



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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November 27th, 2022— First Sunday of Advent



Season of Advent

Advent prepares us for Christmas. It has two fold nature: we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation.

During advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

As Christians we are called to build up God's kingdom on earth. We do this by living each day as his people: by working and praying, by obeying God's will and by suffering with Christ. At the end of time, Jesus will come to judge our efforts and to hand over to the Father the kingdom he has built with our help.

Advent is a period of four weeks of prayer, preparation, renewal, and looking forward to the coming of the Lord Jesus among us, his beloved people.

During Advent our prayer is one of hope and love: Come, Lord Jesus!



Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

Source: Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (Ordo & cccb.ca)

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.

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Administrator, ext. 222

Fr. Thomas Kuriacko
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ext. 236

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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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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 8:45 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

First Week of Advent



As a Christian tradition, the wreath holds the four Advent candles. The candles represent Jesus coming as the light in darkness. Each of the candles lit before Christmas represent an aspect of preparation during the season of Advent

Week One

Candle Name: the Prophecy Candle

Color: Purple

The First Week of Advent

Represents: Hope

Remind us: Jesus is coming

Bible verse: Romans 15:12-13

Langton CWL Christmas Events



The Langton CWL will be holding a **Christmas Bake Sale** at the entrance of Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, December 10th (same day as the Langton Santa Claus Parade). The bake sale features homemade apple, blueberry, cherry, and pumpkin pies at \$14.00 each. As well there will be a variety of homemade baking available for purchase. Sale time is between 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

The Langton CWL **Christmas party** will be this year on December 6th at the Carriage House in Tillsonburg. Tickets are \$30 dollars each and will be sold after Mass on November 27. Or you can contact Cindy Erdelac at 519-875-2840. Hope to see you there!



St. Mary's CWL Thank you Message

A very heartfelt thank you from the Conveners of the Bake Sale at the Annual Christmas Bazaar held this past Sat., Nov. 19th. Our C.W.L. never ceases to amaze us with their scrumptious baked goods and generosity. We truly appreciate the time and effort that goes into each and every donation and all those who came out to support us. Thank you so very much! Carolynn V. and Diana V.

Thanks

St. Mary's Bible Study

Bible Study for November 28th: "The Eucharist: In the Beginning" We meet in the Fr. Langan Parish Center Mondays from 1:30 to 3:00pm. "God's truth is expressed in a variety of forms: epic history, poetry, proverbs, parables, and other literary expressions."

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Breakfast



Remember, the St. Mary's Knights of Columbus are hosting a breakfast this Sunday, November 27 after the 9 and 11 Mass. Cost suggested is \$10 per person if you are able but any free will donation is appreciated.

St. Vincent de Paul Walsh- GIVING TREE



The St. Vincent de Paul Walsh will once again be providing Christmas "Baskets" to local families who need a little extra Christmas cheer this year. We are unable to collect canned goods but will still be collecting gifts at the back of St. Michael's church for young children, as well as gift cards or cash donations. We would really appreciate your support in purchasing gift cards to Walmart, Giant Tiger or Superstore, providing a monetary donation and placing it in the St Vincent de Paul box at the back of the church. If you would like a tax receipt for your donation of \$20 or more, please place your donation in an envelope with your name and address enclosed. All donations can be dropped in the St. Vincent de Paul box at the back of the church any weekend from now until Dec. 11th.

Our St. Vincent de Paul helps people from all over Norfolk County and last year we distributed approximately 50 Christmas baskets thanks to your generous contributions. We look forward to your generosity again this year. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and have a Merry Christmas.

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Stewardship Corner

Offertory - November 19 & 20, 2022

Category	St. Mary	Sacred Heart	St. Michael
Sunday Envelope	\$ 2,743.00	1,390.00	\$ 315.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	10.00	-	-
Building Fund	50.00	40.00	-
Loose	249.50	64.00	25.00
Total	\$ 3,052.50	\$ 1,494.00	\$ 340.00

St. Mary's Front Steps Are Closing



As winter weather approaches, the front steps of St. Mary's Church will be closed starting this weekend, November 26-27. Please use the annex doors to access the church during this time. We appreciate your understanding!



TILLSONBURG KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS



"CHARITY"
TURKEY BINGO
2nd Dec. 2022
7pm



Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 153
16 Durham St.
Tillsonburg, ON



"RAFFLE"
Tickets: \$5 each
PRIZES



1st = \$500 ; 2nd = \$300 ; and 3rd = \$100
Plus 2 London Knights Hockey Tickets

"CONTACT"
SK NORBERT VANHOOREN: 519-319-3352
OR
SK Rob Humphrey: 226-993-0140

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

- Tue, Nov 29 6:30 pm St. Mary's
Special Intention
for Deacon Jack &
Linda
✠ Jozsef Bogнар
✠ Maria Nam
✠ Astrid Heye
✠ Joe Oliveira
✠ The Deceased
Members of the
K. of C. # 3212
- Wed, Nov 30 9:30 am St. Mary's
Special Intention
for Randy &
Elizabeth Watson
& Family
✠ Eleanor Jesson
✠ Madeline Franssens
✠ Margaret & Daniel
McGarity
✠ Valerie Alexander
✠ Msgr. O'Neil
- Thu, Dec 1 9:30 am Sacred Heart
✠ Astrid Heye
✠ Simone
Vandewiele
✠ Harry Vandewiel
- Fri, Dec 2 9:30 am St. Mary's
✠ Eleanor Jesson
✠ Madeline Franssens
✠ Jozsef Bogнар
✠ Joe Oliveira
✠ Carlos Flores
Montes



Please pray for

Irene Zahorak,
Maria Jesus Oliveira &
Rosaire Larochelle

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

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This week at Formed:

- **Adventus:** A Spiritual Pilgrimage This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.
- **Advent through the Centuries.** Dr. Bronwen McShea, an Associate Professor at the Augustine Institute, shares an exciting and thorough presentation on the celebration of Advent throughout the centuries.
- **Making Advent Great for Kids.** Advent is a time where we seek to grow in intimacy and relationship with the Lord. But this does not have to only be for adults! Join Dr. Tim Gray and Paul McCusker as they discuss different ways you can make Advent great for your kids.

Attention: Bulletin submissions must be received by 4:00 on Tuesdays at etcfp@dol.ca. Thank you for your cooperation!

Journey Through Advent Video Reflections with Bishop Dabrowski

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents Journey through Advent with Auxiliary Bishop Dabrowski. Join in reflections on the Scriptures for all the Sundays of Advent in 2022. On this First Sunday, of Advent, Bishop Dabrowski provides a reflection on waiting. The video can be found at this link [<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>].

Workshops Available from the Catechetical Institute of the Franciscan University of Steubenville

From the Office of Ongoing Formation: The Diocese of London has purchased a one-year subscription with the Catechetical Institute of the Franciscan University of Steubenville that will allow anyone within the Diocese to participate (clergy, staff, volunteers, parishioners, etc.) in any of the available workshops free of charge. The Catechetical Institute offers over 150 online workshops designed to serve those who form others in faith. The workshops touch upon almost every aspect of catechesis, ranging from catechetical theory and Christology to basic practical evangelization skills, public speaking, and vocational discernment. There are also specific Diocesan Tracks that will support those who form others in faith. For more information go to <https://dol.ca/formation>.



CHRISTMAS DINNER
4th DEC. 2022
SOCIAL 5pm / MEAL 5:30pm
LIONS AUDITORIUM
45 HARDY AVE., TILLSONBURG, ON
SPONSORED
BY
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
"SAINT FRANCISCO MARTO OF FATIMA"
ASSEMBLY # 3854
TICKETS
\$35ea
AVAILABLE AFTER EACH WEEKEND MASS
OR
E - TRANSFER TO : johnofarmer@hotmail.com
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[TICKET FINAL PURCHASE DATE, MON 28 NOV 2022]





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.