

PRAY PLEASE FOR:

Robertine Kegels

*Do everything for the glory of God
(1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).*

WEEK AT A GLANCE (Feb 12 to Feb 18)

Mon	1:30 pm	Bible Study
	4:00 pm	SSVP Executive Meeting
	6:00 pm	Holy Hour
	8:00 pm	AA
	8:00 pm	Right to Life Executive Meeting
Tue	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
	5:00 pm	Shrove Tuesday Dinner
	7:30 pm	Baptism Preparation Meeting
	8:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wed	5:00 pm	Friendship Dinner
	6:30 pm	Folk Choir Practice
Thu	11:30 am	Jollymakers (Bingo & Cards)
	3:30 pm	Rosary (Woodingford Lodge)
Fri	9:30 am	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	7:00 pm	Ultreya
	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sun	9:00 am	Sunday School
	3:00 pm	Family Catechism
	3:00 pm	RCIA Rite of Election at St. Peter's Cathedral (London)

Knights of Columbus

Can Collection



Altar Server (Feb 13 & 15) Stephen Garner

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.

COLLECTION	FEB 3 & 4
Regular Envelope	\$ 4403.00
Loose Collection	\$ 190.00
Capital Donations	\$ 1115.00
Total	\$ 5708.00



MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Feb 13 – 17)

Tue	7:00 pm	Adrian & Nellie Rockx Kevin Armstrong Elaine Janssens
Wed	10:00 am	Ash Wednesday School Mass
	1:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Mass
	7:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Mass
Thurs	3:30 pm	Mass (Woodingford Lodge) Julia Koteles
	7:00 pm	Memorial Mass
Fri	10:00 am	Brent McKay Louisa Terpstra Charles Mahu
Sat	9:00 am	Nandor Horvath Inacio Family Tony Critchley
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sun	9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (Feb 17/18)

Saturday (5 pm)

Commentator:	Olga Patterson
1st, 2nd Reader:	Veronica Holly, Ed DeDecker
Gift Bearer:	Merna Vermeeren
Eucharistic Ministers:	Randy Keba, Kathy Myny, Helen Schonberger, Randy Vince
Greeter:	Veronica Holly
Rosary:	Helen Borbely

Sunday (9 am)

Commentator:	Anne Stancek
1st, 2nd Reader:	Andrew Stancek, Mary Virag
Gift Bearers:	Mike Donais Family & Dustin Donais Family
Eucharistic Ministers:	Barb Compeau, Irene Gubesch, Joe Oliveira, Mariola Pleli
Greeter:	Joanne Maertens
Rosary:	Irene Gubesch

Sunday (11 am)

Commentator:	Ed Roczen
1st, 2nd Reader:	Heather Pelland, Teena Mendonca
Gift Bearer:	Ron Semenuk
Eucharistic Ministers:	Norbert Vanhooren, Mary Wood, Barry Bruder, Nora Marie Bruder
Greeter:	Nora Marie Bruder



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

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Jack Grim, Deacon
Brian Hanley, Deacon
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Teena Mendonca, Business Manager
Melissa Sioen, Secretary

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2018

20 CREATIVE THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR FAMILY DURING LENT

1. **Read the daily Mass readings during breakfast** - Why not read the Gospel out loud while your kids are finishing their cereal and buttering their toast? Give them something to reflect on before they go off to school.
2. **Cut down on your grocery bill** - Choosing to eat simpler meals is a great way to relate with the poor.
3. **Pray together in the evening** - Don't be afraid to start small, even if it's just an Our Father and a prayer for grandma and grandpa. Taking the time to pray as a family is one of the best gifts you can give to your children.
4. **Go to daily mass at least once a week** - Don't worry about your kids making noise or their hair not being combed.
5. **Write each other little notes of encouragement** - Tell them how proud you are of them, that you love them, that you're praying for them...
6. **Clean out your closets and donate the clothes**—We all have clothes that never make the morning cut.
7. **Make a pilgrimage to a nearby Cathedral or shrine** - Do a google search and choose a day to take your kids on a mini pilgrimage. Just take an hour to walk around, pray, learn about the history of the shrine and who it's dedicated to.
8. **Get to know one of your neighbors** - Sometimes the people who live closest to us are the ones we know the least.
9. **Sponsor a child** - It's so easy to Check out Save A Family Plan safp.org
10. **Learn and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy** - It takes less than 10 minutes, and it can be done while driving to hockey!
11. **Go to confession** - As Catholics, we're supposed to go to confession at least once during Lent.
12. **Tune into the Christian radio station** - Give the pop hits a break for a few weeks or silence is also a good option.
13. **Learn about a saint** -Take turns picking a patron saint of the week, and learn about their story.
14. **Invite your parish priest over for supper** - He'd love it.
15. **Start a change jar for charity**—Challenge yourself to put more bills in it than nickels, find ways to get your kids involved.
16. **Set up a prayer spot in your home** - Make sure your home has a place where your kids can take a few minutes to look at a picture of Jesus and say a prayer. A gentle reminder for everybody to take some time for the Lord.
17. **Make a prayer poster and add one person to the list every day** - Intercessory prayer is a great way to reach out to others. By the end of Lent you'll have prayed for 40 different people.
18. **Totally unplugged** - Whether it's once a week or for the whole forty days, commit to no TV, iPads, iPods or social media. It's amazing how much more time you'll end up spending as a family.
19. **Spend time at a nursing home** - Take your children to spend some time with the elderly in your community.
20. **Eat meals together** - If you find you're never sitting down at the table for a meal together, then it's time to make a change.

..... from <https://catchat.ca/blog/creative-things-to-do-with-your-family-during-lent>

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

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. Father Tom, at the beginning of the 9 AM Mass, 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).

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO

We are registered!!! On July 13-15, 2018 our parish will be sending a bus of youth going into high school or already in high school to this amazing Conference! If you have a child in grade eight they are eligible to come to Steubenville this year! Mark your calendars ... all will be REVEALED! The cost is \$200 which includes the conference, lodging, bussing and food. To secure a spot drop of the initial payment of \$75 to the rectory by March 1st or see Mrs. Hanley. Postcards are at the back of the church with all the information!

FIRST COMMUNION LEARNING CENTRES

Our children preparing for First Communion and their families will be participating in Learning Centres. Families select a time to spend approximately one hour at the Learning Centres either Friday February 23rd from 3:30 – 8 pm, Saturday February 24th from 9 am – 3 pm, or Sunday February 25th from 1-5 pm. 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!

RCIA UPDATE

Next Sunday, February 18th, our catechumens – Jennifer and Brookelyn – will be celebrating the Rite of Election at the Cathedral with Bishop Fabbro at 3 pm. On Saturday February 24th at the 5 pm Mass here at St. Mary's our candidates – Kristen & Jeff – will celebrate the Call to Lenten Renewal. These Rites close the period of the catechumenate proper of those individuals seeking Baptism at Easter and initiates the final, more intense preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation both for the catechumen and for baptized adults seeking full communion with the Catholic Church. Thank you to all who signed up to "Adopt a Catechumen/Candidate" during Lent. Everyone is welcome to be present for our catechumen and candidates at the Rites and we ask that you continue to pray for them, their families, sponsors and the RCIA team as we journey towards the Easter Vigil.

RIGHT TO LIFE

The Right to Life Executive Meeting will be held on Monday February 12, 2018 at 8:00 pm in the FLPC in the Library.

PURE LIFE RETREAT

Next Saturday, February 17th, 7 high school and university students are attending the Pure Life Retreat at St. Andre Bessette Catholic school in London. Please pray for all those attending the Pure Life Retreat as we grow in our relationship with Jesus!

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

It is cold and flu season once again and we are reminded to abstain from hand shaking and hugging during the 'Sign of Peace' if we are unwell. Simply nod, and say "Peace be with you." If you are sick, do not worsen your illness by trying to get to Church. Please contact the parish office if you need to stay home because of illness or because you are caring for a sick family member. We will be happy to bring the Word of God and Holy Communion to you.

DAY OF CONFESSIONS

This year's diocesan Day of Confessions will take place on Wednesday, March 21, enabling us to set aside our old ways, to be renewed in heart and soul, and to be reconciled with our merciful and loving God. As Pope Francis reminds us, confession is where we encounter Jesus. Confession times in our parish is 8:30 am to 8:00 pm. Our diocesan website (www.dol.ca) offers a schedule of confession times for other parishes, as well as information about Lent, Day of Confessions and the Sacrament of Reconciliation

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
COMING THIS SUMMER!!!
JULY 30TH—AUGUST 3RD!!!**

RETRouvaille WEEKEND

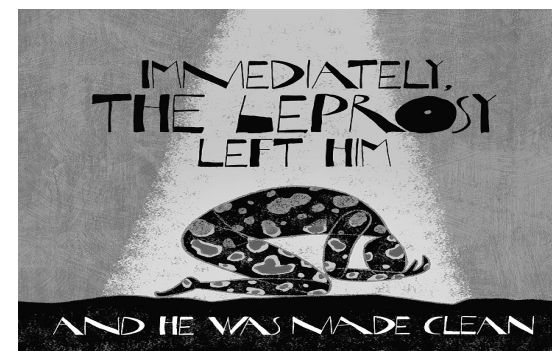
The next Retrouvaille weekend, hosted by Greg & Anita Turner, will be held April 6 – 8 at the Michaelite House Retreat Centre. They continue to promote Retrouvaille and "spread the word" about this Marriage and Family saving program. Whatever the marital situation, there can always be hope and hurting couples are not alone. The website for Retrouvaille is <https://retrouvaille.org>.



We welcome into our faith community through the waters of baptism: **Dominic Antonio Oliveira, Hayden Elizabeth Costa, River Orion Crocker-Kosir & Kaia Kaleigh Kosir**. May they and their families always be guided by the Lord.

FAMILY CATECHISM

Our Family Catechism program is February 18, 2018 in the Parish Centre. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about our faith and meet other families in our community! We offer classes for children from Junior Kindergarten to High School, a nursery for preschoolers, and an adult video and discussion. Our program is on Sunday afternoons from 2:55 - 5:00 pm on the following dates: March 4, 18. For more information and registration please speak to John & Karin Lansink or visit www.famfi.ca.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY REPORT- JANUARY 2018

One Gospel reading in January describes the apostles fighting the great windstorm on the ocean, while Jesus is asleep on the cushion. I am always struck that Jesus can sleep during the wind and rushing waves, that he demonstrates such trust during a tempest. Jesus is not daunted by storms; He meets them and calms them. Throughout January, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has experienced many storms: from homelessness to hunger, from sickness to addiction to loneliness. There have been many requests on the emergency phone line: we have assisted 9 single adults and 7 families with food; financially, one single adult and five families with rent; two families with hydro; one with Union Gas; one single adult with clothing; two single adults with medication; one family with gas for their car; two families with a car payment. At the Friendship Dinner we served 55, on January 3; we served 59, on January 10; we served 70, on January 17; we served 76, on January 24; and we served 65, on January 31. We witness need for material support and for peace, for the calming of storms. You can't imagine the relief expressed in the face and through the body language of a mother who now won't lose her car, or a mother who now has school treats for her children, or a single adult who now has a bed for the night, or a family that now won't get evicted because of unpaid rent. At one of our recent dinners, I sat with an elderly guest who was alone, at the end of a table, and bent over his plate. I learned his name and asked if he had visited us before. He was barely audible, "I only come once a year." "I'm glad you came. Maybe you'll come again soon." "Maybe, -- maybe I will." The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is blessed with your generous support, your readiness to give. Although at times we feel overwhelmed by the suffering of others, Jesus accompanies us through storms and teaches us how to face them and to trust. Anne Stancek

2018 CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS

The 2018 Charitable Donation Receipts are available for pick-up at the back of the Church. Thank you for your co-operation in picking up your 2018 Donation receipts.

CWL NEWS

Please come to our next General CWL meeting on Wednesday February 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the FLPC- Room # 7. All are welcome!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - CLOTHING DRIVE

What kind and generous people you are ! Your response was amazing. Thank you very much for all the clothing donated to those in the St. Thomas Psychiatric Hospital. It will be delivered on the 7th of February and distributed as needed. God bless you. Helen Borbely SSVP.

CABBAGE ROLLS FOR SALE - LANGTON CWL

The Langton CWL is once again taking orders for cabbage rolls. Price is \$17.00 per dozen. To be picked up on March 3 at the Langton Community Centre (CWL Bazaar). Please call Jeannette Major at 519-875-4952 or email jmamajor@hotmail.com



LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Grow in Faith this Lent! You can sign up for daily reflections from **FORMED.ORG** delivered daily to your email! How? It's easy:

If you are new to formed.org go to the main page and you will see the tab **GET STARTED**—enter code. Enter our parish code **GKKYTH** and create a personal account. You will be directed to the main page—scroll down to the banner that reads "Daily Lenten Reflections" and click on sign up now!

FEBRUARY FEATURE:

"And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry" (Matthew 4:2). The devil perceived Jesus' hunger as weakness and tried to tempt him in the desert; however, Jesus' fasting armed him with a clarity of mind that strengthened his refusal of worldly things. This month, we have the opportunity to make ourselves hungry, to remove distractions and pleasures, that we may clearly understand that only God can truly fulfill.

LISTEN: Confession

STUDY: A Lent to Remember

WATCH: Gifts from God- Confession the forgotten Sacrament

READ: The Power of Silence

For Children-**READ:** Awakening

For Children-**WATCH:** The unforgiving Servant

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