

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 25, 2018

### WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 27 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	For the Intentions of Dorothy Schnurr (Patsy Logel & Rosemary Downey)
Wednesday, February 28 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>10:15 a.m.</b> Heritage. River	+Rosemary Coffey (Estate)
Thursday, March 1 <sup>st</sup>	
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	+Grace Driscoll (Helen Rice & Family)
Friday, March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	+Lloyd Dorscht (Harold & Jessie Dorscht)
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	+Erin Eidt (Patricia & Luke Dobben)
Sunday March 4 <sup>th</sup> , <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	
<b>St. Mary's</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
<b>St. Martin's</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b>	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**YOUR OFFERINGS** – February 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

62 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,425.00
Weekly Loose	61.30
1 Initial Offering	5.00
1 Building Maintenance	20.00
1 Seminary Collection	10.00
Total	\$ 1,521.30

**St. Martin's – Totals to be reported next week**

**YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

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**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS** are ready for pickup at the back of church.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE MASS: FEB. 27 AT 7:00 P.M.:**

Bishop Crosby will be offering a Mass for 40 Days for Life at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate. Guelph & Area Right to Life and the Knights of Columbus are pleased to invite everyone to attend and pray for the protection of all human life.

### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT:**

“Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.” **Pope Francis’ Lenten Message 2018**

### **NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESSES:**

Kindly note the following new parish email addresses:

Pastor (Father Gordian): [stmelpastor@wightman.ca](mailto:stmelpastor@wightman.ca)

Parish Office (Catarina Burguete):

[stmeloffice@wightman.ca](mailto:stmeloffice@wightman.ca)

Business Administration (Mary Clark):

[stmelbadim@wightman.ca](mailto:stmelbadim@wightman.ca)

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### **FROM THE VOCATIONS OFFICE:**

If you need examples of persons responding to God’s call, look at Abraham and Sarah - called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God’s call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call **Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x2246**

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Is your child preparing for **First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation** this year? Wondering how you can help them at home? Visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) and find Information for Parents under “Catechesis Office”. We have videos with practical suggestions and helpful info for parents of children with special needs. We’re here to help!

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### **PANCAKE SUPPER THANKS:**

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the approximately 150 Parishioners who came out to enjoy our Pancake Supper. Parish spirit and

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fellowship were evident and through your generosity we received over \$700.00 in donations for the St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Building Funds. Thanks to all the Knights who volunteered and made this event such a success.

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### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MARCH BREAKFAST:**

Please join us Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup> for our Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast. Breakfast will be served from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. The cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12. Families can take advantage of a special rate of \$17.00 for 2 adults and all children under 12. All are welcome and encouraged to come to enjoy breakfast and fellowship - coffee and toast is free if you're not up for a full breakfast.

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### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:**

The world day of prayer this year will be held at St. James Anglican Church, Fergus on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. This is a prayerful, ecumenical gathering in which several area churches participate. The committee has asked St. Mary's to donate a fruit platter (a parishioner has kindly provided), a cookie platter and to provide two persons to read short bible selections. Please contact Catarina in the parish office 519-846-5093 ASAP if you would like to volunteer or to get more information.

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### **PERSONS SEPARATED AND DIVORCED KITCHENER PROGRAMS:**

LEVEL 1 - (Learning to Cope), and LEVEL 2 (Accepting the Situation) are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Course fee: \$35 (Level 1), and \$45 (Level 2). Both Level 1 & 2 will be held Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks, starting **March 20 from 7pm – 9pm** at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener. Contact the Family Ministry Office at (905)528-7988 ext. 2249, or do so at [www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php)

### **PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZE WITH THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE:**

On **Friday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Joseph Parish, Fergus, we will be having *Prayer in the Style of Taizé* with The Saint John's Bible. This will be an opportunity to see the Word of God as we sing meditative songs inspired by the illuminations in The Saint John's Bible. This is open to anyone who is interested in a time of meditative prayer.

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### **MARRIAGE TIP 84**

We all know that positive reinforcement works best with children, but did you know it has a very positive influence on your married relationship as well? Do you compliment your spouse every day? Do you remember the magical words please and thank you when interacting? Do you take a little time out of your busy day just to touch base and let your spouse know they are on your mind? Do you share at least one meal each day? Try each of these throughout the season of Lent and see their benefits come to light.

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**Please Keep our Recently Deceased Loved Ones in your Prayers:** Susan Ezenwa, Rosemaria Bakos, Grace Driscoll, Bruce Crewson

### **UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH**

<b>Feb 26</b>	Scripture Study Group – St. Mary's Rectory Meeting Room – 9:30 a.m.
<b>Feb 27</b>	Knights of Columbus Meeting – St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Fergus – 7:30 p.m.
<b>Feb 28</b>	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting – St. Joseph's Parish Hall – After 8:30 a.m. Mass
<b>Mar 2</b>	World Day of Prayer – St James Anglican Church, Fergus – 2:00 p.m. – Ecumenical Prayer Service and Reception – All Welcome
<b>Mar 2</b>	Stations of the Cross – 7:00 p.m. - St. Mary's - Elora
<b>Mar 3</b>	Musician's Retreat – St. Joseph's, Fergus, Please Register 905-528-7988 ext. 2336
<b>Mar 4</b>	Knights of Columbus Breakfast – St. Joseph's Parish Hall 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.