



# Welcome to St. Mary of the Purification Parish

We are delighted you could join us for today's Mass

Please visit our website [www.stmarymountforest.ca](http://www.stmarymountforest.ca)   Tel: 519-323-1054

**OFFICE HOURS: Closed Monday Open Tuesday - Friday: 9:30am - 1:30pm**

### Parish Staff

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Rev. Michael Anderson, P.P.</b>
<b>Bookkeeper</b>	<b>Annette Connolly</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Dee Dee Eurig</b>
<b>Custodian</b>	<b>Virginia McComiskey</b>
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**St. Peter's Mission**  
943 Caroline St, Ayton NOG 1C0



**St. Thomas the Apostle**  
#5800 Hwy 89, Harriston NOG 1Z0



## **OUR 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 page 2 of the bulletin

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Tuesday: 5:30 pm-6:30 pm or by appointment. Kindly contact the parish office.

**MARRIAGE:** Please notify the Pastor at least 6 months in advance.

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Please contact the parish office.

## **PASTORAL CARE NEEDS:**

Please contact the parish office if you require:  
- 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 of a loved one occurs in the family, please contact the parish office.

## **VOCATIONS &**

**RELIGIOUS LIFE:** For information or assistance, see [www.hamiltonvocations.com](http://www.hamiltonvocations.com)

## **DIOCESAN**

**NEWSLETTER:** Visit the Diocese of Hamilton to subscribe to the online diocesan newsletter visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

## **PARISH SCHOOL:**

**St. Mary Catholic School**



**Mount Forest**

Building Character  
Through Christ

390 Parkside Dr, Mt Forest 519-323-2586

[www.stmarymountforest.wellingtoncdsb.ca](http://www.stmarymountforest.wellingtoncdsb.ca)

## **PARISH REQUESTS:**

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

**ADORATION:** 1st Friday every month after Mass. All are welcome!

**Please note: The deadline for Bulletin submission is Wednesday before noon.**

**ST. MARY OF THE PURIFICATION**  
**August 31st 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**Tue Sept 2 7:00 pm** † Bob & Mary McIntee  
Req'd by Bill & Mary Hammond  
and † Aiden & Gary Felsbourg

Req'd by Kathleen Boone

**Wed Sept 3 9:00 am** † Intentions of Bob &  
Bonnie Koechl Req'd by Tim Koechl

**Thu Sept 4 9:00 am** † Carl Dalla Costa Sr. Req'd  
by Evelyn Collins

**Fri Sept 5 9:00 am First Friday Adoration after  
Mass** † Deceased members of the  
Braun Family Req'd by Mary MacMillan

**Sat Sept 6 9:00 am First Saturday**  
† Mary, Arthur & John  
McDonald Req'd by The Family

**4:00 pm** † People of the Parish

**Sun Sept 7 9:00 am** † People of the Parish

**Lectors**

**Sat Sept 6** Florence Ricard

**Sun Sept 7** Colleen Dalla Costa

**CONFESSIO:** Tuesday evenings 5:30 – 6:30 pm  
or by appointment, please call Fr. Mike at the  
Parish office 519-323-1054 ext.7

**ST. THOMAS, Harriston**

**Sat Sept 6 5:30 pm** † Mary & Francis Garvey,  
Jerome Lane & Ernie Sr. Dunlop Req'd by Gail &  
Isobel Dunlop and † Martin & Corrie Pronk  
Req'd by Dan & Angela Seifried

**ST. PETER'S, Ayton**

**Sun Sept 7 11:00 am** † Jim & Loretta Murphy Req'd  
by Dot Bourgeois and † Anna Marie Raftis Req'd by  
The Estate

**This Sundays Reading:**

**First Reading**

*Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29*

Humble yourself and you will find favor with God

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 68:4-7,10-11*

The just rejoice and exult before God.

**Second Reading**

*Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24*

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of  
the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 14:1,7-14*

When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the  
crippled, the lame, and the blind.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Meals played an important role in the society in  
which Jesus lived. More than a time for sharing  
nourishment, they were a time to share ideas and to  
model different aspects of social relationships. In  
Luke's Gospel, the places that a person ate (at the  
home of a tax collector, 5:29), the people with  
whom a person ate (sinners, 5:30), whether a person  
washed before eating (11:38), and, as is the case  
here, the place that a person sits while eating are all  
important. The narrator says Jesus tells a parable,  
but it is really wise advice to both guests and hosts  
about finding true happiness at the heavenly  
banquet.

Jesus warns guests to wait before taking their places  
at the table lest they be asked to move if someone  
more important arrives. This is more than just a  
lesson about dinner etiquette. It is advice on how to  
find your true place in the Kingdom of God. Jesus  
advises hosts not to invite people who would be  
expected to repay them to dinner but to invite those  
who could not repay: the poor, the crippled, the  
lame, and the blind. This is where real blessings can  
be found.

In these sayings, Luke gives us not only advice on  
how to approach the end times but also on how to  
live according to Jesus' vision of a good society.  
Luke's Gospel also advises us how the Church must  
be part of bringing about this society. It is yet  
another example in Luke's Gospel of the reversal  
the kingdom brings about. [www.loyolapress.com/resources](http://www.loyolapress.com/resources)

**Family Connection**

Parents and children often enter into “negotiations”  
over how much allowance is to be earned at certain  
ages. Typically, when a child seeks an increase in  
allowance, parents will attach an increase in chores  
and responsibilities for them to better earn the  
increase. Talk about what kind of allowance you  
received as a child and what kind of responsibilities  
your parents expected of you to earn your  
allowance.

Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks  
about doing good deeds for others and expecting  
nothing in return. Read aloud Luke 14:1,7-14. Ask  
your children how they would feel if you told them  
to take on more chores without ever expecting  
another raise in allowance. Emphasize that Jesus

teaches us that it is our duty as his followers to take care of the needs of others and to do so without expecting repayment. Discuss what other types of rewards we can find when doing good things for others.

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.  
[www.loyolapress.com/resources](http://www.loyolapress.com/resources)

### The Pope’s Prayer Intention for September

*For our relationship with all of creation.* Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

#### Contributions

**St. Mary of the Purification:** Aug 24 \$1551.25

**St. Peter Mission:** Aug 24 \$220

**St. Thomas Mission:** Aug 24 \$45

***Thank you for your continued donations. Your contributions are greatly appreciated as we seek to encourage all with God’s Love and Word.***

#### CWL News

- CWL meeting on Tuesday Sept. 09, 2025 at 1:00 pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend to learn more about the CWL.
- Wednesday, HNS or St. Mary Auxiliary meeting at 7.00 pm. All men of the parish are welcome. Please come out and volunteer to help with functions.
- CWL Fall Regional meeting is on SEPT 13, 2025 at 9.00AM. Bring a brown bag lunch. If you would like to attend please come to the CWL meeting or call Colleen for info 519-323-9112

**Are you interested in becoming Catholic?** The journey toward becoming a full member of the Catholic Church includes time for prayer, catechesis (teaching) and conversation. The initiation process is for those who are not baptized and for those who are baptized in another Christian tradition and seek to be full members of the Catholic Church. If you would like more information about becoming a member of the Catholic Church, please contact the Parish office at 519-323-1054 or email [stmarymtforest@wightman.ca](mailto:stmarymtforest@wightman.ca) or [manderson@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:manderson@hamiltondiocese.com)

### Proclaiming God’s Word – Seeking Lectors!

If you are a fully initiated Catholic and would like to learn more about serving as a lector at a Saturday or Sunday Mass or a weekday, please contact the Parish office at 519-323-1054 or email [stmarymtforest@wightman.ca](mailto:stmarymtforest@wightman.ca) or [manderson@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:manderson@hamiltondiocese.com)  
 Formation and training is offered to all new lectors. The proclamation of God’s Word is an integral part of our liturgy.



**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON**

#### **Diocesan Calendar- week of August 31**

*“Pray to the Lord of the Harvest”*

Mon-Rev. Jeff Bergsma	Thu- <b>Rev. Michael Anderson</b>
Tue- <b>Rev. Gerald Mulhall</b>	Fri-Rev. Patrick Ohl
Wed- Our Parish Community	Sat-Rev. Mario Fernando Cabal Muriel, S.J.

#### **FALL WORKSHOPS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**Lectors Workshop:** In this workshop, participants receive formation in Liturgy and Ministry, Techniques to Proclaim the Word of God, and an opportunity to practice. It is ideal for parishioners new to this ministry and a good refresher for experienced Ministers Participants receive a mandate from the Bishop of Hamilton. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. Workshops run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Saturday, October 4, 2025**, St. Michael Parish, Waterloo, and **Saturday, November 1, 2025**, St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Burlington. Register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/08/minister-of-the-word-formation-workshop-3/>

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:** In this workshop, participants receive formation in Liturgy, Eucharist and Ministry, Spiritual Preparation, Diocesan Norms and Guidelines, and an opportunity to practice. It is ideal for those who are new to this ministry and a good refresher for experienced ministers. Participants receive a mandate from the Bishop of Hamilton. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. Workshops run 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Saturday, September 20, 2025**, St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Owen Sound, and **Saturday, October 18, 2025**, St. Joseph Parish, Guelph, and **Saturday, November 22, 2025**, St. Raphael Parish, Burlington. Register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops .

**YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT IN SEPTEMBER** Young Adults Night – Hanover 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 on **Saturday, September 6th at Holy Family Parish** (352 – 10th Avenue, Hanover, Ontario). The Young Adults Night will begin with a Holy Hour (7:00pm-8:00pm) in the church and will continue in the school with a social with food (8:00pm-8:30pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:30pm-9:30pm), and Compline (9:30pm). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, contact [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (Sept. 1, 2024)** In preparation for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, which takes place on September 1, 2024, the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development recently released the message for this special occasion from Pope Francis as well as numerous resources to help promote this important initiative. In addition to the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, the Season of Creation is an ecumenical initiative promoted by various groups, including the World Council of Churches, the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), the Anglican Communion and the Laudato Si' Movement. The Time of Creation lasts from September 1 to October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. For more information, visit [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

**RESTART: Refresh, Renew, Revive Support Group** Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support and fun on Friday evenings on the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month at the Chancery Office in Hamilton These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Register at <https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home>, or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

**HEARTACHE TO HEALING - GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - St. Michael Parish, Waterloo** Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Our support group follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss. We have two programs to engage in: **Monthly informal drop-in support** - available at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo on the 2nd Wednesday of

the month; 7pm in the Parish Resource Centre/Library. **When Life Changes Part 2** - A six-week program which includes both theory and sharing. (To join the program, you must have completed Part 1 already). The program runs Wednesday evenings from October 15th to November 19th at 7pm, at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo. Registration is required by October 3<sup>rd</sup>; do so by contacting our Parish office 519-884-9311, or email [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca).



### **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day September 8**

We know that everyone has a birthday. The Bible doesn't say anything about Mary's birth, but we know that she was born. Like all parents, Mary's parents—we call them Joachim and Ann—probably took one look at their newborn daughter and knew that she was special. Joachim and Ann loved God very much, and they were filled with gratitude to God for the gift of a child. They raised Mary as a child of God, teaching her to love and serve God. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that she had been chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, she already had great faith in God. Her strong faith and trust allowed her to say yes to God's plan for her. We cannot be certain what the future holds for any newborn infant, but we do know that the life of each person has meaning and purpose. When Mary was born, the world did not know who she was. Sometimes others—and maybe even you—don't see how special you are. Maybe you forget that God is calling you, too, right now, to do what Mary did—to bring Jesus into the world.

When we celebrate his mother's birth, we honor Jesus too. Today thank God for the gift of life, and give honor to both Mary and Jesus by showing respect and concern for one another—remembering that God has created each person with love and with a call to something very special in life.

*Back to school this week!  
"Heavenly Father, we pray for safety in our schools, asking for your protection over every student and staff member"*

