

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.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct 16, 2022

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Oct 18 – 7:00 p.m. Herold Page Req'd by Linda Perie

Wed. Oct 19 – 9:00 a.m. Martin Pronk Req'd by Corrie Pronk & Family

Thur. Oct 20 – 9:00 a.m. Peter Mogensen Req'd by John & Cindy Redburn

Fri. Oct 21 – 9:00 a.m. Richard Jolicour Req'd by Frank & Jo-Anne McKenna

Sat. Oct 22 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sun. Oct 23 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Oct 22 - 4:00 p.m. Evelyn Collins

Sun. Oct 23 - 9:00 a.m. J. von Westerholt

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 22 - 5:30 p.m. Fr. Brian Tiffin Req'd by Seifried Families

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Oct 23 - 11:00 a.m. Ted Jacobs Req'd by Mary Lou Thomson

Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Exodus 17:8-13*

Joshua and the Israelites defeat Amalek with the help of God and his servant, Moses.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 121:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8*

The Lord is the Guardian of Israel.

Second Reading: *2 Timothy 3:14—4:2*

Paul exhorts Timothy to continue to preach the word Timothy received from his teachers.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 18:1-8*

Jesus urges his disciples to pray and not lose heart, for God hears and answers prayers.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. (The second will be read at Mass next Sunday.) This first parable is a lesson in persistence in prayer. (Next Sunday's parable will address attitude in prayer.) While the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point. God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is find in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. God truly wants to hear our needs and respond generously. It is the final lament of Jesus that gets to the point of the parable. The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then Jesus laments, "Will such faith be found when the Son of Man comes?" In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart.

Family Connection

Children nag because it works. Parents, like the judge in the parable, often get worn down by the persistence of their children asking for things large and small. Nagging is not a positive trait, to be sure. The confidence and the persistence behind this behavior, however, confidence in the goodness of the giver and the tenacity to stay in the relationship, are traits worth emulating in our relationship with God.

Talk about appropriate ways to make needs and desires known to one another and to God in prayer. Recall that God wants to answer our prayers. As a family, offer your needs as prayers of petition to God.

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

LOUISE MARSHALL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY BAZAAR

Place: at the Mount Forest Victory Church, 320 King St., E.

When: November 19th, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm Lunch served from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, ticket \$15.00 per person. Silent Auction,

Bake Table, Country Cupboard and Quilt draw.

HARVEST BEEF DINNER



Come out and enjoy a delicious **Harvest Beef Dinner** by HNS, Saturday Oct. 29 pm at 5 pm.

Entertainment by *Derek Moore*.

Ticket \$ 25.00 per person,
if interested Call 519-323-9112 for tickets or leave
message at the church 519-323-1054 .

Ladies, please bake a cake or pie.

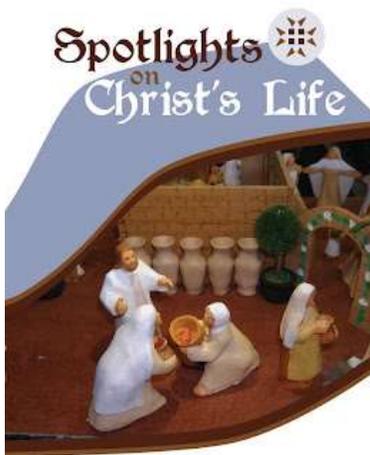
children to interact and play with figurines to connect with the characters and events. Each session should be seen as educational enrichment in areas such as Geography (map of the Holy Land, names of Judean towns), History (Temple, Jerusalem, life of Jesus, 1st Century Middle Eastern Society), Art (molded/casted figures and buildings), Literacy (reading theatre, scene and map labels), Math (map scale), as well as Religion (spiritual events of Christ's life). In these ways, the sessions parallel the academic curriculum and spiritual identity of the Catholic School Board and support the schools in their expectations to form Catholic school graduates.

COFFEE SUNDAY- OCT 16

EVERYBODY WELCOME!

* Volunteers are needed to set up for Coffee Sunday.
Please call Colleen at 519-323-9112*

EXHIBITION: SPOTLIGHTS on CHRIST'S LIFE



Our Mission: Draw children closer to God by sparking their curiosity.

The program has two parts:
an EXHIBITION (Oct 15-23) and
SESSIONS for schools (Dec 12-22).

What are the sessions?

The sessions allows children to experience a retelling of the journey of Jesus Christ through vivid figurines and dioramas, as well as storytelling and narration of the key spiritual events in His ministry in the Holy Land. They are 1 to 1 1/2 hours long with a maximum of 40 children per session. The sessions appeal especially to kina esthetic learners as they allow the

DID YOU KNOW...? Children in our Parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We need volunteers to support the program! If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>

WYD 2023 - There are *limited* spots available to any young people aged 18-35 who wish to participate in the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day 2023. World Youth Day is a life-changing opportunity that gathers young Catholics from all around the world together with the Holy Father, Pope Francis, for days of prayer and celebration. More information about this pilgrimage opportunity and registration can be found at <https://wyd.hamiltondiocese.com/>

THE BISHOP FARRELL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES is excited to announce that in-person programming with The Saint John's Bible is back! If you are interested in having The Saint John's Bible visit your parish or school, visit our website for programming information and booking details. Virtual and hybrid programming available, too!
<https://hamiltondiocese.com/stjohnsbible/>.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage Tip
In October we celebrate Thanksgiving, a time to reflect on and be grateful for the bountiful harvest that provides us food for our journey and for the many other blessings in our lives. It is a perfect time to sit down as a couple and

reflect on the “harvest” of your own marriage. What has fed you and helped you grow? What relationships have enriched your lives together? How have you grown as a couple? Are there things you need to do so that next year the “harvest” will be even more plentiful? When we are thankful for something we treat it with love and care and so it flourishes – try it and see! From: Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

COME AND SEE THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD EXHIBIT at St. John the Baptist Parish, Victoria Road North, Guelph, until October 24, 2022 - Please join us as we host the Vatican approved Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit. The exhibit, which was designed and created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allow you to “virtually visit” the places where the miracles took place. PHONE: 519-824-7311. WEB: <http://www.saintjohnsguelph.ca/p/bull.html>.

JOIN US IN CELEBRATION AS WE UNVEIL OUR NEW RESTART (FORMALLY LEVELS) PROGRAMS - You are invited to our Wine and Cheese evening as we unveil the two new programs being rolled out to offer support, education and fun for separated/divorced individuals. Enjoy a fun evening, meet our facilitators and learn about our 10-week program and our ongoing support program, both of which will be offered both in person or on line. Bring a friend, or come on your own, to learn more. The event will be held at the Chancery Office (700 King St. West in Hamilton) on Friday, October 14th from 7-9 p.m. Call Sarah at 905-528-79088 ext. 2249 or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com to register. See you there!

MARRIAGE SUPPORT - Your marriage does not have to feel like it is more trouble than joy, that it feels stagnant or disconnected and/or that it is causing you constant stress. The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is Oct. 21-23. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

Month of October- Month of Rosary



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. We have programs running in both Waterloo and Hamilton this fall.

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.

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.

SHOE BOX CAMPAIGN

HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT:

As you **prayerfully prepare** to pack your shoebox gift, please remember that your shoebox may be the only gift the child ever receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last.

* Select a **quality “wow” toy** * **Other gifts** * **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. * **Include a personal note and photo** to delight the heart of the child.

* **A donation of \$10 per box** is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. * Take your shoebox gift to Church **the third week in November.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

BOYS AND GIRLS IN NEED AROUND THE WORLD
Praise the Lord for the opportunity to bring great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children through shoeboxes. Ask God to prepare their hearts to respond to His love through these simple treasures.
SamaritansPurse.ca/occ

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.