

# St. Mary of the Purification Parish

230 Queen Street East, P.O. Box 128, Mount Forest, ON N0G 2L0

Tel: 519-323-1054, Fax: 519-323-0117, [www.stmarymountforest.ca](http://www.stmarymountforest.ca)

St. Peter's Mission, 943 Caroline Street, Ayton, ON N0G1C0

St. Thomas the Apostle Mission, #5800, HW 89, Harriston, ON N0G1Z0

Pastor: Rev. Michael Anderson, P.P.

Email: [manderson@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:manderson@hamiltondiocese.com)

Bookkeeper: Annette Connolly

Email: [stmarybookkeeper@wightman.ca](mailto:stmarybookkeeper@wightman.ca)

Secretary: Katarina Smolkova

Email: [stmarymtforest@wightman.ca](mailto:stmarymtforest@wightman.ca)



**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](http://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](http://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.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept 4, 2022

### ST. MARY PARISH

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Sept 6 - NO MASS

Wed. Sept 7 - NO MASS

Thur. Sept 8 - NO MASS

Fri. Sept 9 - 9:00 a.m. Mary, Arthur & John  
McDonald Req'd by The Family

Sat. Sept 10 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sun. Sept 11 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

### LECTORS

Sat. Sept 10 - 4:00 p.m. Susan Thurston

Sun. Sept 11 - 9:00 a.m. J. von Westerholt

CONFESSION: by appointment, call Fr. Mike at  
519-323-1054 ext. 7

### ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Sept 10 - 5:30 p.m. Dec'd membes of the Tony  
& Mary Andrade Families Req'd Tony & Mary  
Andrade

### ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Sept 11 - 11:00 a.m. Ted Jacobs Req'd by Roy  
& Agnes Diemert

### Sunday's Readings

**First Reading:** *Wisdom 9:13-18b*

Knowledge alone has limits. We also need wisdom to understand the ways of God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalms 90:3-4,5-6,12-13-17*

God's power has no boundaries; it is not limited by space and time.

**Second Reading:** *Philemon 9-10, 12-17*

Paul encourages one of his converts to consider his former slave a brother in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 14:25-33*

Jesus teaches about the demands of discipleship.

### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious

about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to *loving them more* than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

### **Family Connection**

Provide your children with a list of things that they are responsible for interspersed with things that they like to do—for example, make their beds, take out the garbage, go to the park, do homework, watch television, have a snack, feed the cat. The list should reflect their responsibilities and favorite recreations. Tell them to pretend that company is coming and ask which of the things listed should be done first. Explain that this is called setting priorities.

Paraphrase the Gospel story for the children. Ask them what Jesus says is the most important thing for them to do. Jesus tells us that the number-one priority is to follow him. But just as it is not always easy to do the things we are supposed to do before doing the fun things, it is not always easy to be a follower of Jesus. Yet when we put Jesus first, we will be truly happy.

Point out that we sometimes fall into the trap of wanting too many things and that, in the Our Father, we pray for "our daily bread," meaning that we pray

for only that which we really need in life. Conclude this time together by praying aloud the Our Father.

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

### **DIOCESAN CALENDAR**

Mon. - Rev. M. Stefanec                      Tue.- Rev. J. Akanbi  
Wed.- Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate (S.O.L.I.)  
Thurs.- Rev. Ch. Jordan              Fri.- Re. L. Dorismond,O.M.I.  
Sat. - Rev. A. Kebe



Are you looking for something to do? How about giving a few hours a month or be on call? Give Ramoth 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.ramoth.ca/pages/career-and-volunteer-opportunities> To apply email your resume to Jennifer Sanabria, Director of Programming at [office@ramoth.ca](mailto:office@ramoth.ca)

### **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

## **September is the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows**



**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](mailto: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.- 12 p.m.- Brown Bag lunch at Glenely Church – more details to follow.



### **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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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"

**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!**

**Evenings with His Excellency**, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, continue this fall at St. Ann's Parish, Ancaster. Class is the second Friday of each month, beginning September 9th at 7:00 p.m. For more information, visit the Parish website:

<https://stannparish.ca/>.

**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.