



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   Tel: 519-323-1054

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

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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

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NEWSLETTER: Visit the Diocese of Hamilton to subscribe to the online diocesan newsletter visit www.hamiltondiocese.com

PARISH SCHOOL:

St. Mary Catholic School



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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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Tue Sept 30 7:00 pm † Jamie Richardson Req'd by Kathleen Boone and † Katheryn Meyer Req'd by The Estate

Wed Oct 1 9:00 am † Paul MacMillan Req'd by Brent & Mary Lynn Zeinstra

Thu Oct 2 9:00 am † Holy Souls in Purgatory Req'd by Bill & Mary Hammond

Fri Oct 3 9:00 am First Friday Adoration after mass † John, Mary and Arthur

McDonald Req'd by The Family

Sat Oct 4 First Saturday of the month
9:00 am † Pat McManus Req'd by Bill & Mary Hammond

4:00 pm † People of the Parish

Sun Oct 5 9:00 am † People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat Oct 4 Florence Kreps

Sun Oct 5 Melissa Reid

RECONCILIATION: Tue. 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 Oct 4 5:30 pm † Marie Givlin Req'd by The Estate and † Bob Rogelj Req'd by Tony & Mary Andrade

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun Oct 5 11:00 am † Rita Hawkins Req'd by Margaret Hawkins and † Living & Deceased relatives & friends of Eileen Horrigan Req'd by The Estate

This Sundays Reading:

First Reading

Amos 6:1,4-7

God will judge the complacency of the people and their leaders.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146:7-10

Happy are those who find solace in God, the help of the poor.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Paul exhorts Timothy to stay faithful to God in all things.

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells the parable of the reversal of fortunes between the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus.

Background on the Gospel Reading

A major theme in the Gospel of Luke is the importance of the care of the poor in the life of discipleship. In the parable found in today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the life of a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus, who lives in the shadow of the rich man and his wealth. Both die. Lazarus finds himself in heaven; the rich man in the netherworld. The rich man asks for assistance from Lazarus in his torment. But Abraham reminds the rich man of the good things he had in his life and describes the current situation as a reversal of fortunes. The rich man then asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his family, but this is denied with the reminder that Moses and the prophets have warned of judgment for those who neglect the care of the poor.

In the context of Luke's Gospel, this parable, delivered in the presence of a crowd of listeners, is part of Jesus' response to some Pharisees. These Pharisees are described in Luke's Gospel as "loving money." (Note: The Pharisees were followers of a sect of Judaism active before, during, and after Jesus' lifetime. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for popular Jewish piety. They put less emphasis on Temple worship and more on applying the law to everyday life. Though they are often portrayed negatively in the Gospels, they shared many of Jesus' and the early Church's concerns about the law.) Jesus observed that the actions of some Pharisees betrayed misplaced priorities: they spoke one way, but acted in another. The story of the rich man and Lazarus demonstrates the importance of the care of the poor and is a reminder to those who would follow Jesus of the unimportance of wealth in the eyes of God.

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Family Connection

Talk with your children about some of the things that they have that can be shared with others. Ask your children to describe a time when they had to share something that they had. Ask if this was easy or difficult and why. Talk about some of ways in which your family shares your possessions. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 16:19-31. Consider together some reasons why the rich man may not have shared his riches with the poor man, Lazarus. Identify some reasons why we might share our possessions with others. Make a commitment as a

family to do something this week in which you will choose to share your possessions with someone in need. 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 for Sept. 21

St. Mary of the Purification: \$1536.55;

Maintenance \$450

St. Peter Mission: \$208

St. Thomas Mission: \$69

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



—Join us every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month after mass in the parish hall for coffee and fellowship. All are welcome!

CWL

The next CWL meeting will be on October 14th At 1:00 pm in the England Room. All ladies Of the parish are welcome to attend.

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN

On the first Sunday of October each year, the Hanover and District Right to Life takes part in the annual National Life Chain. We will gather at Holy Family Catholic Church for a short prayer before proceeding to the main street (10th street) of Hanover where we hold prolife signs testifying to the DIGNITY OF LIFE from the moment of conception. These signs say- Abortion Hurts Women; Adoption, not Abortion; and Abortion kills children. While holding the signs we pray silently for the protection of children in the womb and an END to abortion. It is a silent protest with no controversy with onlookers. In today’s culture we need to speak up for the unborn, our tiniest human beings, and a law to protect them. In Canada we have NO LAW to protect the unborn. Abortion can be at any stage of life in the womb right up to BIRTH. Please join us October 5th
Prayer service 1:30-1:55 Process to main street
Silent Prayer 2:00-3:00 Return to Holy Family Church for a light lunch. We ask that you take part

in this event. It is IMPORTANT to show our community that we believe in LIFE. For more info. please contact Helen Waechter, President Hanover & District Right to Life 519-364-1185



Wellington Catholic District School Board is excited to host the 23rd Annual Bishop’s Dinner for Community Needs on Thursday, October 9, 2025. Over the past 22 years, the Bishop's Dinner has raised more than \$825,000 in support of local organizations that directly benefit members of our community. Proceeds from this year's event will help families in Guelph and Wellington County to access food security, mental health services, and important support programs. We are committed to investments for four recipients:

- St. Vincent De Paul Society
- Michael House Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services
- Children’s Foundation of Guelph and Wellington
- Canadian Mental Health Association – Waterloo- Wellington

Tickets are available for purchase online. Please visit wellingtoncdsb.ca or contact sueann.maharaj@wellingtoncdsb.ca for more information.

We are looking forward to coming together to support those in need within our community.



DIocese OF HAMILTON

Diocesan Calendar- week of September 28

“Pray to the Lord of the Harvest”

Mon- Rev. Ignatius Saiki, OP	Thu- Rev. Romelito Guillen
Tue- Rev. Emmanuel Azike, OP	Fri-Rev. Thomas Manninezthath, C.M.I.
Wed-Felician Franciscan Sisters, C.S.S.F.	Sat-Rev. Grayson Hope

Jubilee Multicultural Mass St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown (715 Centre Rd) is hosting the Diocesan Jubilee Multicultural Mass on Sunday, October 5, 2025, at 3:00pm. This vibrant celebration embraces the rich cultural diversity that enriches our diocesan community. The Mass will feature prayers, readings, and hymns proclaimed in multiple languages including Spanish, Polish, Italian, Vietnamese, Korean, and others, reflecting the many cultures united in faith. Following the Mass, join us for a reception featuring cultural foods and entertainment from various communities. This event is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer, fellowship, and joyful celebration of our shared faith.

Diocesan Vocations Month - October 2025

Bishop Crosby has designated October as Diocesan Vocations Month. Each Sunday your parish will pray for vocations during Mass. You are also asked to pray for vocations throughout the month. If you know someone you think should consider a particular vocation, such as marriage, priesthood, consecrated life (religious life or consecrated virginity lived in the world) or the permanent diaconate, be sure to tell that person. For more information about praying for vocations, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/pray-for-vocations/> . Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

Young Adults Night - Saturday, October 4th –

Guelph October is Diocesan Vocations Month. 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, October 4th at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>



Guardian Angels Feast Day October 2

Here is a riddle for you: *I am always with you, but you never see me. I am not God, but I was created by God. I protect and guide you. Who am I?*

God gave us guardian angels to protect and guide us. Saint Jerome wrote that the human soul is so valuable in heaven that every human person has a guardian angel from the moment the person comes into being. These pure spirits, which we can neither see nor feel, play an important role in our lives. Jesus refers to them when he says, "Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven" (Matthew 18:10). Angels are messengers from God. The word angel comes from the Greek word for "messenger." In a very real way, these powerful spirits point out to us the ways of God. Guardian angels assist us in work or study. In times of temptation, these spiritual beings direct us to do good. Thomas Aquinas said that angels are the most excellent of creatures because they have the greatest intelligence next to God. Perhaps the guardian angels are best known for protecting us from physical danger, but their main role is to care for the salvation of our souls. It is wonderful to know that God has promised to love, protect, and be with us always. One way he does this is through the care of the angels. Whenever you meet with danger or discouragement, your guardian angel is your personal, heavenly bodyguard. The angels also offer prayers to God for us. Because angels always see and hear God, they can intercede for us. We should love our guardian angels, respect them, and pray to them. In early Christianity there was no feast for the guardian angels, just one for the archangels. But in the 15th and 16th centuries, the feast of the Guardian Angels was unofficially celebrated in Austria, Spain, and Portugal. In 1608 Pope Paul V made it a universal feast. In doing so, he helped to make us aware of the guardian angels, not just one day in October, but every day of our lives.

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Grant me Protection

O Holy Angel of the Lord

Faithful guardian of my spirit, soul and body.

Pray to God for me and protect me from the evil one.

Keep my feet on the sure path to salvation. Strengthen my mind in the true way. And illumine my soul with good thoughts that I may arrive safely at the gates of heaven. Amen

