



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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August 20th, 2023 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What type of faith is great?



Great faith is that which brings its own story, marked even by wounds, and brings it to the Lord's feet asking Him to heal them, to give them meaning. Each one of us has our own story and it is not always a story "of export", it is not always a clean story... Many times it is a difficult story, with a lot of pain, many misfortunes and many sins. What do I do with my story? Do I hide it? No! We must bring it before the Lord. "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!" This is what this woman teaches us, this wonderful mother: the courage to bring our own painful story before God, before Jesus, to touch God's tenderness, Jesus's tenderness. Let's try this story, this prayer: let each one of us think of his or her own story. There are always ugly things in a story, always. Let us go to Jesus, knock on Jesus's heart and say to Him: "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!" And we can do this if we always have the face of Jesus before us, if we understand what Christ's heart is like, what Jesus's heart is like: a heart that feels compassion, that bears our pains, that bears our sins, our mistakes, our failures. But it is a heart that loves us like that, as we are, without make-up: He loves us like that. "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!" (Pope Francis, Angelus, 16 August 2020).

Parish Pastoral Council News

When we became Family of Parishes, a transition team was formed and that team was acting as the Parish Pastoral Council for the last two years. Therefore, the Parish Pastoral Council discussed the formation of a new Parish Pastoral Council and now we are in the process of forming a new Parish Pastoral Council for our Family of Parishes. We will have only one Parish Pastoral Council for our Family of Parishes and it will have members representing all the three Churches of our Family of Parishes. The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body to help the pastor in the mission to lead the faith community toward a personal relationship with Jesus and to form disciples of Christ.

As the first step in the process of forming a new Parish Pastoral Council, we are inviting our parishioners to suggest name/s of the parishioners who could serve the Council in the mission of the Church. When you suggest the names, please include a few gift/edness that you may observe that the person/s may have and the reasons why you have suggested those names. You may send it to sjohn@dol.ca and please do so before the 15th of September, 2023. Once we have a list of the suggested names, someone from our parish office will contact them to inform that their name was suggested by a parishioner. We will have a meeting, sometime in the middle of October, with all of those whose names are suggested, to give them an understanding what the roles and responsibilities of the Parish Pastoral Council members are. Then we will let everyone to pray over it, a few months, before we make a final selection to form a new Parish Pastoral Council by the end of the year. Please keep the process of the formation of a new Parish Pastoral Council in your prayers as we move forward in our mission. Thank you dear parishioners.

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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 AUG 20, 2023

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1,6-7

The Lord reveals his salvation to all.

Second Reading

Romans 11:13-15,29-32

God's favor to Israel is irrevocable.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith.

READINGS FOR AUG 27, 2023

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

God will remove Shebna from his office as master of the palace.

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

Paul sings praise to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Baptism



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

Jettson Kirby, Boris Michalowsky, Declan DeFields, Amelia Cardoza, Jack & Liam Bouwheer, Monica & Mya Wiebe.

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

Calling All Experienced and New Altar Servers!



If you are in the fourth grade or beyond and are interested in being a part of an amazing team of altar servers please contact Colleen Hanley at chanley@dol.ca or call the office. Registration forms are available at all our three parishes and on our Parish website etcfp.dol.ca/family-and-youth. We are

delighted and happy to train you!!

Sunday School Volunteers



Once again, we are hoping to provide Sunday School for our little friends beginning October 1st. If you are interested in volunteering as an adult leader or as a youth helper this upcoming season, please contact Colleen Hanley at chanley@dol.ca. We need help to provide Sunday School at the 9 am and 11 am Masses at St. Mary's Church in Tillsonburg and at the 10:30 am Mass in Sacred Heart Church in Langton. Training and all materials are provided. Every volunteer (adult and youth) will need to be screened through the Called, Gifted & Sent program. Please consider offering your gifts and talents, the smiling faces of the children are a wonderful reward!

Building Committee Update

The renovations to the Rectory and the offices at St. Mary's, Tillsonburg are progressing in a timely manner. Thanks to all the staff and parishioners for your patience with this ongoing project. As with most renovations there have been some costly surprises; we had to replace the entire HVAC system in both the Rectory and the offices, and some additional asbestos needed to be abated in the kitchen.

The team of Valerie Claessens, Betty Ann Mulholland and Father Seejo have been busy picking out flooring, cabinetry and fixtures. Bill Cannon has been on site managing and responding to any issues that come up on a regular basis. Thanks to all for their extra time and effort to make this project move along smoothly.

Doug Shwaluk, Jim Hayes and Bill Cannon have been also busy helping with the yard and doing small repairs to the exterior of the buildings. The Knights have donated their time and monies to establish a garden in the courtyard of the FLPC. It looks great. Thank you.

The rest of the Parish grounds look fantastic thanks to Irene Gubesch and her team.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

"He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake." Psalm 23:3



Our Family of Parishes needs volunteers for Sunday School, Reach Out Ministry and Altar Servers. If interested in any volunteer positions at any of our three parishes, please contact the office.

Family of Parishes Announcements

Stewardship Corner

Offertory - Aug 6, 2023

Category	St. Mary's Tillsonburg	Sacred Heart Langton	St. Michael's Walsh
Sunday Envelope	\$ 6,064.00	\$ 1,197.00	\$ 445.00
Aug Pre-Authorized (Regular Sunday)	5,245.00	1,410.00	190.00
Building Fund	837.00	325.00	15.00
Aug Pre-Authorized (Building Fund)	1,180.00	65.00	-
Loose	501.65	82.00	115.00
Total	\$ 13,827.65	\$ 3,079.00	\$ 765.00

Offertory - Aug 13, 2023

Category	St. Mary's Tillsonburg	Sacred Heart Langton	St. Michael's Walsh
Sunday Envelope	\$ 2,828.00	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 315.00
Priest Pension Fund	-	620.00	-
Building Fund	110.00	160.00	-
Loose	470.50	102.65	110.00
Total	\$ 3,408.50	\$ 2,022.65	\$ 425.00

Help Your Parish by Donating!

Go to our Parish Website

etcfp.dol.ca/donate

St. Mary's CWL Meat Pies!



Meat pies will be available in September. So, please send in your orders now! Call Nancy John (519) 983-3394 or email her at nancyjohn153@yahoo.com. If you would like to help with this fundraiser to make meat pies in the church basement kitchen they will begin Tuesday Sept 5 at 8:30 am and after that every Tuesday, Sept 12, 19, 26, and October 3. If you can come on any of those Tuesdays, please let co-convenors know that by contacting Nancy John. If you signed the volunteer sheet at the June CWL meeting you do not need to call or email again! Thank you to all who are able to help with this fundraiser! All are welcome! Many hands makes light work!

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Meeting



The first general meeting of the season will be held on September 12th, 2023 at 8 pm in the Father Langan Parish Center, Room 8. All Knights and interested practicing Catholic men are invited to attend. There will be a vote on changing the start time of the meeting so all knights please plan on attending. Any questions or comments please contact Grand Knight Robert Humphrey at 226- 993-0140 or robhump12@yahoo.ca.

Migrant Worker Ministry Volunteers Needed at St. Bernard, Waterford

If you are interested in serving in a Christ-like manner the farm migrant worker community to ensure pastoral care is provided while they reside and work in Norfolk County and Tillsonburg area, please contact the Norfolk Family of Parishes at olmstbern@dol.ca or at (519) 582-1312 or check their website catholicfamilyparishesnorfolk.dol.ca.



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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



Tue, Aug 22 6:30 pm St. Mary's
✠ Cyriel & Sidonie Damme
✠ Jackie Young
✠ Karel Vanmoerkerke

Wed, Aug 23 9:30 am St. Mary's
Special Intentions of
Benak & Bognar Families
✠ Dorothy Vanderhoeff
✠ Mike LaPlante
✠ Arlie Barzo

Thu, Aug 24 9:30 am Sacred Heart
✠ Bernadette Couture
✠ Emily Kovacs

Fri, Aug 25 9:30 am St. Mary's
Special Intention
✠ Rose Marie Borbely



Please Pray For

All Holy Souls In Purgatory

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



"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Diocesan Announcements

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This week at Formed:

The Queen Mother Lectio: Mary Episode 4



Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.

View the episode here watch.formed.org/videos/formed-now-st-bartholmew

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



Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood 7 Ways Families can Foster Vocations

Here we go with the sixth way your family can foster vocations.

6. Talk about vocations. Speak openly about vocations to marriage, priesthood, and religious life. From the earliest age, make it clear that happiness in life is following God's plan. Tell kids that priests have an awesome job because they bring us the sacraments. Teach them that religious brothers and sisters make special vows to live like Jesus.

This week pray for all those who are troubled in the discernment of their vocation, especially to the priesthood, that the Holy Spirit will bless them with encouragement, insight, and the grace of perseverance.

17th Bishop's Dinner for Windsor/Essex

17th Bishop's Dinner for Windsor/Essex will take place at Ciocaro Club, on October 26, 2023! You are cordially invited to gather together with Bishop Fabbro, the priests, deacons and lay ministers, and the faithful of our diocese. For individual tickets (\$150) or tables of 8 (\$975); or for sponsorship information, contact Frances Barnard at bishopsdinner@spseminary.ca. Dinner proceeds will benefit St. Peter's Seminary and Second Chance Ministry.

Continuing Education in the Catholic Faith

Courses at St. Peter's Seminary are open for those interested to audit or take for credit. Unless otherwise indicated, courses are held in class. Courses offered on Tuesday evenings during the 2023 fall term include Theological Anthropology (5113A) with Dr. John Dool and Catechetics with Dr. Bernardine Ketelaars (5574A). Details related to these and other courses which may be of interest, class times, and instructors can be found at this [link](#). For further information, please contact Dr. Bernardine Ketelaars by email at bgketela@uwo.ca or by phone at 519-646-7152.

Save the Date: Truth and Reconciliation Fundraising Launch

The Diocese will be launching a fundraising campaign for the Truth and Reconciliation Fund with a special collection on the weekend of September 23/24, one week prior to National Day for Truth and Reconciliation ("Orange Shirt Day"). More information will follow. Bishop Fabbro has committed the Diocese to raising \$1.8 million over the next five years to support healing and reconciliation with Indigenous people.

About Horizons of Hope



What is Horizons of Hope? As Catholics, our faith in Jesus Christ has much to teach us about living and dying well with dignity. Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care is designed to help each of us – caregivers, the sick and dying and family members – to find support and concrete assistance. Please stay tune to our bulletin/webpage for more details.

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, by email, or by calling the Parish Office.