is currently looking for host families for students while they are attending our schools. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in welcoming an international student from September 28 until November 16 please visit this webpage for more information <https://www.wellingtoncdsb.ca/apps/news/article/830045>.



2020 Baby Bottle Campaign

I am much later in sharing the results of our Baby Bottle campaign simply because of the volume we enjoyed receiving this year. I am so thankful that you and your church family made the decision to join us in our 20th Anniversary celebrations. I enjoyed meeting with you and truly loved your response and joy in supporting the work of Michael House. I trust that you loved asking for more bottles and were joyed at the number that were taken and filled. This year, we had a record number of churches participating - 29 - and a record number of bottles distributed - 1255. We raised a total of

almost \$41,000 - the largest giving since we started our first ever baby bottle campaign.

We were able to capture your church family's participation as best we could and the total giving for this 20th Anniversary year was \$937.98. Please take a moment and thank your parish family for them participating and loving us. As I mentioned before, your church did what has never been done before - 100% participation - thank you! I wanted to put a video together of thanks from the women (four of them) from Mount Forest, but none felt comfortable being in front of a camera. That is okay, they are still in the midst of going through their struggles - your church family needs to know they made a difference even though they feel so far away from us. They are in fact very close to our ministry as we are to them. Your ongoing prayers matter!

Words cannot express our thanks and gratefulness to your open doors and your open hearts.

With thanks and blessings, *Erwin van Laar*
Stewardship Development
Michael House Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services
"A Safe Haven for Life"

[The Pope's Intention for September 2022](#)

Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country

Liturgical Calendar:

Mon Sept. 12- Most Holy Name of Mary

Tue Sept. 13- St. John Chrysostom

Wed Sept. 14- **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Thur Sept 15- **Our Lady of Sorrows**

Fri Sept.16- St. Cornelius & Cyprian

Plan to attend the Mildmay Sacred Heart Parish

Bazaar on Wednesday, September 14 from

7:00 - 9:00 pm at the Mildmay-Carrick Recreation

Complex. Free admission. Fun for the whole family!

Hamilton Diocese Marian Days 2022 – Join brothers and sisters from around the Diocese in honouring Our Blessed Lady for the last Marian Day of the year with Bishop Crosby on October 1, 2022 at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. Join us for confessions at

9:00 a.m. followed by the Holy Mass with Bishop Crosby at 10:00 am, the Solemn Crowning of Our Lady with Rosary at 11:00 a.m., and The Queen's Tea at 12:00 p.m., honouring the crowning of the image of our Lady. Cost for lunch is \$20.00 payable at the door. Call the Basilica to reserve your spot: (519) 824-3951.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

As parents, we love our children unconditionally, but the tasks involved are still challenging. There are many moments when our children can annoy us, test us and even defy us! Our response can be the difference between positive learning and damage to our relationship. What is a parent's best strategy? Learn to pause between the time a problem occurs and the time you respond. Take a moment to count to ten, take a deep breath, close your eyes, say a quick prayer, or take your own time out. When you are calm and collected, address the issue in the way you feel will work best to solve the issue, not one based on high emotions. Family Ministry Office: 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Conflict in any relationship is inevitable, but how we handle that conflict is not. When it comes to the spousal relationship, we often experience reoccurring conflict, which is not easily resolved because it is the result of fundamental differences in how we live in and/or view our world. Since it is hard to change a person's natural inclinations, couples have to find ways to resolve the ongoing conflict in ways that do not harm the love they feel for each other. One way to do this is to sit together when you are calm and find a middle ground that will work for both of you. We like to be right, so both partners will have to suspend their own desire and look for a workable solution for both. The benefit? Calmer moments, more shared love and a happy household! Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

Grief Relief - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton has grief programs to help. Find out more on the Diocesan website at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support>, or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.