

St. Mary of the Purification Parish



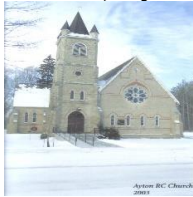
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New Parishioners - WELCOME! - Please introduce yourself to the priest.

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.

Please note: The deadline for Bulletin submission is Wed. a.m.

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 (please 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 the 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 NOG 2L3
Telephone: 519-323-2586
Fax: 519-323-9446

PARISH REQUESTS:

Keep your love for parish alive in your will & expression of sympathy.

"Prayer is the soul of hope"
~ Pope Francis



May 26, 2024 – Trinity Sunday

Tue. May 28 7:00 p.m. Martin Pronk & Dec'd Family members Req'd by Corrie Pronk

7:00 p.m. Victor Ruffolo Req'd by Helen & Bert Moore

Wed. May 29 9:00 a.m. Stella McCabe Req'd by Doris Tone

Thur. May 30 9:00 a.m. Stella McCabe Req'd by Ron & Marion Flanigan

Fri. May 31 9:00 a.m. Stella McCabe Req'd by Tom & Cecile Hale

Sat. June 1 (First Saturday) 9:00 a.m. Jim Gorman Req'd by Myrtle Gorman

4:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sun. June 2 9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat. June 1 Cesar Arruda

Sun. June 2 Colleen Dalla Costa

CONFESSION: Tue. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. or call Fr. Mike at 519-323-1054 ext. 7

Contributions: May 19 \$1,174 Maintenance \$90

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. June 1 5:30 pm. Ernest Sr. Dunlop & Francis & Mary Garvey Req'd by Virginia & Dan McComiskey

Contributions: May 19 \$290

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. June 2 11:00 am. People of the Parish

Contributions: May 19 \$110

This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40

Moses teaches the people that Yahweh is the only God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33:4-5,6,9,18-19,20,22

A prayer for the Lord's mercy

Second Reading

Romans 8:14-17

Through the Spirit, we have been adopted as children of God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus sends his disciples to make disciples of all nations.

Background on the Gospel Reading: This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday, however, are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to the central mysteries of our faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity, one God in three Persons. The Gospel for this Solemnity is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. In its conclusion, Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb and Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples in today's Gospel. The final commission, as this part of Matthew's Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, many of the most important events happen on a mountaintop, and Matthew used this motif often. Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop, and Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in the Sermon on the Mount. In today's Gospel, the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed them through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. They see Jesus, and they worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach.

It is a task for which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples; recall that Jesus had already sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal. Yet earlier, the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this final commission, the eleven are told to go to all nations. The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people, and the task is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity; this is one of the clearest attestations for Baptism in the name of the Holy Trinity found in Scripture. Other New Testament references to Baptism describe it as being celebrated in the name of Jesus. As we read this Gospel on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded that this central mystery of faith is meant to be lived. As baptized Christians, we share in the life of the blessed Trinity and seek to invite others to share in God's love. <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/>

Family Connection

The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity invites us to remember that God has revealed himself to us as one God in three Persons. As Jesus departed from his disciples, he shared with them the power to make disciples of all nations. He taught his disciples to invite others to share in the life of the blessed Trinity by sharing with others the gift of Baptism. This continues to be the mission of the Church. Each of us who has been baptized shares in the life of the blessed Trinity and also shares in the Church's mission of inviting others to share in God's love.

As you gather as a family, bring out pictures and other mementos of family celebrations of the Sacrament of Baptism. Talk about the significance of Baptism with your family. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 28:16-20. Notice that Jesus taught his disciples to baptize all nations in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. What else does this remind you of? (the Sign of the Cross) Recall that whenever we pray the Sign of the Cross, we are reminding ourselves that we are united with God through our Baptism and share in the life of the blessed Trinity. Conclude by thanking God for sharing his life with us. Pray together the [Glory Be to the Father](#).

The Pope's Intentions for May

For the formation of religious and seminarians: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the gospel.

The Month of May



Is DEDICATED TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help,
or sought thy intercession,
was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence
I fly unto thee,

O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.

To thee I come,
before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in thy mercy hear and answer me.
Amen.

First Holy Communion

Sunday June 2, 2024, we will celebrate First Holy Communion with a special Mass being held at 3:00 p.m. If you have a child who does not attend St.Mary's School in Mount Forest, and who has reached the age of discernment, please contact the parish office for registration. 519-323-1054 or email stmarymtforest@wightman.ca



Michael House 2024 Baby Bottle Campaign!

Don't forget to pick up your baby bottle

Help us celebrate parenthood and support the Moms and Babies at Michael House by participating in our annual baby bottle campaign. Donate your loose change, coins or bills into the baby bottle and help us fill it up by Fathers Day! The money raised goes a long way towards building stronger families.

80th Birthday Celebration

Come and go Tea for Riet Berendsen (past member of St.Thomas Church, Harriston)

Sat. June 8th 1-4 pm, Chepstow Lions Hall.

Best Wishes only, Contact Mary at 519-357-7140

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

God the Father, Creator; God the Son, Redeemer; God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier. When we go out to "make disciples of all nations", we have a lot to tell! God is present everywhere. Would you be willing to proclaim the truth of God's love and presence in your life as a priest, religious or deacon? If so, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email vocations@hamitondiocese

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT - SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST - STONEY CREEK

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, June 1st** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (934 Highway #8, Stoney Creek, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more

information, please contact:
vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH The data continues to grow on the dangers the internet can pose to children and on the benefit of time spent in play, both indoors and outdoors. For younger children this means play that uses their imaginations and does not include the internet. For older children, it may include such things as playing board games, doing puzzles and hiking. Whatever the age of your children, time without the internet supports good growth. So, spend time playing as a family and you will see the positive benefits for your children! Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 (ext. 2250)

THE FINE ART OF BEING HAPPILY MARRIED - In his poem, *The Art of Marriage*, Wilfred A. Peterson writes, “A good marriage must be created” and creating something requires time and attention. We invite you to take the time, with your spouse, to find new and creative ways to increase your connection with each other, to discover fresh techniques for being in relationship and to deepen the love you already share. Join us on Saturday, June 1st from 9:30 – 3:00 pm at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Hamilton. Cost is \$50 per couple and includes lunch. To register on the website, go to <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> and look under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.



Saint Paul IX

Pope Paul VI was elected in 1963 and continued the Second Vatican Council after the death of Pope John XXIII. During his papacy, he wrote several encyclicals, including *Humanae Vitae (Of Human Life)*, *Populorum Progressio (On the Development of Peoples)*, and *Mysterium Fidei (The Mystery of Faith, on the Eucharist)*.

Evangelii Nuntiandi (On Evangelization in the Modern World) is an apostolic exhortation considered to be the “magna carta” on Catholic evangelization and remains relevant and timely. As Julianne Stanz explains in [Developing Disciples of Christ](#):

The exhortation affirms the role of every Christian in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ and is divided into seven sections, with an introduction. *Evangelii Nuntiandi* defines Catholic evangelization (which is very helpful), the content

of evangelization, and the beneficiaries or audiences of evangelization.

Pope Paul VI declared clearly in *Evangelii Nuntiandi* that the Church “exists in order to evangelize.” (14) Some inspiration from that document includes: Here lies the test of truth, the touchstone of evangelization: it is unthinkable that a person should accept the Word and give himself to the kingdom without becoming a person who bears witness to it and proclaims it in his turn. (24)

Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses. (41)

Let us therefore preserve our fervor of spirit. Let us preserve the delightful and comforting joy of evangelizing, even when it is in tears that we must sow. May it mean for us—as it did for John the Baptist, for Peter and Paul, for the other apostles and for a multitude of splendid evangelizers all through the Church’s history—an interior enthusiasm that nobody and nothing can quench. May it be the great joy of our consecrated lives. And may the world of our time, which is searching, sometimes with anguish, sometimes with hope, be enabled to receive the Good News not from evangelizers who are dejected, discouraged, impatient or anxious, but from ministers of the Gospel whose lives glow with fervor, who have first received the joy of Christ, and who are willing to risk their lives so that the kingdom may be proclaimed and the Church established in the midst of the world. (80)

Another apostolic exhortation, *Marialis Cultus*, focuses on devotion to Mary. In that, Paul VI reminds us: Mary is not only an example for the whole Church in the exercise of divine worship but is also, clearly, a teacher of the spiritual life for individual Christians. The faithful at a very early date began to look to Mary and to imitate her in making their lives an act of worship of God and making their worship a commitment of their lives. (21) Paul VI served as pope until his death in 1978. He was beatified in 2014 and canonized in 2018.
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