

# 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](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.

## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct 2, 2022

### ST. MARY PARISH

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Tues. Oct 4** – 7:00 p.m. John, Mary & Arthur McDonald Req'd by The Family

**Wed. Oct 5** – 9:00 a.m. Loretta Caughlin Req'd by Lisa & Mark Cranston

**Thur. Oct 6** – 9:00 a.m. Braedon Coburn Req'd by Adell Mueller

**Fri. Oct 7** – 9:00 a.m. Barry McCormick Req'd by Rick & Maria Wilderman

**Sat. Oct 8** - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

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

### LECTORS

Sat. Oct 8 - 4:00 p.m.

Luis Arruda

Sun. Oct 9 - 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. Oct 8** - 5:30 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Buckland Req'd by Bill & Linda McKenna

### ST. PETER'S, Ayton

**Sun. Oct 9** - 11:00 a.m. Ted Jacobs Req'd by Antonia Verstraten

### **Sunday's Readings**

**First Reading:** *Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4*

The patience of the just man shall be rewarded when he sees the vision fulfilled.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9*

Sing joyfully to God, our salvation.

**Second Reading:** *2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14*

Paul urges Timothy to remain strong in the Spirit of faith Timothy received.

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 17:5-10*

Jesus teaches the apostles the importance of faith and service to God.

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

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus teach about faith and service to God. The context is a continuing dialogue between Jesus and his followers about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus has just finished an instruction on sin and forgiveness. There are two related teachings that Jesus offers to his disciples when they cry out for an increase in faith. The first is the familiar reminder that faith, even just a little, will enable the followers of Jesus to do wondrous things. But this uplifting and inspiring teaching is quickly followed by the second teaching, a caution about knowing one's place in God's plans. The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants to God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us—nothing more, nothing less. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. And yet, our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as his servants, can be made to produce a hundredfold.

### **Family Connection**

There is much in today's Gospel that resonates in family life. In our daily attempts as parents to live up to the confidence and trust that our children place in us, we come to know the wonders that God can do with just a little faith. In family life, we also learn about obligations that are their own rewards. The daily tasks that family members do for one another and for the household are simply the manifestations of our responsibilities to one another.

Take a turn with each member of the family and identify some of the little things that each family member does that make a big difference in your family life.

Read today's Gospel, Luke 17:5-10. Talk about how each person is called upon by God to believe that God can work miracles in our lives, that God can use us to make a difference in our world.

Together as a family, pray Saint Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer of Generosity. Ask that God will work through your family to make a difference in the lives of those around you.

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

## **DIOCESAN CALENDAR**

Mon.- Rev. B. Francis    Tue.- Rev. A. N. Urquico  
Wed.- Felician Franciscan Sisters (C.S.S.F.)  
Thurs. – Rev. D. Avila    Fri.- Rev.T. O’Dell. O.M.I.  
Sat.- Rev.K. Kim



Ramoth Life  
CENTRE

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.  
For more information call 519-323-37.

## **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.

## **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>

## **CWL**

**CWL Meeting - Tue Oct 11 at 1:00 p.m.  
New members are welcome.**

## **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>.

## **The Pope’s Intention for October 2022**

### ***For a Church open to everyone***

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

## **Liturgical Calendar:**

**Oct 2:** The Holy Guardian Angels

**Oct 4:** St. Francis of Assisi

**Oct 5:** St. Faustina Kowalska

**Oct 6:** Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

**Oct 7:** Our Lady of the Rosary

**Oct 9:** St. Denis and Companions



**“Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world.”  
-Blessed Pope Pius IX**

## Month of October- Month of Rosary

The purpose of the Rosary is to help keep in memory certain principal events in the history of our salvation. There are twenty mysteries reflected upon in the Rosary, and these are divided into the five Joyful Mysteries (said on Monday and Saturday), the five Luminous Mysteries (said on Thursday), the five Sorrowful Mysteries (said on Tuesday and Friday), and the five Glorious Mysteries (said on Wednesday and Sunday). As an exception, the Joyful Mysteries may be said on Sundays during Advent and Christmas, while the Sorrowful Mysteries may be said on the Sundays of Lent.

The question is sometimes asked, why, of all the incidents in our Lord's life, the Rosary only considers these particular twenty. The mysteries of the Rosary are based on the incidents in the life of Our Lord and His Mother that are celebrated in the Liturgy. There is a parallel between the main feasts honoring our Lord and his Mother in the liturgical year, and the twenty mysteries of the Rosary. Consequently, one who recites the twenty mysteries of the Rosary in one day reflects on the whole liturgical cycle that the Church commemorates during the course of each year. That is why some of the Popes have referred to the Rosary as a compendium of the Gospel. One cannot change the mysteries of the Rosary without losing the indulgences that the Church grants for the recitation of the Rosary.

### 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** such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal to bless a child.

\* **Other gifts** Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

\* Most importantly, **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.**

**A "Wow" Item** • Doll • Soccer ball (Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.) • Stuffed animal • An outfit of clothing to wear • Small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder) Personal Care Items • Comb • Hairbrush • Toothbrush • Washcloth • Bar soap (packaged and/or in a container) • Adhesive bandages (Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.) • Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.) • Small Blanket Clothing and Accessories • Shirts and pants • Pillowcase dress (loose-fitting sundress) • Underwear • Shoes and socks • Flip-flops • Hat/scarf/mittens • Sunglasses • Tote bag/purse • Hair bows • Friendship bracelets (woven with yarn or embroidery thread) Crafts and Activities • Pencils • Small manual pencil sharpener • Colored pencils • Pencil case • Crayons • Markers • Pens • Coloring pads • Coloring books • Picture book • Notebooks • Glue stick (Do not include liquid glue.) • Small adhesive tape • Powdered paint set [Finger paint palette/crayons/markers (non-liquid containers), paint brushes, canvas or paper] • Make-it-yourself craft items or kit • Playdough (Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.) • Stickers • Skipping rope/Jump rope Toys • Foam ball • Kickball (Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.) • Finger puppets • Slinky • Etch A Sketch • Interactive toys that include push buttons, lights, noise (include extra batteries)

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