

# Erie Tri-County Catholic Family of Parishes

St. Mary's | Sacred Heart | St. Michael's

**Our Mission is to proclaim and give witness to the Good News**

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## October 2nd, 2022— 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Lord, Increase our faith!



Today's Gospel passage (cf. Lk 17:5-10) presents the theme of faith, introduced by the disciples' request: "increase our faith!" (v. 5). A beautiful prayer, which we should pray often throughout the day: "Lord, increase my faith!". Jesus responds with two images: the grain of mustard and the willing servant. "If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this sycamine tree: 'Be rooted up, and be

planted in the sea,' and it would obey you" (v. 6). The sycamine is a robust tree, deeply rooted in the ground and resistant to the winds. Thus, Jesus wishes to make it understood that faith, even if small, can have the power to uproot so much as a sycamine. And then to transplant it into the sea, which is something even more improbable: but nothing is impossible for those who have faith, because they do not rely on their own strengths but in God, who can do everything.

How can we understand if we truly have faith, that is, if our faith, while miniscule, is genuine, pure, sincere? Jesus explains this by indicating what the measure of faith is: service. And he does so with a parable which at first glance is somewhat disconcerting, because it presents the figure of an overbearing and indifferent master. But this master's very way of doing things highlights what is the true core of the parable, which is the servant's attitude of willingness. Jesus wishes to say that this is how people of faith are with regard to God: they completely give themselves over to his will, without calculations or pretexts.

Source: Pope Francis Angelus, Vatican Website

### Sign Up for Lector, Gift Bearer or Greeter at St. Mary's Church in Tillsonburg

We are in the beginning stages of scheduling Lectors (Readers), Gift Bearers & Greeters for the next Schedule. Whether or not you have been on the previous Schedule, anyone interested in being a Lector, Gift Bearer or Greeter on the new Schedule (beginning November 26/27, 2022 & ending May 27/28, 2023) must fill in the yellow sign-up sheet found in the pews this weekend. Kindly put this yellow slip in the Collection Basket. Once the Schedule is completed, you will receive a copy. Deadline for signing up will be October 16th. Sign-up sheets after this weekend will be available in the Annex at the Information Desk.

Thank you and PLEASE CONSIDER THIS COMMITMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING UP.

### School Masses at Sacred Heart and St. Michael's

We welcome parishioners to attend the school Masses for Sacred Heart School and Our Lady of Fatima schools being celebrated on October 6th at 9:30 am in Sacred Heart Church, Langton.



For the Sacrament of **Marriage** please contact our priest at least **eight months in advance**. For the Sacraments of **Anointing of the Sick** and **Baptism**, please **contact our Parish Office**.

**Fr. Seejo John**  
Administrator, ext. 222

**Fr. Thomas Kuriacko**  
Associate Pastor, ext. 223

**Deacon Brian Hanley**  
ext. 234  
**Deacon Andre DeDecker**  
ext. 235  
**Deacon Jack Grim (Retired)**  
ext. 236

**Colleen Hanley**  
Pastoral Minister, ext. 225

**Teena Mendonca,**  
Business Administrator,  
ext. 240

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Administrative  
Assistant, ext. 200

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Langton, ON N0E 1G0

**Office Hours**  
St. Mary's Office  
Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday & Friday  
9am - 4pm  
(Closed from 12- 1)

Sacred Heart's Office  
Thursday 9am - 4pm  
(Closed from 12- 1)

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# Family of Parishes Ministries

## WEEKEND MASS INFORMATION

St. Mary's, Tillsonburg  
Saturday 5 pm; Sunday 9 am;  
Sunday 11 am

Sacred Heart, Langton  
Saturday 5 pm; Sunday 10:30 am

St. Michael's, Walsh  
Sunday 8:30 am

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

St. Mary's Tillsonburg  
Friday during Adoration from 8:30 am  
to 9:15 am  
Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm  
Or by appointment

Sacred Heart, Langton  
Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm  
Or by appointment

## ADORATION & BENEDICTION

St. Mary's Tillsonburg  
Friday 8:30 am to 9:15 am

## WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue, Oct 4      St. Michael's  
9:30 am      ✠Angela Clark

Tue, Oct 4      St. Mary's  
6:30 pm      ✠Philip & Evelyn  
Pearce  
✠Isabella Zielinska  
✠John Hahn

Wed, Oct 5      St. Mary's  
9:30 am      ✠ Philip Pearce  
✠Deceased Members  
Cordeiro Family  
✠Deceased Members  
Inacio Family

Thu, Oct 6      Sacred Heart  
9:30 am      ✠ Judith Tamcsu

Fri, Oct 7      St. Mary's  
9:30 am      ✠Bogdan Filiczkowski  
✠Krzysztof Marzec  
✠Eleanor Jesson

## 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion

Our Family of Parishes has begun to prepare children in grade two and up for the sacraments of first reconciliation and first communion. It is the continuation of the promises made at a child's baptism to raise them in the Catholic faith we profess. If your child has not been baptized, and it is your wish to prepare for the sacrament of baptism, please contact Colleen Hanley (chanley@dol.ca). Registration is NOW OPEN to register your child online. Please go to <https://etcfp.dol.ca/fr-fhc> and follow the steps to register!

**Deadline to register is October 16, 2022.**

## Confirmation

Our Family of Parishes is very excited to begin preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in person this year! Young people who have celebrated baptism, as well as reconciliation and communion, who are in grade eight and above, are eligible to complete their sacraments of initiation in the Catholic Church. Registration is NOW OPEN to register for confirmation online. Please go to <https://etcfp.dol.ca/confirmation> and follow the steps to register!

**Deadline to register is October 9th, 2022.**

## Altar Servers Information

### ST. MARY'S TILLSONBURG

All experienced and any new altar servers are invited to a very important meeting on TUESDAY OCTOBER 4TH following the 6:30 pm Mass - we will begin at 7 pm in the Church. Whether you are on the schedule, or returning to this ministry, or new (grade 3 and up) and just want to find out what it is all about and what the commitment is, please mark this date on your calendar. For more info contact Mrs. Hanley (chanley@dol.ca).

### SACRED HEART LANGTON

All experienced and any new altar servers are invited to a very important meeting on SATURDAY OCTOBER 1ST at 1:30 PM in the Church. Whether you are on the schedule, or returning to this ministry, or new (grade 3 and up) and just want to find out what it is all about and what the commitment is, please mark this date on your calendar. For more info contact Mrs. Wanda Demaiter or Mrs. Hanley (chanley@dol.ca).

### ST. MICHAEL'S WALSH

If you are in grade 3 and up and would like to assist our priests during Sunday or School Masses, please speak with Fr. Seejo or contact Mrs. Hanley (chanley@dol.ca). We would be happy to explain the commitment to your family and train you for this exciting ministry!

## Bible Study for our Family of Parishes

Remember that our "Bible Study on the Luminous Mysteries" starts this Monday, October 3rd from 1:30 to 3:00pm at St. Mary's, Tillsonburg in the Father Langan Parish Center. Come and check us out. Bring your bible!

## Sunday School Update

Sunday School begins at St. Mary's Church this Sunday October 2nd at the 9 am Mass. Children aged 3 (toilet trained) up to grade 2 will come forward at the beginning of mass (after the procession in) and your child will join the leader, helpers and other children at the front of the Church and process over to the Father Langan Parish Centre—during the offertory song your children will return to the Church to sit with you during communion and receive a blessing.

There was no response for volunteers to begin Sunday School at Sacred Heart Langton.

At St. Michael's Walsh, we will offer a trial run Sunday School on Sunday October 30 at the 8:30 am Mass to see if there is interest from our parish family, school family and our sacramental families.



## Sunday Choir

Will be singing Sunday October 9 at 9:00 am Mass at St. Mary's. New members most welcome!

# Family of Parishes Announcements

## Stewardship Corner

### Offertory - September 24 & 25, 2022

Category	St. Mary	Sacred Heart	St. Michael
Sunday Envelope	\$ 2,994.00	1,240.00	\$ 320.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	110.00	20.00	-
Building Fund	120.00	35.00	-
Loose	304.05	52.00	35.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,528.05</b>	<b>\$ 1,347.00</b>	<b>\$ 355.00</b>

## 2022 Annual Thanksgiving's Appeal

We are very fortunate to be able to gather as a Church Community. We have three beautiful worship spaces in our Family of Parishes. We need your continued financial support to keep our worship spaces vibrant and viable. There is a special envelope in your boxed set and at the entrances of each Church. All donations that we receive through Thanksgiving Appeal are exempted from the diocesan assessment. Please donate generously to our Thanksgiving Appeal. You may also donate online at [www.etcfp.dol.ca/donate](http://www.etcfp.dol.ca/donate).

Thank you for your kind generosity.

## Annual Thanksgiving Food Collection from St. Mary's SSVF

On Thanksgiving weekend, October 8, 9, and 10, decorated boxes will be inside the entrances of Sacred Heart, Langton and St. Mary's, Tillsonburg. Thank you for your generous support of our food outreach ministry. Families, elder people and homeless are struggling. These are the **NON-PERISHABLES ITEMS** we welcome to continue support those in need: peanut butter, jam, cereal all kinds, canned fruit, chunky soups, pudding cups, 1 litre juice in cartons, juice boxes, no nut granola bars (school restriction), & kraft dinner like Mac'n Cheese.

Also, with **CASH DONATIONS/GIFT CARDS** we purchase perishables items like milk, margarine, bread/buns, and meat (hotdogs/Hamburg).

When donated, we help with personal care items and laundry supplies.

With grateful hearts we thank you for stocking the pantry shelves, from SSVF and those we serve.

## St. Michael's CWL

We will be having our first fall meeting on Wed, Oct. 5th at 7pm. At the CWL National Convention a vote was held regarding the motions that we voted on in Feb. of 2021. All of the motions were carried except the change to our patroness Our Lady of Good Counsel which stands as it was. The increase to Per Capita Fees was passed. Membership dues for 2023 will likely be \$35.00. \$33.50 will go toward National (\$25.00), Provincial (\$5.00), Diocesan (\$3.00) and insurance (\$0.50). More about this will be discussed at our meeting. If you have items for decorating for Thanksgiving please bring them to the meeting or to mass on Tues. Oct. 4th 9:30am or contact Mireille Braun @ 519-755-9546 before 4pm on the 5th. We are looking for produce mainly. Perishables can be reclaimed after mass on the 9th.

## The Sacrament of Baptism



Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word."



This sacrament is called Baptism, after the central rite by which it is carried out: to baptize (Greek baptizein) means to "plunge" or "immerse"; the "plunge" into the water symbolizes the catechumen's burial into Christ's death, from which he rises up by resurrection with him, as "a new creature."

The different effects of Baptism are signified by the perceptible elements of the sacramental rite. Immersion in water symbolizes not only death and purification, but also regeneration and renewal. Thus the two principal effects are purification from sins and new birth in the Holy Spirit.

Baptism also makes the neophyte "a new creature," an adopted son of God, who has become a "partaker of the divine nature," member of Christ and coheir with him, and a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Source: Catechism of the Catholic Church

# Family of Parishes Announcements

## ABOUT FORMED

The ETCFP has invested in a FORMED membership for our parishioners. This allows you unlimited access to the best Catholic audio talks, movies, e-books, and video-based studies.

If you are new to FORMED and want to sign up please visit <http://etcfp.dol.ca> and go to FORMED on the main page. You will get there all the information you need to access it.

### This week at Formed:

- *St. Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction*. From 4PM Media and The Ministry of the Wild Goose comes a breathtaking film on the life of St. Francis of Assisi. A fool according to the standards of the world, St. Francis' life was a sign of contradiction, convicting others of the beauty of Christ and his Gospel.
- *Misery Meets Mercy: Saint Faustina*. St. Faustina is known as the "secretary of Divine Mercy" because of the revelations of the Lord to her about His unfathomable mercy. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz as they discuss her proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy.
- *Praying the Rosary Like Never Before* by Dr. Edward Sri. In this talk, Dr. Edward Sri discusses the main tenets of his book, *The New Rosary in Scripture: Biblical Insights on Praying the Twenty Mysteries*. He shares Pope St. John Paul II's practical strategies for praying the Rosary better so you can encounter Jesus more deeply in prayer.

Attention: Bulletin submissions must be received by 4:00 on Tuesdays at [etcfp@dol.ca](mailto:etcfp@dol.ca). Thank you for your cooperation.

## Sacred Heart CWL

We will meet October 3, 2022 at 7 pm in the Langton Community Centre.

## The "We All Win 2021-2022" Campaign



### September Winners

Brian Graydon  
Blaine & Joan Woolley  
Randy & Deb Reby  
Kathy Holly  
Megan Causyn  
Congratulations!

## Right to Life - Life Chain

Join thousands across Canada standing up against abortion in a peaceful, prayerful demonstration. On Sunday, October 2, 2022, in Tillsonburg we will meet at the corner of Broadway and Bridge Street by the clock tower from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm.

### Please Join Us!

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada is celebrating 55 years of solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South! This workshop will be a continuation of last year's theme, "People and Planet First". We'll discuss corporate accountability and our own Laudato Si' call to be stewards of creation. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with D&P or to introduce someone new!

#### LONDON

Monday, October 17, 7:00pm

In-person at King's University College OR virtually on Zoom

Contact Emily ([elukasik@devp.org](mailto:elukasik@devp.org)) to RSVP

#### CHATHAM-KENT

Friday, October 14, 6:30pm in-person at St. Agnes Church (52 Croydon St.)

#### WINDSOR-ESSEX

Saturday, October 15, 10am at St Mary's Parish Hall, 12016 Talbot Rd., Maidstone.

## Open Masses resume at St. Peter's Seminary

From Fr. Peter Keller: In the past St. Peter's Seminary hosted Open Masses on Sundays, yet now we are pleased to announce that every available Sunday, the Seminarians at St. Peter's are experiencing parish life by visiting parishes in the London area. So please visit us for Saturday Open Masses! Saturday - Open Masses at St. Peter's Seminary, 1040 Waterloo St., London:

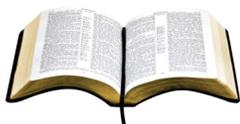
Oct 1, 2022 at 11:00 AM - Mass of Ministries;

Nov 5, 2022 at 11:00 AM – Mass of Candidacy;

Dec 3, 2022 at 11:15 AM; Jan 14, 2023 at 11:15 AM;

Feb 4, 2023 at 11:15 AM; Mar 4, 2023 at 11:15 AM.

We thank you for your prayerful support.



### The two commandments of love:

1. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.
2. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.



### Please pray for

#### All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die" (John 11:26)

Welcome to our Family! If you are new to our parish communities or wish to get involved please connect with us. You can contact us through our website, or by email, or call the Parish Office.