

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.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct 9, 2022

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Oct 11 – 7:00 p.m. Ray Horrigan Req'd by The Pages Family

Wed. Oct 12 – 9:00 a.m. Peter De Jong Req'd by Frank & Jo-Anne McKenna

Thur. Oct 13 – 9:00 a.m. Martin Sokol Req'd by Jolanta Sokol

Fri. Oct 14 – 9:00 a.m. John, Mary & Arthur McDonald Req'd by The Family

Sat. Oct 15 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sun. Oct 16 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Oct 15 - 4:00 p.m. Maxine Schmidt

Sun. Oct 16 - 9:00 a.m. Emma Westendorp

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 15 - 5:30 p.m. Thanks for our blessing

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Oct 16 - 11:00 a.m. Meru Cowan Req'd by Roy & Agnes Diemert

Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *2 Kings 5:14-17*

Naaman is cleansed of his leprosy and chooses to serve the God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4*

Rejoice! The salvation of God is made known to all.

Second Reading: *2 Timothy 2:8-13*

Those who remain faithful to Christ will share Christ's glory.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 17:11-19*

Jesus heals 10 lepers, and one, the Samaritan, returns to give thanks.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we hear about how Jesus, continuing on his journey to Jerusalem, heals 10 lepers. This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all 10. However, only one is described as glorifying God and returning to thank Jesus. The one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. In the Jewish circles in which Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation. Throughout Luke's Gospel, faith is found in surprising places.

Another lesson for us in this Gospel has to do with salvation. All 10 of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks.

Family Connection

Children fluctuate between moments of deep, heartfelt gratitude and an attitude of entitlement. These fluctuations are normal. Among our tasks as parents is to help foster the gift of gratitude, particularly gratitude to God for all God's goodness to us. Read today's Gospel, Luke 17:11-19. Make a poster showing some of the gifts from God to your family. Display this poster in a prominent place and, as a family, write a prayer of thanksgiving for all of God's goodness to you.

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

HAPPY and BLESSED THANKSGIVING



COFFEE SUNDAY- OCT 16

EVERYBODY WELCOME!

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

CWL

CWL Meeting - Tue Oct 11 at 1:00 p.m.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The meeting Wed. Oct. 12, 2022 at 7pm.

HARVEST BEEF DINNER



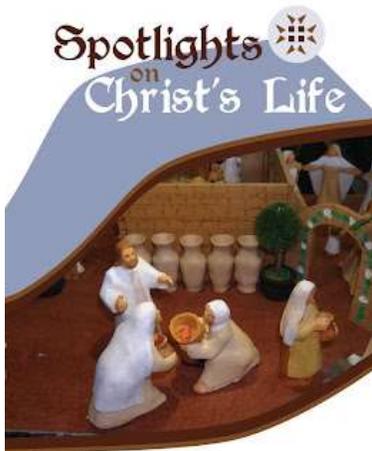
Come out and enjoy a delicious **Harvest Beef Dinner** by HNS, Saturday Oct. 29 pm at 5 pm.

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.

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).

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.

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/>.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Parenting Tip
When faith is important to parents they sometimes worry that their children may drift away from the faith, as they get older. But there is important research that tells us there are ways to help our children to stay connected: 1. Demonstrate a strong faith yourself; 2. Live out the Gospel values in all you do; 3. Read the Bible as a family (and adding discussions about what you read helps too!). It may seem too simplistic, but it can and does work. The reward for your children will be the confidence they feel in knowing that they have a God who is always with them, guiding all they do. From: Family Ministry Office: 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

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.

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.

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>

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.

Month of October- Month of Rosary

