



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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December 11th, 2022— Third Sunday of Advent



Third Sunday of Advent

Fill your heart with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day.

Spiritual Renewal

Advent is a time for renewing our lives as followers of Jesus. We are invited to “make straight the way of the Lord” in our hearts and in our lives. Here are some practical suggestions for you and your family to consider:

- **Prayer:** Why not try to begin or improve your prayer as individuals and as a family? Each of us could begin and end the day in prayer. As a family, we could pray together at least once a day. Try to pray grace before and after meals. Read the daily gospel reading and pray about it. We may use these prayers during Advent:
 - The Lord’s prayer, especially: “May your kingdom come” and “your will be done”.
 - Canticle of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79). We praise God for sending Jesus to save us.
 - Ps. 25 and Ps. 85 are used often in the liturgy of this season.
 - Glory to the Father... We offer this prayer of praise to the Trinity living in our hearts.
 - Hail, Mary. Based in part on Luke 1:28 and 42, this prayer ends with a petition for all people.
- **Eucharist:** As well as taking part in the Sunday celebration, why not try to go to daily Mass more often during Advent?
- **Penance celebrations:** In preparation for Christmas, it is good to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation.

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

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with Prayer hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

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.

Fr. Seejo John
Administrator, ext. 222

Fr. Thomas Kuriacko
Associate Pastor, ext. 223

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ext. 234

Deacon Andre DeDecker
ext. 235

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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

CONFSSION 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

Third Week of Advent



During the third week of Advent we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day. This Sunday is often called "Gaudete Sunday" as we reflect on the joy the shepherd's felt at the birth of Jesus.

Candle Name: The God Shepherd's Candle

Color: Pink

The 3rd Week of Advent Represents: Joy

Remind us: The joy of the coming birth of Jesus

Bible verse: Luke 2:10

Opportunities for Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent

St. Mary's, Tillsonburg

Wed, December 14th, 10 am–12 pm, 2 -4 pm, & 6-8 pm

Sacred Heart, Langton

Friday, December 16th, 3-4 pm & 6-8pm



The children preparing for their First Reconciliation will be celebrating their confession during the evening slot, from 6 to 8 pm, at both, St. Mary's and Sacred Heart.

RCIA News!



as persons who intend to become its members. We, the Church, embraces them as our own with a mother's love and concern. It is with great joy we pledge our prayers and support to journey with our catechumens and candidates:

Crystal Buick and her sponsor Betty-Ann Mulholland
Natasha Burford and her sponsor Tina Hopper
Lynette Lakusta and her sponsor Judy Schonberger
Chris Durham and his sponsor Christian Devlin
Kim Grootendorst and her sponsor Miriam Schernekau
Joan Wilson and her sponsor Veronica Holly
James Ashton and his sponsor Paul Boyd
Francine Herbert and her sponsor Kathy Myny
Amanda Wiltshire and her sponsor Janet Shelton
Koert Van Ittersum and his sponsor Brian Hanley
Kim Le and her sponsor Haithi Tran
Shawna Russell and her sponsor Kim Mitchell

Please continue to hold these amazing people and their wonderful sponsors in your prayers as we continue our journey towards the sacraments of Initiation at Easter!

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

ST MARY'S, TILLSONBURG

December 24th December 25th

5 pm | 7:30 pm | 10 pm 10 am

December 31st January 1st

5 pm 9 am | 11 am



SACRED HEART, LANGTON

December 24th December 25th

5 pm | 9 pm 10:30 am

December 31st January 1st

5 pm 10:30 am



ST. MICHAEL'S, WALSH

December 25th January 1st

8:30 am 8:30 am



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Stewardship Corner

Offertory - December 3 & 4, 2022

Category	St. Mary	Sacred Heart	St. Michael
Sunday Envelope	\$ 4,415.00	1,359.00	\$ 480.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	-	200.00	-
Building Fund	75,970.00	410.00	10.00
Loose	428.10	113.25	111.00
Total	\$ 80,813.10	\$ 2,082.25	\$ 601.00

Offertory Envelopes 2023



New Offering Envelopes for 2023 are available in the Annex at St. Mary's, Tillsonburg, and in the entrance of the church at both Sacred Heart, Langton and St. Michael's, Walsh. Please pick up your box after Mass! If you can't find your envelopes, or would like a box for 2023, please contact the Office.

Faith Study for Young Adults



Are you a young adult (19-32)? Do you find yourself asking questions about your faith, life, the world around you? Why are we here? What is life all about? What happens when we die? These are some of life's deepest questions, rooted in the human heart's deepest desires: happiness, love, beauty, meaning. Where can we find the answers to these questions and these desires? Until satisfied, we are left questioning, longing, and searching.

What? Our parish will be hosting a 7 session faith study for young adults (19-32) focusing on the video series from Formed, The Search, by Chris Stefanick. This video series contains seven episodes, examining the great big story of everything—life and death, sorrow and happiness, science and faith. Each session, we will watch the video, following along with the question guide and discuss the video as a group, followed by prayer and snacks.

When? Starting Saturday January 21st at 7:30, once a month for 7 sessions. Sessions will last for tentatively 1-1.5 hours. Interested? Want to learn more? Contact Kaitlyn Boyd for more details via email klv082295@msn.com or phone 519-550-5911 for more details about location and attending.

St. Mary's St Vincent de Paul's Report



Check out the November St. Vincent de Paul Bulletin Report by following this link or on our webpage <https://etcfp.dol.ca/st-vincent-de-paul>.

St. Mary's Bible Study



Bible study on December 12th: The Eucharist: Miracles of the Exodus". We meet in the Fr. Langan Parish Center Mondays from 1:30 to 3:00pm.

The Bible is the book of the Church, and the words of the Bible cannot express their full meaning when understood apart from the living community of faith.



Please remember to lock your vehicle when you park in the parking lot



WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

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| Tue, Dec 13
6:30 pm | <u>St. Mary's</u>
†Eleanor Jesson
†Rose Arnoczki
†John (Jack) Hanley
†Jack Downes
†Dan Kelly |
| Wed, Dec 14
9:30 am | <u>St. Mary's</u>
Special Intentions of Than Family
†Charles Mahu
†Jozsef Bognar
†John (Jack) Hanley
†Joe Oliveira |
| Thu, Dec 15
9:30 am | <u>Sacred Heart</u>
†Gaby De Dobbelaer
†Charlene Vandewiel
†Andy Winne |
| Fri, Dec 16
9:30 am | <u>St. Mary's</u>
Special Intention for Sarah & Michael Wenden & Family;
†David & Mark A. Young
†Rose Arnoczki
†Jack Hanley
†Dan Kelly |



Please pray for

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord;
And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

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ABOUT FORMED

This week, the third one of Advent, join Fr. John Burns as he journeys deeper into the theme for week three: nearness. Let us know your comments on our Facebook @erietricountyfop.

If you are new to FORMED and want to sign up please visit the FORMED website at formed.org, select the button SIGN UP, and then select the "Sign as a Parishioner" option. Then find our parish by typing "Erie Tri-County Catholic Family of Parishes" or our postal code. Follow the prompts to create your own username. Then, you will be able to access all of the great content that FORMED has to offer.

This week at Formed:

Week Three | Adore: Advent with Fr. John Burns



<https://watch.formed.org/advent-week-3/videos/adore-third-week-of-advent>

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



In this time of Advent, Pray as a Family

You're Invited to the

Grade 8 Orientation Day on

December 7, 2022 (Holy Family, St. Michael's, St. Patrick's, Public Schools)

December 15, 2022 (St. Jude's, Monsignor J.H. O'Neil)

Open House, January 18, 2023, 6:00-7:30 pm

(Inclement weather date January 25, 2023)

at

St. Mary's Catholic High School

"Experience Life as a WARRIOR!"

Our FOCUS is:

Building Character

through a faith-centered and supportive community environment

Building Friendships

involving interactive social opportunities, arts and athletics

Building a Strong Foundation

through academic excellence

Building YOUR Future

starts at St. Mary's Catholic High School

Please call Guidance for details / information 519-675-4435

Our Lady of Guadalupe Speaker in the Diocese of Hamilton

On Monday, December 12 the Honourable Graydon Nicholas will be speaking in Hamilton on "Our Lady of Guadalupe: In the Experience of Indigenous Peoples." The event is from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. There is also be a livestream at this [link](https://www.youtube.com/@hamiltondiocese) [<https://www.youtube.com/@hamiltondiocese>].

Journey Through Advent Video Reflections with Bishop Dabrowski

On this Third Sunday of Advent, Bishop Dabrowski provides a reflection on joy. The video can be found at this [link](https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/) [<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>].

Advent Stories from Development and Peace

Read the inspiring stories from Development and Peace - Caritas Canada showing the real-world impact of the solidarity and generosity of the Canadian Catholic community. A new story will be shared each Sunday. The second story "An Advent of blossoming: the story of Jannatul Riaju" is at this [link](https://www.devp.org/en/blog/an-advent-of-blossoming-the-story-of-jannatul-riaju/) [<https://www.devp.org/en/blog/an-advent-of-blossoming-the-story-of-jannatul-riaju/>].

Pope's Video for December: For Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

The Pope's video for December invites us to pray "that volunteer non-profit and human organizations may find people willing to commit themselves to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths of international co-operation." Volunteerism. Commitment. Coordination. These are three key words of The Pope Video for December. Pope Francis reminds us that "Being a volunteer who helps others, is a cholic that makes us free (...) It means being artisans of mercy: with our hands, with our eyes, with an attentive ear, with our closeness." The video and more information can be found at www.thepopevideo.org.