

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.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept 25, 2022

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Sept 27 – 7:00 p.m. Deanne Goetz Req'd by Betty Mogensen, Bob Goetz & families

Wed. Sept 28 – 9:00 a.m. John Gorman Req'd by Myrtle Gorman & Family

Thur. Sept 29 – 9:00 a.m. Marjorie Moyer Req'd by Evelyn Collins

Fri. Sept 30 – 9:00 a.m. Joshua Yoneda Req'd Family

Sat. Oct 1 - 9:00 a.m. Peter De Jong Req'd by Dorothy De Jong & Family

Sat. Oct 1 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sun. Oct 2 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Oct 1 - 4:00 p.m. Evelyn Collins

Sun. Oct 2 - 9:00 a.m. Debra Ross

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. Oct 1 - 5:30 p.m. Dec'd Members of Hammond Family

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Oct 2 - 11:00 a.m. Dennis Pilkington Req'd by Ron & Agnes Diemert

Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Amos 6:1,4-7*

God will judge the complacency of the people and their leaders.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 146:7-10*

Happy are those who find solace in God, the help of the poor.

Second Reading: *1 Timothy 6:11-16*

Paul exhorts Timothy to stay faithful to God in all things.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 16:19-31*

Jesus tells the parable of the reversal of fortunes between the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus.

Background on the Gospel Reading

A major theme in the Gospel of Luke is the importance of the care of the poor in the life of discipleship. In the parable found in today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the life of a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus, who lives in the shadow of the rich man and his wealth. Both die. Lazarus finds himself in heaven; the rich man in the netherworld. The rich man asks for assistance from Lazarus in his torment. But Abraham reminds the rich man of the good things he had in his life and describes the current situation as a reversal of fortunes. The rich man then asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his family, but this is denied with the reminder that Moses and the prophets have warned of judgment for those who neglect the care of the poor.

In the context of Luke's Gospel, this parable, delivered in the presence of a crowd of listeners, is part of Jesus' response to some Pharisees. These Pharisees are described in Luke's Gospel as "loving money." (Note: The Pharisees were followers of a sect of Judaism active before, during, and after Jesus' lifetime. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for popular Jewish piety. They put less emphasis on Temple worship and more on applying the law to everyday life. Though they are often portrayed negatively in the Gospels, they shared many of Jesus' and the early Church's concerns about the law.) Jesus observed that the actions of some Pharisees betrayed misplaced priorities: they spoke one way, but acted in another. The story of the rich man and Lazarus demonstrates the importance of the care of the poor and is a reminder to those who would follow Jesus of the unimportance of wealth in the eyes of God.

Family Connection

Talk with your children about some of the things that they have that can be shared with others. Ask your children to describe a time when they had to share something that they had. Ask if this was easy or difficult and why. Talk about some of ways in which your family shares your possessions. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 16:19-31. Consider together some reasons why the rich man may not have shared his riches with the poor man, Lazarus. Identify some reasons why we might share our possessions with others. Make a commitment as a family to do something this week in which you will choose to share your possessions with someone in need.

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

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon.- Rev. A. Quarshie Sat.- Rev. P. Jurzyk
Tue.- Rev. D. Gacnik, S.D.B.
Wed.- Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood
Thurs. – Rev. A. Lopatniuk Fri.- Rev.J. Link, C.R.



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.

LIFE CHAIN : PRO- LIFE PRAYER CHAIN:

Sunday, October 2, 2022 at 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Hwy 6/ Tower St at Belsyde Ave. Fergus.
Join thousand across Canada to make a public, prayerful, peaceful stand for Life.

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



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/bishopdinner>

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. 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. 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 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.**

Shoe Box campaign

Please remember to put donation envelope inside the box and add the label on the outside on top. The Shoe Box need to be in no later than Sun. Nov. 20th.