

PRAY PLEASE FOR:

Jerome Sobry
Brad Walsh

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life
(Psalm 23).

WEEK AT A GLANCE (Oct 16 – Oct 22)

Mon	8:00 am	CWL Meat & Apple Pie Prep.
	1:30 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	OCDS Carmelites
	8:00 pm	AA
Tue	8:00 am	CWL Meat & Apple Pie Prep.
	9:30 am	School Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation
	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
	7:45 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting
Wed	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Dev.
	1:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Meeting
	5:00 pm	Friendship Dinner
	6:30 pm	Folk Choir Practice
Thu	9:30 am	School Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation
	11:30 am	Jollymakers and Cards
	7:45 pm	RCIA Meeting
Fri	9:30 am	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	3:30 pm	First Reconciliation Learning Centres
	7:00 pm	Ultreya
Sat	9:00 am	First Reconciliation Learning Centres
	3:00 pm	Banfield/Claessens Wedding
Sun	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Parish Library open
	10:00 am	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
	1:00 pm	First Reconciliation Learning Centres

World Mission Sunday
Knights of Columbus Can Collection



COLLECTION

Regular Envelope	\$ 4,820.00
Loose Collection	\$ 247.15
Building Fund	\$ 407.00
Total	\$ 5,474.15

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MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Oct 16 – Oct 22)

Tue	7:00 pm	Agnes VanderGriendt Anna Bognar Henry VanderGriendt
Wed	10:00 am	Frances Fardella Brent Mc Kay Rolland Boutin
Thu	3:30 pm	Mass (Woodingford Lodge) Tullio Cecchetto
	7:00 pm	Memorial Mass
Fri	10:00 am	Jose de Mederios Borges Robert Bridle Harry Vandenbergelaer Sr.
Sat	9:00 am	Tuan & The Than Helen Borbely Nandor Szucsko
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sun	9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (Oct 21/22)

Saturday (5 pm)

Commentator:	Ed DeDecker
1st, 2nd Reader:	Dan Mahony, Carla Matos
Gift Bearer:	Merna Vermeeren
Eucharistic Ministers:	Helen Schonberger, Randy Vince Linda Bertling, Dave Bertling
Greeters:	John & Adele Armstrong
Rosary:	Allen Scovil

Sunday (9 am)

Commentator:	Brian O'Rourke
1st, 2nd Reader:	Mary Virag, Anne Stancek
Gift Bearer:	Ann Schroder
Eucharistic Ministers:	Ann Schroder, Margaret Tops, Carol VanMoerkerke, Eric VanMoerkerke
Greeter:	Joanne Maertens
Rosary:	Anne Stancek

Sunday (11 am)

Commentator:	Kathy Holly
1st, 2nd Reader:	Alex Dammert, Lorraine Gilbert
Gift Bearers:	Verschueren Family
Eucharistic Ministers:	Norbert Vanhooren, Mary Wood, Barry Bruder, Nora Marie Bruder
Greeter:	Linda DeSutter
Rosary:	Adele Armstrong

Altar Server (Oct 17 & 19) Grace Verspeeten

In the event of a funeral Mass on Wednesday, Friday or Saturday, Mass will be cancelled and the Mass Intentions will be offered at the funeral.



Let your roots go down into Christ,
and let your lives be built on him. Then
your faith will grow strong in the truth
you were taught, and you will overflow
with thankfulness.
Colossians 2:7

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Colleen ...

This weekend's Gospel reading contains a parable about an invitation to a wedding banquet. We all have received invitations to many different events like birthday parties, weddings, or baby showers. Sometimes invitations come to us by paper and pen, social media, verbally or perhaps even a wave of a hand or a nod of the head. No matter what kind of invitation we receive or how we receive it, we have a choice to respond or not. Isaiah invites us to our Lord's feast of rich foods on the mountain, the psalmist invites us to dwell in the house of the Lord our whole life long and St. Paul invites us to share in his distress, to know what it is to be in need and to have plenty. How will we respond?

Recently, I was invited to attend a Family Ministry Workshop sponsored by the Diocese's Family and Youth Ministry Office. Priests, Deacons and lay ecclesial ministers spent the day with Jim Conway from the Search Institute. The presentation centered on developmental assets for young people and developmental relationships for families (www.search-institute.org). Our ultimate goal is to lead others to a relationship with Christ and His Church, to build the Kingdom of God. We were asked how we can create a relationship that makes the Church and our parish a valuable partner for families and support their faith journey – deepening their relationship with Christ and His Church.

Each year I am so blessed to create new relationships or renew relationships with families preparing for the Sacraments of first Reconciliation, first Communion and Confirmation. They are amazing families who are excited to be celebrating a Sacrament; they are committed to preparing their children as the primary educators of faith! One of the primary developmental assets that was identified at the workshop was support – families are empowered knowing they are surrounded by people who love, care for, appreciate and accept them. So I have an invitation for you ... be a Prayer Partner. It is my hope that Prayer Partners will commit to praying every day for a young person and their family preparing to celebrate first Reconciliation/Communion and Confirmation. When I asked myself how we, as a parish, can show our love and support for families preparing for these sacraments, I thought of what Pope Francis said "Dear friends, one of the most effective ways we have to help is that of prayer. Prayer unites us; it makes us brothers and sisters ... and reminds us of a beautiful truth which we sometimes forget." In the ends of the pews you will find green slips of paper you can sign up to be a prayer partner. Some time in November you will receive in the mail your prayer partner and a daily prayer. I am hoping we will secure 70 prayer partners who will commit to a daily prayer (which will be provided to you) from Dec 3rd until May 20th. Consider yourself invited. Now you choose your response.

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Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri
(9 am - 12 pm, 1 pm - 4 pm)

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Daily Mass

Tuesday, Thursday: 7:00 pm
Wednesday, Friday: 10:00 am
Saturday: 9:00 am

Reconciliation

1/2 hour before all Masses

Children's "Sunday School"

Oct to May, @ 9 am Mass

Catholic Schools

St. Joseph School: (519) 660-2783
Msgr. O'Neil School: (519) 660-2772
St. Mary's High School: (519) 675-4435

Baptism Preparation

Contact Father Tom, ext. 22

Weddings

By appointment, and 6 months notice

October 14/15, 2017

ATTENTION: Bulletin submissions must be received by 4 pm Tuesdays, thank-you for your cooperation.

MSGR. O'NEIL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & RECONCILIATION

On Tuesday and Thursday morning individual classes will be coming to the Church to experience Eucharistic Adoration and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A beautiful way for our young people to meet the Lord and receive mercy. Please pray for Mr. Henry & Mr. Chorpitta's classes this week and for their families.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School is a program for children who are age 3 (or toilet trained) to age 7 (in grade two) to help them learn the rituals of mass and hear the Gospel story in child friendly language, through craft and song. At the beginning of the 9 am Mass, Father Tom calls the children forward and they process to the Parish Centre with their leader and return to you during the offertory song. For more information contact Colleen Hanley (519-842-3224 ext.23).

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

Our First Reconciliation families will be busy this weekend participating in Learning Centres this coming Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Learning Centres help parents to share faith with their children in a non-intimidating, educational and enjoyable way. Children learn best when they are fully involved in the process. At each centre, children and their families share church teaching, Scripture, prayers, conversation and a fun activity!

PRAYER PARTNERS

If you would like to be a prayer partner for one of our parish youth and their family celebrating First Reconciliation and Communion, or Confirmation, please complete the green slips found at the end of the pews and place in the offertory basket or drop off at the Parish Office. You will receive in the mail (sometime in November) your prayer partner and a daily prayer that you commit to from Advent (Dec 3rd) until Pentecost (May 20th).

LIVING ROSARY

The Living Rosary teams begin their ministry this week in our elementary schools. We are blessed to have such wonderful volunteers share their time and love of the Rosary with our children. Please pray a rosary with intentions for our volunteers and classes this week!

HOOKED ON MUSIC

The Woodstock Choralaires - last Hooked on Music concert coming to St. Paul's United Church, October 22 at 3 pm. Tickets are \$25 and available from St. Paul's Church Office or call 519-688-0011. Thank you.

RIGHT TO LIFE

Right to Life: Thank you to the parishioners who came out to the Life Chain or supported us with prayers. About 130 people participated. The fall Oxford County Right to Life Newsletter is available in the New Addition on the table with Right to Life items. Also a few copies of The Interim are available at the entrances of the Church.

LOST AT SEA

Noah, Jonah, Fishers of Men, Peter, Jesus. Learn how they all were connected by water. Learn about water safety and boats. Crafts, music, games, snacks and more! Register early for our next PA Day Activities only \$10 per child. From 8:30 am to 4:00 pm October 27, 2017 at St. Pauls United Church 88 Bidwell Street, Tillsonburg. Call Karen at 519-688-0011 or check out our website www.stpaulunitedchurch.info (look under Kidstown).



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OCTOBER FEATURE:

Why Do I Need the Church? October 2017 marks the 500 year anniversary of when Martin Luther made his 95 Theses known to the world, an event that caused widespread confusion regarding the nature and authority of the Church and led to a fracturing of the Church into thousands of different denominations. There is no doubt that the Church is always in need of reform, but as historian Hilaire Belloc writes: "We agree that there were rats in the castle; we wanted to chase out the rats, not burn down the castle." Sadly, the increasing secularization of our culture is due in large part to Christian division. As Catholics, we need to know the answers to the question "Why do I need the Church?" and be prepared to boldly share those reasons with others as well as pray for Christian unity.

READ: Rome Sweet Home

WATCH: Faith of Our Fathers

LISTEN: Confessions of a Mega-Church Pastor

STUDY: Divine Mercy

Visit Formed.org using the Parish code: **GKKYTH**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; National Boss's Day
Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch
Wednesday: St. Luke
Thursday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions
Friday: St. Paul of the Cross
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

OCTOBER REPRESENTS WORLD MISSION MONTH

Next Sunday our Parish will celebrate World Mission Sunday. It represents a global sign of the universal Church and Mission. We are invited to reach out and help build the Church in the most remote areas across our world. Your prayers and donations will support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations to priesthood and religious life. Please show your generosity as much as possible during this collection, because it provides assistance to the young dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands.

CWL HOLLY DAZE BAZAAR

The Catholic Woman's League of Sacred Heart Ingersoll invite you to come out to their yearly fundraiser the **HOLLY DAZE BAZAAR on Saturday November 4th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Henderson Hall John Street Ingersoll.** Booths include: Penny Table, Crafts, Baking, Sewing, Green Plants, Country Store, Christmas Decorations, Draws and more. After shopping visit us at the Tea Room for a homemade lunch featuring chili and sandwiches. All proceeds will go to CWL mission and local projects. Thank you for your support.

CWL NEWS

Our next meeting is Wednesday Oct 18th. Please come to our Rosary, Social and Auction in the FLPC, Room 7 at 7:00 pm. It is a fun night! CWL Bazaar meeting is Oct 25th at 7:00 pm in the FLPC. The Penny Table for the Bazaar is in need of **NEW ITEMS ONLY**. Please leave your donations at the Parish Office marked "Penny Table" or call Darlene Papaioannou at 519-842-4946 to make arrangements for your donation to be picked up. Thank you.

PERMANENT DEACON FOR THE DIOCESE OF LONDON

Brian Karel Hanley has petitioned to be ordained as a deacon. Bishop Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B. has accepted his petition and intends to ordain Brian Hanley to the diaconate on November 4, 2017, at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, London, Ontario. If you are aware of anything which would prevent this Candidate from proceeding toward ordination on November 4, 2017, you are obligated to make this known to the appropriate authorities. Please continue to pray for Brian Hanley as he prepares for ordination.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study: On October 16th the readings are Matthew 3.1-10, Mark 1.2-6, Luke 3.1-14, John 1.19-23.

FAMILY CATECHISM

Our Family Catechism program is October 15, 2017 in the Parish Centre. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about our faith and meet other families in our community! Children are divided into age based classrooms while parents/adults are free to attend an adult formation class (video and discussion). Supervised nursery provided for infants and toddlers! Classes are on Sunday afternoons from 3:00 - 5:00 pm on the following dates:

October 15, 29, November 12, 26, December 3, January 7, 14, February 4, 18, March 4, 18.

For more information and registration please speak to John & Karin Lansink or visit www.famfi.ca. We hope you will join us and please feel free to invite a friend!



COME AND SEE

The Community of Saint Mary OCDS* Tillsonburg welcomes inquirers to participate in Evening Prayer and a Community Meeting, followed by an information meeting **October 16th at 7:00 pm** in the Fr. Langan Parish Centre Library. Our community life conforms to OCDS Constitutions, based on the rule of St. Albert, it fosters a liturgical life, fed by meditation on God's Word, contemplative prayer, and generosity in the practice of fraternal charity and the apostolate. We live out these ideals under the protection of Mary Mother of God and Queen of Carmel. For further information, please call Kathy Myny at **519-842-4839** or Deacon Andre De Decker at **519-913-3533**. *(OCDS stands for Discalced Carmelite Secular Order).

RUMMAGE SALE

Just to let you know that the CWL fall rummage sale is scheduled for Sat Nov 4th in the Parish Hall from 9 am until 12 noon, with set up on Friday starting at 1 pm. We always look forward to, and appreciate, your generous donations of clean saleable items. Just mark any items "RUMMAGE SALE" and leave them in the Parish Hall by the coat rack between the rummage store room and the religious articles room. Anyone who has time to spare would be a great asset on Friday for set up and/or clean up at noon on Saturday. More to come. Rosette & Mae

TILLSONBURG CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We begin another season of faith sharing breakfasts which are held every second Saturday of each month from October to June, from 7:30 am to 9:00 am, at the Corinth Community Hall. Call Deacon Andre for more information.