

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Sept 11	
9:00 a.m.	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
Weds, Sept 12, <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary (Opt)</i>	
10:30 a.m.	+Grace & Jack Driscoll (Estate)
Well. Terrace	
Thurs, Sept. 13th, <i>St. John Chrysostom (Obl Mem)</i>	
6:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration
7:00 p.m.	+Beatrice & Maurice Brisebois (Kozak Family)
Friday, Sept 14th, <i>The Exultation of the Holy Cross (Feast)</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Helen Yanchus (Terry and Joyce Conroy)
Saturday, Sept 15th	
5:00 p.m.	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
Sunday Sept 16th <i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	
St. Mary's	+Stephen McDonald
11:00 a.m.	(Tracey Bailey)
St. Martin's	For the Living & Deceased Members
9:00 a.m.	of the Parish

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUR OFFERINGS:

St. Mary's: July 1st to Sept 2

Weekly Offerings	\$ 12,875.40
Loose	709.45
Building Maintenance	2,217.00
PIME Missionary Appeal	1,213.10
Bishop's Special Collection	100.00
Altar & Devotional Materials	<u>160.00</u>
Total:	\$ 17,274.95

Pre-Authorized Donations: July & August:

Sunday Offerings	\$ 5,318.00
Building Maintenance	<u>640.00</u>
Total:	\$ 5,958.00

St. Martin's: July 1st to Sept 2

Weekly Offerings	\$ 4,305.00
Loose	6.25
Building Maintenance	1,300.00
PIME Missionary Appeal	<u>365.00</u>
Total:	\$ 5,976.25

Your Continual Support and Generosity are Greatly Appreciated!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

I wish to begin by thanking God for the wonderful gift of another great summer that is just running out and by welcoming back all our parishioners who have been away during the summer period. I want to believe the summer has been a great time of rest and relaxation for us and a great time to be with loved ones, family and friends, with many of us visiting some places of interest.

The summer time is always a nice time to get away from the busy daily life and routine of things for a while before things get quite busy again especially with our school children returning to school and other activities and programmes getting back to their usual schedule.

We also thank God for the nice weather we have enjoyed over the summer period and in recent weeks. As our students return to their various schools, we wish them another successful academic year ahead, and that the efforts of both students and teachers will be met with the desired success and good results.

To all parishioners, I wish everyone God's peace and many blessings as we continue to share God's love and fellowship together as one big family of God. To those who are still away or planning some travels, we wish them God's peace and mercies in their travels. Wishing everyone God's choicest blessings always, a nice autumn ahead and a very nice and pleasant week.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Come join us for an exciting year of growing in Christ and serving our community both near and far. Meetings will take place the second Monday of each month in the rectory meeting room and are preceded by a short prayer service starting at 7pm.

All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. **September's meeting is this Monday, September 11.**

ST MARTIN'S 15th ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ:

All parishioners are invited to St. Martin's parish hall on Friday, September 21st for the annual chicken barbecue. Come join your fellow parishioners in a delicious dinner of BBQ chicken, baked potato, corn, coleslaw, bun and dessert. Eat in or take out. Adults only \$15, children 6-12yrs \$7. Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling Daryl Brodhaecker 519-575-2656 or 519-638-5428

K OF C ANNUAL PIG ROAST DINNER –

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their Annual Pig Roast Dinner on **Saturday September 22 at 6:00 p.m.** at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Fergus. Roast pork, baked potato, coleslaw, baked beans, bun, pie or cake, tea, coffee and juice will be served. Tickets remain at \$12.50 per person up to Sunday September 16th with children 12 and under \$6.00 and children under 2 free of charge. Adult tickets purchased after Sunday September 16th will be \$15.00/person. Please pick up your tickets early as past dinners have sold out and tickets will NOT be available at the door. Tickets available from Lori at the St. Joseph's Parish office – 519-843-2006 - from Monday to Thursday.

THANK YOU FROM MICHAEL HOUSE:

We are so grateful to your community for taking part in our annual Spring **Baby Bottle Drive**. With your generous support, we raised over \$25,500. St. Mary's Elora helped by raising \$808.88. Your support empowers us to serve women and babies in need in our community.

**CAREGIVER RETREAT *Courage for Caregivers*:
Thursday September 20th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Ignatius Jesuit Centre, Guelph.**

If you are a professional or at-home caregiver, you know how challenging and exhausting it can be to support those with intensive or chronic care needs. Caregivers need care too. That's why the Henri Nouwen Society is pleased to present a one-day retreat designed for active caregivers in need of spiritual encouragement and community support.

Courage for Caregivers addresses the needs of people in caregiving roles. Rooted in the wisdom of Henri Nouwen, this retreat will help caregivers identify both the challenges and gifts of caregiving while learning spiritual practices and techniques to sustain long-term self-care. Registration is \$70 at www.eventbrite.com

FROM THE VOCATION'S OFFICE:

Did not God choose those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom? Count your blessings, then come and help others count theirs too, as a priest, religious or deacon. If you feel you have such a vocation, call **Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x2246** email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com www.HamiltonVocations.com

ATTENDANCE AT MASS:

Please kindly inform the pastor or a Eucharistic minister when a parishioner is no longer able to attend Mass due to ill-health, old age or infirmity.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH	
Sept 10	Catholic Women's League Gathering - St. Mary's Rectory Meeting Room, 7pm
Sept 22	K of C Pig Roast – St. Joseph's Parish Hall – 519-843-2006 for tickets.
Sept 25	Knights of Columbus Meeting – St. Joseph's, Fergus – 7:30 p.m.
Sept 26	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting – St. Joseph's Parish Hall after 8:30 a.m. Mass
Oct 7	K of C charity Breakfast – St Joseph's Parish Hall, Fergus – 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Adults \$7, under 12 \$3 or Family rate \$17 for 2 Adults and All Kids under 12.
Oct 15	Scripture Study Group – 9:30 a.m. Every Monday– St. Mary's Rectory Meeting Room – All Welcome
Oct 27	St. Mary's Parish Fall Bazaar – 10am till 2 pm at St. Mary's School