



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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February 19th, 2023 — 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins



This Wednesday we celebrate Ash Wednesday, the first day of the liturgical season of Lent. In this season, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the high point of our Christian life, Easter.

The meaning behind tracing a cross on our foreheads with ashes (the liturgical sign of Ash Wednesday) is a summary of our Christian life. On one level, the ashes remind us of our origin and our death. (In the words of the prayer said when we receive ashes: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.") The ashes are also the sign of our victory: the cross of Christ. In his death and resurrection, Christ conquered death. Our destiny as Christians is to receive the victory over death that Christ won for us. We acknowledge that victory when we "turn away from sin and [are] faithful to the gospel," words from the alternative prayer when we are signed with ashes.

Lent invites us to look inside our heart, with fasting, which frees us from attachment to things and from the worldliness that numbs the heart. Prayer, charity, fasting: three investments for a treasure that endures.

Source: loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection

LENT SCHEDULE



Ash Wednesday Masses:

St. Mary's, Tillsonburg:

9:30 am (with Msgr. O'Neil School)

6:30 pm

Sacred Heart, Langton:

9:30 am (with Sacred Heart School)

St. Michael's, Walsh:

1:30 pm (with St. Michael's School)

Stations of the Cross:

St. Mary's, Tillsonburg

7:00 pm Every Friday (Feb 24 - Mar 31)

Sacred Heart, Langton

10:00 am Every Thursday after daily Mass (Feb 23 - Mar 30)

St. Michael's, Walsh

7:00 pm Every Friday (Feb 24 - Mar 31)



All Day Confessions

On Wednesday, Mar 29

10 am - noon

St. Mary's

2 pm - 4 pm

Sacred Heart

6 pm - 8 pm

St. Mary's

6 pm - 8 pm

Sacred Heart

There will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

available in both churches during the time of All Day Confessions.



Lenten Services

Feb 22 Tillsonburg Alliance Church

Mar 1 First Baptist Church

Mar 8 Bethel Pentecostal Church

Mar 15 St. Mary's Catholic Church

Mar 22 St. Paul's United Church

Mar 29 North Broadway Baptist Church

Wednesdays 12-12:30 pm

*Please note no lunch following the service



Lent Video Series: *The Chosen: Season One*

7 pm Every Wed (Mar 1 - Apr 12) at St. Mary's Parish Hall

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

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Business Administrator,
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Sacred Heart's Office

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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

READINGS FOR FEB 19, 2023

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God,
I am holy.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Are you not aware that you are the
temple of God, and that the Spirit of
God dwells in you?

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:38-48

My command to you is: love your
enemies, pray for your persecutors.

READINGS FOR FEB 26, 2023

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Eve and Adam eat from the tree that
was forbidden to them by God.

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

Through the obedience of Jesus, many
will be made righteous.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert
and is tempted by the devil.

Baptism



We welcome into our faith community through the waters of
baptism:

Ramona Koteles & Saint Colombage

May they and their family always be guided by the Lord.

LENTEN VIDEO SERIES – *The Chosen: Season One*



Starting Wednesday March 1st – and for the next eight
Wednesdays – we are offering Season One of *The Chosen* hosted
by Deacon Brian and Colleen Hanley. ***The Chosen: Season One***
introduces you to people such as Simon Peter, Nicodemus, Mary
Magdalene, Matthew, and of course Jesus in a way never seen
before on film. You do not need to be a theologian or an authority on the bible,
rather someone who wants to spend some time immersed in a fresh,
thoughtful, and exciting look at a story that is so familiar, or not so familiar, to
many. This is open to anyone – bring a friend, a relative, make it a date night, or
come by yourself. We will watch an episode, have some refreshments, and talk
about what we see and hear in the episode. You can just listen or share – it's up
to the individual. We will gather for the first episode on Wednesday March 1st
at 7 pm in the Parish Hall (basement) of the Church. Evenings will run
approximately 90 minutes. Chairs are provided ... but you are welcome to bring
a cushion!

Bible study on February 20th. We will view and share *The Chosen, Episode 1*,
"I Have Called You By Name" in the Fr. Langan Parish Center, Monday from 1:30
to 3:00pm. Books of the Bible can be understood more fully when studied in
their entirety.

St. Mary's Church is hosting SHROVE TUESDAY FAMILY PANCAKE SUPPER

**Tuesday February 21st
4:30 PM to 6 PM**

Downstairs in the Parish Hall of St. Mary's Church

\$10 for ages 13 and up

\$5 for ages 6 to 12 yrs. old

Free for Children 5 yrs. old and under



**Pancakes,
sausages
and all the
fixings!**



**Sponsored by
Knights of Columbus Council #3212
and St. Mary's CWL**

**Proceeds to support the
St. Vincent de Paul Society**



Feb 20th, Happy Family Day!
Family that Prays Together, Stays Together!
Our office will be closed for Family Day

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Stewardship Corner

Offertory - February 12, 2023

Category	St. Mary	Sacred Heart	St. Michael
Sunday Envelope	\$ 3,789.00	1,472.00	\$ 440.00
Initial Envelope	120.00	-	-
Building Fund	645.00	35.00	-
Loose	362.30	44.25	75.00
Total	\$ 4,916.30	\$ 1,551.25	\$ 515.00

St. Mary's CWL



Is your membership paid for 2023? If not, we have been making calls and sending out e-mails. There is still time to have that taken care of. Fees are \$30.00 this year and can be placed in the offertory basket at mass, or by mail or dropped off at the rectory. Please ensure that the envelope is clearly marked St. Mary's CWL. All cheques are also to be made out to St. Mary's CWL. If you are unsure if you have paid, please do not hesitate to contact either Kathy Holly at 519-859-0781 (C), at 519-842-8826 (H), (kathyevelly@live.com) or Sharon Masschaele at 519-842-2244 (shardee@rogers.com).

RCIA – Adopt a Catechumen or Candidate in Prayer



"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." (Pope Francis)

We are so blessed as a Family of Parishes to have twelve catechumen and candidates, from our three parishes, gathering each week with their sponsors and catechists, to taste the joy that God gives without measure! However, they do not do this alone. Our entire Christian community, our Family of Parishes, help them with their support and example through witnessing and prayer. As the season of Lent approaches on February 22nd, we invite everyone of you in all three parishes to intentionally pray for one of our catechumen or candidate. You will receive via email or regular mail information about whom you are praying for, a special to prayer to say each day for them (or you can create your own) and an invitation to send them a note of encouragement. Signing up to receive this information is easy! You can simply email Colleen at chanley@dol.ca that you would like to be a prayer partner for someone journeying in the RCIA process or you can fill out Prayer Partner Request form found at the entrances of all three Churches the weekend of February 25th or 26th. Once your information has been received, we will send out the information to you at the beginning of Lent. Imagine if each person had five people praying for them! Taking another's hand and praying for them is a powerful blessing you can give another person. Please consider this beautiful ministry and sign up either by email (chanley@dol.ca) or the weekend of Feb 25/26 at your parish.

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



Tue, Feb 21
6:30 pm

St. Mary's
Special Intention for
Than Family
✠Joe Oliveira
✠Maria & Leslie Pozsgai
✠George & Juliana
Sawadski
✠William Putoczki

Wed, Feb 22
9:30 am

St. Mary's
Special Intention for
Naomi & Dante & Baby
Judah Miller
✠Alphonse & Anna
Laplante
✠Maria Oliveira
✠Eleanor Jesson
✠Rosie Csikos

Thu, Feb 23
9:30 am

Sacred Heart
✠Etienne
Vandendriessche
✠Walter Seys

Fri, Feb 24
9:30 am

St. Mary's
Special Intention for
Anne & Hugh Timmons
✠Joe Oliveira
✠Jonathan Pozsgai
✠Eleanor Jesson
✠Ken Sawadski



Please pray for

Holy Souls in Purgatory

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



Charitable donation receipts are available for you to pick up in the Narthex at Sacred Heart, Langton and St. Michael's, Walsh; and in the Annex at St. Mary's, Tillsonburg.

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ABOUT FORMED

If you are new to FORMED and want to sign up please visit the FORMED website at formed.org, select the button SIGN UP, then select the "Sign as a Parishioner" option. 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:

Fearless: A 7-Week Lenten Video Series



Set to release on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, this free, 7-week video series will accompany you on your Lenten journey.

Time and again, the people of God are called to 'be courageous' and 'be not afraid.' Yet, we live in a time where fear seems to guide our very existence. Don't miss this exciting series with a special guest each week as we seek to follow Jesus into the wilderness this Lent. Watch it [here](#) or use the following link:

<https://watch.formed.org/fearless-a-7-week-lenten-video-series>

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

Emergency Aid Campaign for Turkey and Syria

The CCCB Executive Committee announced an emergency aid campaign for earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria. This emergency campaign will be run by CCODP-Caritas Canada, Aid to the Church in Need, the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), and Canadian Jesuits International. Many of them are already on the frontlines in Turkey and Syria helping provide aid to those in need after the destructive earthquakes. Donations could be made on:

ACN: bit.ly/acn-donate-syria Toll free #: 1-800-585-6333 Ext 228

CJI: www.canadianjesuitsinternational.ca Toll free #: 1-800-448-2148

CNEWA Canada: www.cnewa.ca Toll free #: 1-866-322-4441

CCODP/DPCC: www.devp.org/en Toll free #: 1-800-494-1401

Day of Confessions

This year's diocesan Day of Confessions will take place on Wednesday, March 29. The season of Lent is a time to be renewed and to be reconciled with our merciful and loving God. An important part of our Lenten call to personal holiness is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As Pope Francis reminds us, "Confession is where we encounter Jesus." In an effort to highlight this important part of our Lenten journey, every year on the fifth Wednesday of Lent, parishes all across the Diocese of London have priests available to hear confessions throughout the day and/or evening. Our parish [website](#) etcfp.dol.ca and the Lent Schedule in this bulletin list the details of our parishes confession times and locations.

Our Family of Parishes Rite of Confirmation



Our Family of Parishes celebrated Confirmations this weekend. A big congratulation to all the confirmandi for making a wonderful choice in their journey to Christian faith and also to their sponsors and parents for support the candidates. Be a brave Christian to witness and proclaim Jesus!!

Church Teaching on the Treatment of the Body of the Deceased

4. The Body and Praying for the Dead



The chief spiritual purpose of a Catholic funeral is to worship God while praying for the deceased and entrusting him or her to the mercy of God. This prayer is most appropriate and, indeed, most natural in the presence of the body of the deceased. Even if the body to be buried has already been cremated, the prayers of committal emphasize the presence of the person's remains.

The Church's living Tradition attests to the importance of the presence of the body during the various stages of the funeral. When cremation is chosen, the undivided remains must likewise be present during the funeral liturgy and be laid to rest in a single suitable location.



Please keep in your prayers the people of Turkey and Syria, and all those living with the effects of natural disasters.