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Mass Schedule

The Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

October 7th to 13th



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week, our country celebrates Thanksgiving. When we think of this celebration, we often think about getting together with family and friends to share a meal and to rest from work. All of this is very good!

But what I fear is so often forgotten is the very purpose of Thanksgiving: to *give thanks* to almighty God, who gives us our life, our health, and our food.

I encourage all of you this Thanksgiving to intentionally make Thanksgiving a day for *giving thanks* to God.

An excellent opportunity is to participate in the Eucharist - our thanksgiving sacrifice - on Thanksgiving Monday.

It is also good to pray the Rosary. When we pray the Rosary, we join with St. Mary in meditating on the works of God. Knowing what God has done for us helps us grow in gratitude toward him.

And, finally, I would encourage you to use Thanksgiving as an opportunity to speak with those you meet about the goodness of our God.

I wish you all a grace-filled Thanksgiving.

In Christ,

Fr. Hayden Starczala, P.P.

VOCATION SEEDS

Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest, deacon, religious, or consecrated virgin? Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 www.hamiltondiocese.com

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

September 23 rd & 24 th	St. Mary's	St. Martin's
Offerings	\$ 1,453.00	\$ 310.00
Loose	95.00	40.00
Building	85.00	64.00
Devotional Candles	259.05	
Needs of the Cdn Church	205.00	20.00
Total:	\$ 2,097.05	\$ 434.00

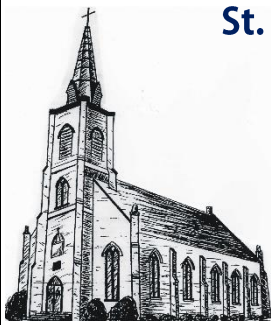
Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



The Parable of the Wicked Workers of the Vineyard, Andrey Mironov, 2013

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing and it is amazing in our eyes.

- Psalm 118: 22-23

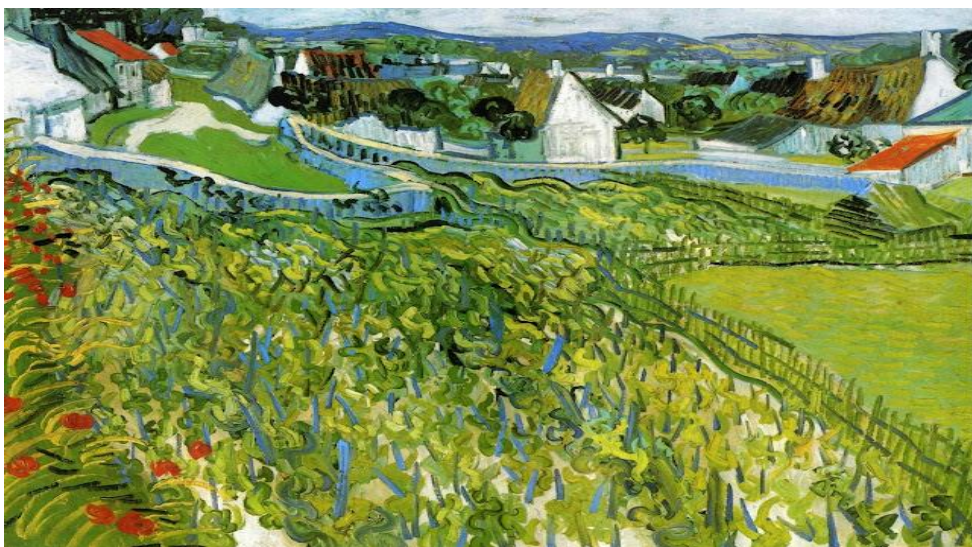


K OF C RECRUITMENT DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus Council 15333 St. Mary's & St. Joseph's will be conducting a Membership Drive and info session for all men, ages 18+, to consider joining the K of C. We are committed to serving the needs of our parishes through works of service, charity and prayer. Attend our **Recruitment Drive, on October 21st & 22nd, immediately following the 5:00 p.m., and 11:00 a.m. Masses.** Find out how you can make a difference in our communities by joining the K of C today! More info: contact Lowell Butts, GK via email at buttslowell@gmail.com

MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP

If you would like to explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic priest, please join Father Mark Morley, and other men who are discerning their vocation, by attending our diocesan Men's Discernment Group. Our first meeting for the Fall will be held on Friday, October 20th at 7:00pm at St. Michael Church, 80 University Ave W, Waterloo. We will gather in the hall. Please use the side doors at the front of the church. If you would like to attend, or have questions, email Fr. Morley hamiltondiocese.com/vocations.



Vineyards with a View of Auvers, Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890)

SACRAMENTS of FIRST COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION FOR THOSE NOT ATTENDING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Parents of Catholic students who are home-schooled or attend private or otherwise non-Catholic schools and are in grades 2 or 7 and are wishing their child receive the customary sacraments, please contact the church office to inform us as soon as possible for arrangements to be made.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE GATHERING

Join us on Tuesday October 17 beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm. All ladies are encouraged to participate to hear two of our Hamilton Diocesan Officers present the "Unity Outreach Project" initiated by the National Council. This is an opportunity for you to provide your input for future strategic planning of the CWL. Every voice counts. Please join us to hear about this important work and express your opinion. The presentation will be followed by updates from St. Mary's CWL team.

CWL MEMBERSHIPS

October begins our annual Catholic Women's League membership drive. All ladies of the parish are asked to prayerfully consider renewing their memberships. Each membership helps us to continue our work aiding and supporting causes in our parish, community, country, and internationally. This year we have many new and exciting ideas about supporting our parish. Even if you are unable to attend our gatherings, your membership is much appreciated. Please leave \$35 using your marked donation envelope or another envelope clearly marked CWL Membership.

SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION PARENTS' MEETING

Parents of children receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on Nov 19th are reminded that there is a meeting this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 12	Confirmation parents' meeting. 7:00 p.m. – St. Mary's Church
October 17	St. Mary's CWL gathering – after 7:00 p.m. Mass – All ladies of the parish welcome.



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