

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 18, 2018

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 20 th	
7:00 p.m.	+Bruce Crewson (Patsy Logel & Family)
Wednesday, March 21 st	
9:00 a.m.	+Benedetto Pellegrini (Pellegrini Family)
Thursday, March 22 nd	
9:00 a.m.	Rosemary Coffey (Estate)
7:00 p.m.	Penitential Service Followed by Individual Confessions
Friday, March 23 rd <i>St. Turibius of Mogrovejo</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Betty Muhic & All Deceased Members of Muhic Family (Alex Muhic & Family)
10:15 a.m.	St. Mary's School Mass
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 24 th <i>Blessed Oscar Romero</i>	
5:00 p.m.	+Joseph Mantler (Frances Mantler & Family)
Sunday March 25 th , <i>Passion Sunday</i>	
St. Mary's 9:00 a.m.	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
St. Martin's 11:00 a.m.	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUR OFFERINGS – March 10th & 11th

61 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,397.00
Weekly Loose	64.00
2 Building Maintenance	360.00
3 Share Lent Collection	280.00
Total	\$ 2,101.00

St. Martin's – March 11th

Weekly Offerings	\$ 400.00
Loose	7.00
Building Maintenance	20.00
Share Lent	10.00
Total	\$ 437.00

FOOD BANK NEWS:

St. Mary's is holding an **Easter Food Drive** for the Centre Wellington Food Bank. The food bank is in need of general food donations and in particular need of canned or bottled, **apple or orange juice**. Please leave all donations in the bin in the front foyer for collection and delivery to the food bank. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

At the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, the scripture reminds us thus: “rend your hearts, not your garments and return to the Lord your God. For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness and relenting in punishment...” (Joel 2:13). The season of Lent is always a special time set aside to draw us closer to God through deep reflection and the traditional acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We remain grateful to God for giving us another great opportunity to be part of this important spiritual journey, a period of deep reflection, renewal and revival in our faith journey. To help us in our Lenten journey as it gradually draws to a close, and as a great way to prepare us to enter into Holy Week, there will be a special Lenten Penitential Service at St. Mary's, Elora on Thursday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. A service of prayer and reflection will be followed by individual confessions. There will be guest priests to help hear confessions. All parishioners are welcome to attend as this will be a wonderful way of beginning Holy Week. Praying our Lenten journey this year will be a very fruitful and rewarding one, Amen!

MESSAGE FROM DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:

We wish to thank you for your generosity on this Development and Peace **Solidarity Sunday**. Your donation will be used to help our sisters and brothers all over the world — from Lebanon to Cambodia, to Nigeria and beyond! The theme of our Share Lent campaign *Together for Peace*, invites us to build peace through dialogue and reconciliation and to consider mercy as a source of hope for the future. This is what Pope Francis underlined on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy: “Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instils in us the courage to look to the future with hope.” Thank you for helping us create a future filled with hope!

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ST MARY'S LENTEN SOCIAL GATHERING:

Come join your fellow parishioners, next Sunday, Palm Sunday, immediately after Mass for a fun social get together. Coffee, tea, and nibbles will be available and a fun and creative 'escape room' activity for all ages of children is planned. Hope to see you there!

GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY:

Once again, the Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Fish Fry from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. on Good Friday (March 30th) at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Fergus. **This year we will be offering an option of baked fish** as well as the traditional deep-fried fish. Fish and Chip dinners will be \$10.00 for one piece of fish and \$14.00 for two pieces of fish; pop or bottled water will be \$1.00 each. One piece of fish only will be \$6.00 and one order of fries only will be \$4.00. Juice, coffee and tea are included with a dinner. Take out will be available. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. Young people 14 or over who are interested in volunteering to help set up, bus tables etc. please contact Don Cassidy at 519-843-2088.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - CLOSING POTLUCK:

All are welcome to a closing potluck on Sunday, March 25th at 6:00pm to mark the end of the 40 Days for Life pro-life prayer campaign. The gathering will be at Holy Rosary Church's Community Room, and those who have prayed at the vigil will be sharing their experiences. RSVP by contacting the Right to Life office: [519-836-6311](tel:519-836-6311), info@guelphforlife.com

THE CANADIAN BIBLE SOCIETY'S...

Annual dinner will be held at the Alma Community Church, 59 Peel St., East on Saturday, March 24th. This year's theme is "Rags to Rubies; The Lost Identity of Women Restored through the Word of God in India." Advance tickets only may be purchased by contacting Pamela McDaniel 519-846-0930 or see poster on bulletin boards for further details.

WANTED - CLEANERS FOR CHURCH:

St. Mary Immaculate is currently seeking a cleaning service for the church and meeting rooms, as well as maintenance of church grounds in Spring and Summer. Weekly hours vary seasonally and can be discussed further. Daytime hours are preferred. All cleaning supplies and equipment will be provided. If you are interested in this position, please contact the pastor with a CV at stmelpastor@wightman.ca, or the parish office at 519-846-5093 for more info.

Please Keep our Recently Baptized Loved Ones in Your Prayers: Seth and Serena Lee, and Keegan, Alexa and Finley Hall.

Please Keep our Recently Deceased Loved Ones in Your Prayers: Jean Skerritt

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Mar 19	Scripture Study Group – St. Mary's Rectory Meeting Room – 9:30 a.m.
Mar 22	Lenten Penitential Service – St. Mary's Elora – 7:00 p.m.
Mar 23	Stations of the Cross – 7:00 p.m. - St. Mary's - Elora
Mar 27	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting – St. Joseph's Parish Hall – 7:30 p.m.
Mar 28	Knights of Columbus Meeting – St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Fergus – 7:30 p.m.
Mar 30	Knights of Columbus Good Friday Fish Fry– St. Joseph's Parish Hall 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
April 9	CWL Meeting – St. Mary's Rectory Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Mar 29	Holy Thursday – 7:30p.m. – St. Mary's Elora Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration till Midnight.
Mar 30	Good Friday – Solemn Liturgy, 3:00 p.m. St. Mary's, Elora, and 5:00 p.m. St. Martin's, Drayton. Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.
Mar 31	Holy Saturday Ceremonies St. Mary's, Elora 11:00 a.m. – Blessing of Easter Baskets 8:00 p.m. – Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass
April 1	Easter Sunday – Mass of the Lord's Resurrection 10:00 a.m. – St. Mary Immaculate, Elora 11:00 a.m. – St. Martin of Tours, Drayton