

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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept 18, 2022

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Sept 20 – 7:00 p.m. Mary Garvey Req'd by Frank & Jo Anne McKenna

Wed. Sept 21 – 9:00 a.m. Martin Sokol Req'd by Jolanta Sokol

Thur. Sept 22 – 9:00 a.m. Jim Norris Req'd by Myrtle Gorman & Family

Fri. Sept 23 – 9:00 a.m. Peter Mogensen Req'd Eldon & Monica Mclean

Sat. Sept 24 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sun. Sept 25 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Sept 24 - 4:00 p.m. Luis Arruda

Sun. Sept 25 - 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. Sept 24 - 5:30 p.m. Thanks for our blessings

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Sept 25 - 11:00 a.m. Ted Jacobs Req'd by Percy & Kathy Moyer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Amos 8:4-7*

Unfair business practices and injustice to the poor will be judged by God.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 113: 1-2,4-6,7-8*

Praise be to God, who raises up the poor.

Second Reading: *1 Timothy 2:1-8*

Paul tells Timothy that prayer for those in authority is pleasing to God because God wills the salvation of all.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 16:1-13*

Jesus tells a parable about a dishonest steward who is commended for his prudence; one cannot serve both God and money.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, but it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer. In response the steward, in an attempt to ensure favor for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied to line the steward's pockets. It is this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man.

The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life.

The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.

Family Connection

Talk with your children about some things that they have done to show that they can be trusted. Talk a bit about what it means to be responsible. Responsibility often means that we put aside something of passing value for something of greater value.

Read together the short form of today's Gospel, Luke 16:10-13. Talk about the importance of responsible use of money and our material possessions. As a family, commit to one action that you will take this week to show that your family serves God and not money.

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



We are having our Annual Fundraising Dinner coming up on Friday, October 14, 2022 at 6:30 pm, Mount Forest & District Sports Complex, ticket \$ 35.00.

Memorial for the Unborn- Sunday Sept 18,2022 1:00 pm at the Garden of Grace (28 Norfolk St., Guelph). All are welcome to attend a time of prayer and remembrance for unborn children whose lives have been ended through abortion. Prayer will be led by bishop Emeritus Ustrzycki.

A Celebration of Life will be held for the late **Bert O'Donnell on Oct 1, 2022 at 310 Peel St. Mount Forest.** For more information or register, please contact Julia at (647) 833-5087 or julia.belanger@gmail.com

Liturgical Calendar:

Wed Sept 21- St. Matthew (Levi) the apostle, is a patron saint of customs officers and accountants.
Fri Sept 23- St. Pius of Pietrelcina, man of prayer and suffering. **“It is necessary to be strong in order to become great; that is our duty. Life is a struggle, which we cannot avoid. We must triumph!”**



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/bishop_s_dinner

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>.

ON THE DEATH OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II,

Pope Francis sent a message from the Vatican to King Charles III: *“Deeply saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, I offer heartfelt condolences to Your Majesty, the Members of the Royal Family, the People of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. I willingly join all who mourn her loss in praying for the late Queen’s eternal rest, and in paying tribute to her life of unstinting service to the good of the Nation and the Commonwealth, her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ and her firm hope in his promises. Commending her noble soul to the merciful goodness of our Heavenly Father, I assure Your Majesty of my prayers that Almighty God will sustain you with his unfailing grace as you now take up your high responsibilities as King. Upon you and all who cherish the memory of your late mother, I invoke an abundance of divine blessings as a pledge of comfort and strength in the Lord.”*
FRANCISCUS

THE PRIESTS SERVING IN THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON completed the first *Priests’ Seminar* in three years this week! The three-day

session, entitled *REIMAGINING OUR PREACHING*, focused on the art of preparing the Sunday homily. Archbishop Paul-Andre Durocher from Gatineau, Quebec, was the keynote speaker on the opening evening. He outlined the challenges and blessings of being a Priest today. Father Michael Connors, CSC, Director of the John S. Marten Program in Homiletics and Liturgies at Notre Dame University, led the Priests through an informative reflection on the preparation and delivery of homilies that touch hearers' minds and hearts! Between the sessions, there were lively discussions and happy opportunities to welcome new Priests to the Diocese!

THE ANNUAL SEASON OF CREATION began last week and continues until October 4th. The season provides special opportunities to focus our efforts and reflect on our responsibilities as stewards of creation. To be better informed and to actively participate, check out the resource guide [here](#). If you are hosting an event that you would like to share, contact Sarah Guinta at the Diocesan Office of Justice and Peace.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WEEK takes place the last week of September. The programming has expanded to include age-appropriate material for Grades 1 through 12, centered around the theme 'Remembering the Children'. Indigenous knowledge keepers will share with young people. Further information can be found [here](#). The *Fourth Indigenous Legacy Gathering* takes place at Nathan Phillips Square, September 29-30, 2022. It is a lively event celebrating Indigenous music, dance, drumming, workshops, artists and performers.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA, founded in 1920, is the largest national organization of women in Canada, with more than 63,000 members represented in every province and the military. The League has received the commendation and appreciation of federal, provincial and municipal leaders for the voluntary services performed by its membership. The priority for 2022 is to encourage the enactment of federal legislation to reduce food loss and waste. The current theme is *Catholic and Living It!* Shari Guinta, from St. Michael Parish in Waterloo, is

President-elect of the League! Catholic women are encouraged to become members of The League.

CARITAS PAKISTAN is responding after devastating floods have impacted one-third of the country, destroying infrastructure, and killing 1200 people so far. Donations can be made [here](#) or through Development and Peace/Caritas Canada.

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.

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.

ReStart – Start over after separation or divorce with care and tools for your journey. We invite you to check the Diocesan website at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php> to see the programs and to find the dates of programs for the fall of 2022. Finding support and gaining strength can help as you journey forward. If you have questions, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Struggling After an Abortion?

Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. **Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.**