

Welcome to St. Mary of the Purification Parish, Mt.Forest, Ont.

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

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

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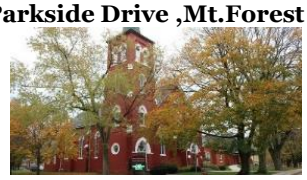

St. Peter's Mission
943 Caroline St, Ayton N0G 1C0



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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 hamiltondiocese.com/vocations

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

PARISH SCHOOL:

St. Mary Catholic School

Mount Forest
Building Character Through Christ

390 Parkside Dr, Mt Forest 519-323-2586
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.

MASS INTENTIONS
November 22, 2026
Thirty Second Sunday Ordinary Time

Tue Nov 24 7:00 pm ✝ Deceased members of the Smolko,Zurav & Casek Families Req'd by Katarina & Pavlo Smolkova
Wed Nov 25 9:00 am ✝ Paul McCann Req'd by Denise McCann
Thu Nov 26 9:00 am ✝ Mary Garvey Req'd by Virginia McComiskey
Fri Nov 27 9:00 am ✝ Deceased members of the Smolko,Zurav,Casek Families Req'd by Katarina & Pavlo Smolkova

Sat Nov 28 4:00 pm People of the Parish
Sun Nov 29 9:00 am People of the Parish

Lectors
Sat Nov 28 Florence Kreps
Sun Nov 29 Melissa Reid

RECONCILIATION: 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 Nov 28 5:30 pm People of the Parish
ST. PETER'S, Ayton
Sun Nov 29 11:00 am People of the Parish

This Sunday's Readings:

First Reading
Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17
God himself will shepherd the people of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 23:1-2,2-3,5-6
The Lord is our shepherd.

Second Reading
Corinthians 15:20-26,28
Because Christ has been raised from the dead, all those who have died will also be raised.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 25:31-46
Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

Family Connection

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we will be judged on only one thing: the acts of mercy we have shown to the least among us. Jesus identifies with the least ones; thus we serve Jesus whenever we serve one of the least ones. The Church calls the actions that Jesus described in today's Gospel the *Corporal Works of Mercy*. These works are to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to bury the dead, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick and imprisoned, and to give alms to the poor. In these actions we show God's compassion and mercy to those in need.

As you gather as a family, recall the list of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Talk about some concrete examples of how your family might do these actions in your community and then discuss why it is important that we do these things. Read Matthew 25:31-46. Ask: ***Why does Jesus say we ought to do these works of mercy?*** (Because whenever we show mercy to another person, we show mercy to Jesus himself.) Choose one Corporal Work of Mercy that your family will act upon this week. Pray together that your family will see and serve Jesus in the least ones among us. Pray the Lord's Prayer or an Act of Love. www.loyolapress

The Pope's prayer intention for November

"For the proper use of wealth"

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Catechism classes

Thursdays at 7 pm - St. Mary of the Purification Parish hall

Topic for November 26 – Holy Orders



FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE

Coffee Sunday Fellowship will take place on the last Sunday of each month following Mass. The CWL is happy to assist with providing snacks, however, we will warmly welcome donations of baked goods.

CWL News

1. The next CWL meeting will be our Annual Christmas dinner meeting on Tuesday December 15th at 5:00 pm. Cost is $15 per person, all the ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. Please use the sign up sheet located in the entry of the church.

2. CWL dues must be in by January 1st, 2027. The dues are $40. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join. The CWL is a Nation wide organization and there is great power in numbers.

Diocesan Calendar- week of November 22

"Pray to the Lord of the Harvest"

Mon- Rev. Tom Moisan	**Thu-** Widows
Tue- Rev. James Swanson, L.C.	**Fri**- Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C.
Wed- Pallottine Fathers, S.A.C.	**Sat**-Rev. Pablito Labado



Knox Conn Annual Nativity Display

Now consisting of over 800 Nativity Scenes, over 250 Angels, International Christmas Traditions, and a Collection of Nativity Christmas Cards.

From 12 pm to 4:30 pm on:

November 28th November 29th

December 5th December 6th

Free Admission – Donations accepted

Knox Conn Presbyterian Church

8015 Hwy. 89 Conn

England Funeral Home

Christmas Remembrance Service



Saturday December 12, 2026 at 2:00 pm

Held at Faith Baptist Church, 485 King Street, East Mount Forest.

This is a non-denominational service held in loving memory of those who have passed away. It is a time of reflection to honour the lives of those who have graciously touched ours.

Everyone is welcome! Please RSVP by Wednesday December 9th by visiting www.englandfuneralhome.com or by calling the funeral home at 519-323-2631

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT — Saturday, December 5, 2026 – Fr. John Ha, our Vocations Director, invites all

young adults in their 20s and 30s across the Diocese of Hamilton to an evening of prayer, fellowship, and praise music. Come meet other young adults and find encouragement as you discern and live out God's call. Join us at St. Basil's Church, 50 Palace St, Brantford, ON N3T 3Y6. [Holy Hour**: 6:30–7:30 p.m.**; Social with food**:** Praise music and vocation testimony**: 7:30–8:00 p.m.**; Night Prayer**: 8:00–9:00 p.m.**; **9:00 p.m.**). Bring a friend—all young adults are welcome! Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. Visit https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/. For more information, contact vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

AI AND HUMAN DIGNITY – The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join us as we explore Pope Leo's first encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas and our call to protect human dignity in an age of technological revolution. It will take place on Wednesday, November 25th, 2026 (1:00 – 3:00pm) at the Chancery Office in Hamilton. Registration and more information can be found here: https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2026/07/ai-andhuman-dignity-workshop.

The faithful in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to join in a **Mass of Thanksgiving** to celebrate His Excellency Bishop Lobsinger's appointment as Bishop of the Diocese of Peterborough on **Sunday November 29th at 11:00 am** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, 714 King street, west, Hamilton.



Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Feast Day November 27

November 27 marks the Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. On this day, we commemorate the apparition of Our Blessed Mother to Saint Catherine Laboure (whose feast day is November 28), and celebrate the vision that Our Lady revealed to the young saint — the Miraculous Medal. It was in Paris, in the year 1830, part of a period when the Catholic Church was under attack from its many enemies, when "times are evil in France and in the world," as Our Lady said. While doing silent meditation, Saint Catherine had a striking vision of the Blessed Virgin, her beauty indescribable, standing on a globe. Rays of light shone forth from the precious gems on the Blessed Mother's hands symbolizing the graces that she bestows upon us. Catherine saw an oval frame formed around her, bearing the words, "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." A voice then said to Catherine, "Have a medal struck after this model. Persons who wear it will receive great graces, especially if they wear it around the neck."

For two years that followed, the Church authorities investigated the events of the apparition, deliberated on the message of Our Lady, and observed Saint Catherine as she went about her daily life as a simple nun. Finally, they approved to have the image struck upon a medal — the one and only medal that Our Blessed Mother herself presented the design. The first batch was produced in 1832. Soon after, the devotion became widespread across the world, and the medal was being worn by millions. Stories of healings, conversions, and other miracles started pouring in from the faithfuls who wear and pray the devotion to the "Medal of the Immaculate Conception," as it was originally called. Because of this, people since then began calling it the "Miraculous Medal." At present, devotion to the Miraculous Medal and wearing it is next to the Holy Rosary in popularity among the traditional Catholic devotions and sacramentals. On the front, the medal shows Our Mother Mary standing on the globe (Mary, assumed into heaven, is the Queen of Heaven and Earth), as her feet stand on the head of the serpent (Mary is our protection). The oval-shaped medal is circled with the signature, "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." At the back of the medal, twelve stars (12 Apostles who formed the first Church) surround a large "M" from which a cross (Jesus' Cross and Redemption) arises. And below the "M" are two flaming hearts (the burning love of Jesus and Mary for us). The left heart is circled with thorns, which represents Jesus (the Sacred Heart who died for our sins). The right heart, pierced by a sword (her sorrows), symbolizes Mary (the Immaculate Heart who intercedes for us). As stated in the narrative of the apparition, Saint Catherine asked the Blessed Mother why rays of light did not shine forth from some gems of her hands. Our Lady reportedly answered that such darkness represented "the graces for which people forget to ask." Thus, on this Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, let us not only remember to wear the medal or carry it with us, but pray with much devotion and ask with much faith for Our Blessed Mother's intercession and special graces, which have made countless of miracles possible. www.loyolapress/resources