

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 25th	
9:00 a.m.	Anon.
Weds, Sept 26th, Sts John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues (Feast)	
10:15 a.m.	+Grace & Jack Driscoll
Heritage River	(Estate)
Thurs, September 27th, St. Vincent de Paul (Obl Mem)	
6:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration
7:00 p.m.	Anon.
Friday, September 28th, St Wenceslas (Opt Mem)	
9:00 a.m.	+Stephen McDonald (Tracey Bailey)
Saturday, September 29th, Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (Feast)	
5:00 p.m.	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
Sunday Sept 30th Twenty-Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time	
St. Mary's	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
11:00 a.m.	
St. Martin's	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
9:00 a.m.	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUR OFFERINGS:

St. Mary's, September 15th & 16th

55 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,152.00
Loose	57.00
Building Maintenance	<u>60.00</u>
Total:	\$ 1,269.00

St. Martin's, September 16th

Weekly Offerings	\$ 540.00
Loose	11.00
Building Maintenance	<u>60.00</u>
Total:	\$ 611.00

Your Continual Support and Generosity are Greatly Appreciated!

FROM THE VOCATION'S OFFICE:

“Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” This life is the ministry of a priest, sister, brother or deacon. If you feel God is calling you to one such vocation, **Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x2246**

email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

We congratulate Mr. Paul Mulligan, our parishioner, currently training in the diocesan Permanent Diaconate Program. He was recently accepted into Year 3 of the program and he has provided us with a well written progress report regarding his training and program.

We wish him all the very best as we also continue to pray for an increase in vocations in our parish, diocese and the Universal Church.

Wishing everyone a very blessed and pleasant week ahead.

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Once again, I would like to share my formation journey with you, as I have been accepted into year 3 of the Permanent Diaconate Formation program for the Diocese of Hamilton to become a Deacon. The first two years were challenging to say the least. Attempting to juggle family life, work obligations, parish life, and studying for the Diaconate can be quite a strain. During year two, we studied an introduction to some of the letters of the Gospels, Christology, Ecclesiology, as well as church history. As four gentlemen were ordained Deacons this past June, our class is now next in line, and five more couples have joined the program as year 1 candidates. This year will bring new challenges as I will also have a practicum ministry placement along with studies and mentor meetings. I continue this journey along with my family and always look forward to seeing what the good Lord has in his plans for us. I would like to thank you for supporting me throughout the formation process with your kind comments and prayers. Please continue this journey with me by keeping me, my family, and the other candidates in your prayers as we will continue to pray for our fellow parishioners. As we are reminded at every Sunday mass “God is Good”. May Almighty God bless each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

Paul Mulligan

MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESE:

The Diocese of Hamilton has decided to move forward with a Parish-focused **Capital Campaign** after a recent study found support from 83% of respondents. The planning study was conducted from May through June and included more than 900 clergy and lay participants. Under the proposed campaign plan, 75% of the funds raised would go to the parishes for projects of their choosing, 15% to diocesan ministries and 10% to support parishes in need. At www.hamiltondiocese.com/campaign, you can find a letter from Bishop Crosby about the study and the campaign, plus a more detailed summary of the planning study results.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...

ST MARY'S ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR & DRAW will be held on **Saturday, October 27th** at St. Mary's School from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lots of fun for young and old. Silent Auction, Loonie Table, an Amazing Bake Sale, A Craft Table and Games for the kids, Religious Articles and other great sale tables so come get your Christmas shopping started early. This year we will once again offer a delicious hot lunch of beef on a bun, coleslaw and yummy dessert as well as hot dogs for the kids. Our yearly raffle draw will take place at 1:30 p.m. Look for tickets coming soon!

Can you donate any items to our silent auction and/or penny table?

Items for the penny table can be gently used, however we ask that any donations to the silent auction be new. If you have anything you would like to donate, please contact Mary Clark at stmelbadmin@wightman.ca

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP:

All ladies of the parish are reminded that CWL fees of \$25 will be coming due very shortly. This year's fees reflect a slight increase from previous years' fees. Your membership helps the CWL do so many good things in the community and further afield. Even if you never come to meetings (although we hope you do!) we really appreciate your renewing

your membership. Please place an envelope with your membership fees in the collection basket with your name and address on it, marked CWL or use the specific CWL envelope from the packet. Thank you so much!

LIFE CHAIN - ONE HOUR COULD SAVE A LIFE:

Join people of faith across North America in one hour of pro-life prayer and witness. The Guelph and Area Right to Life has organized an outdoor vigil at Highway 6/Tower Street and Belsyde Avenue in Fergus from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 30th. All are welcome to join in.

MASS INTENTIONS:

We are always encouraged to pray for each other. The Mass is one great and important way of doing this and we seem to be running low on Mass intentions. If you would like a Mass said for the repose of the soul of a loved one or friend, or any other special intention, please place a note along with \$10 offering and drop it in the collection basket with the donor's name or call the parish office.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH	
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 14	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 and Draw – 10am till 2 pm at St. Mary's School – crafts and games for kids, bake sale, silent auction and delicious lunch! See you there!