



CWL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday January 16th CWL General Meeting at 1:00 pm in the Church Hall. All ladies (members and non-members) are welcome.

CWL MEMBERSHIP FEES

CWL 2019 membership fees are now due (\$28 – Seniors \$25). You may use the blue envelopes in your Offertory box or a personal envelope and place it in the collection basket at any Mass, any weekend. Please ensure that your name is clearly written on the envelope along with “CWL Membership”. If you aren’t already a member of the CWL, please join us! Contact Evelyn Wickett, Organization Convener, for more information ([416-919-5351](tel:416-919-5351)).



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL – THANK YOU!!

For our Christmas distribution, we assisted 80 households, consisting of 106 adults, including 27 seniors. In addition we assisted 74 children and dependents. The total distribution amounted to \$17,792.90, which consisted of grocery store, Dollarama, and Walmart vouchers, as well as bus tickets. Once again the generosity of our parishioners is overwhelming, as your donations covered the above amount plus gave us a healthy head start to 2019. May God bless you for your care for the poor.

11:00 AM CHOIR



St. Mary Star of the Sea Choir (11:00 am Mass) is undertaking a new and exciting music program for 2019.

Preparation for Holy Week and Easter is already underway. Success is possible only through the dedication and hard work of choir members.

We invite new members for all voice parts to join us at this time (particularly Soprano 2 and Alto).

You too could be an active participant in this ministry. Please contact: Fergus Egan 905-270-4832



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS John Paul II Council # 11955

January Brunch | Sun Jan 20 at 12:00 pm
The Knights are pleased to bring you another brunch to start 2019.

The menu for January will include:

- Pancakes, Sausages, Home Fries, Baked Beans
- Come out to enjoy a hot & delicious brunch with your fellow parishioners.

KofC Lottery Tickets | NOW ON SALE

The Knights of Columbus are conducting their annual lottery, benefitting the Special Olympics of Ontario, The Arthritis Society & local charities.

Tickets are \$5 each. Generous participation is encouraged for fabulous prizes.

Hope to see you on the winning side !!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

– THANK YOU

Our Christmas concert (9th December 2018) was a great success. Thanks to all who attended and supported it.

Your donations of non-perishable food items were delivered to the Compass and included in their Christmas drive.

Because of your generosity, we raised and donated \$1,000.00 to the Salvation Army Christmas food bank, and a further \$764.47 to St. Mary Star of the Sea for charitable causes supported by the parish.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

– “SHARE THE JOURNEY”



69.5 million forced migrants are first and foremost human beings. They are children, women and men who have a story of their own. They have lost what was most important to them: their family, home and roots. The life that had taken them years to build no longer exists. They have nothing left, except perhaps the hope of being welcomed, listened to, and supported. It’s up to us to take the first step to open our hearts to them and to encourage and cultivate the hope that dwells within them.

Statistics don’t speak of human suffering, fear, loss of loved ones, exclusion, discrimination, vulnerability, or anger. Nor do facts and figures explain courage, perseverance, resilience, mutual assistance, hope or love. Numbers will never tell you that fleeing one’s home, community, town or city, or even country is the beginning of a series of setbacks and challenges for which no human being is prepared. Numbers also don’t speak of the kilometers traveled, the wail of empty stomachs, the thirst and weakening of legs, or the risks incurred. Nor do statistics honour the incredible inner strength that makes it possible to continue the journey.

Next weekend, St. Mary’s Development and Peace group will invite you to sign the Action Card to the Federal Government. The following is the wording of the Development and Peace “Share the Journey” campaign action card:

Without inclusive and participatory democracies that respect human rights, forced migration will only increase.

Dear Prime Minister,

Canada needs to do more to address the root causes of forced migration. In addition to providing humanitarian aid for refugees and their host countries, I am asking you to make a commitment to:

- *Support grassroots organizations working for peace, democracy and human rights.*
- *Invest more in diplomatic and peaceful solutions to armed conflicts.*

No one should be forced to flee their home.

Name (please print) _____

City, province, postal code _____

Signature _____

We encourage you and your family to visit <https://www.devp.org/en>, or visit the bulletin board by east parking lot doors to learn more.

**LINKS TO FAITH
JANUARY 13, 2019**

**WEEK 2 – HOPE FOR THE NEW YEAR
COMES FROM FRATERNITY
– L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO**

“The word with which to open 2019 is the one launched by the Holy Father in his Urbi et Orbi discourse on Christmas day: fraternity. A word that indicates the truth that “is the basis of the Christian vision of humanity”. A vision that hinges on the harmony between unity and diversity, the very heart of fraternity. If this harmony exists, “our differences, then, are not a detriment or a danger; they are a source of richness. As when an artist is about to make a mosaic.”

To read this article by Andrea Monda, click on Links to Faith at the bottom of the parish homepage: www.stmarystarofthesea.ca and select [Week 2 - Hope for the New Year Comes from Fraternity – L'Osservatore Romano](#)

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



In Loving Memory of

- † Andrej & Marta Permal
Requested by their daughter Hilda Walczak
- † Emon, Castilla, John & Trevor
Requested by Flavia & Alicia Forgenie
- † Charles & Jean Agro and William & Laufey McDowell
Requested by Barry & Carol McDowell
- † Members of the Tedesco & Baratto families
Requested by the Tedesco family
- † Roland & Dale Fleming and Michelle Riccio
Requested by Rita Fleming
- † Madeline, Jack & Marilyn Noonan
Requested by the family

In Thanksgiving for

- All blessings received for our family and friends
Requested by James & Maria Wan
- Christmas blessings!
Requested by the D'Ovidio family
- For favours granted
Requested by Kathleen Hynds

2019 ENVELOPE BOXES

are arranged in alphabetical order at the back of the Church. Please pick up your box. Envelope boxes that are not picked up will be reassigned.

If you are new to the parish or have not yet registered, please pick up an unassigned box of envelopes from the tables at the side exits of the Church, fill in the form and drop it in the Offertory basket at any weekend Mass and use the envelopes for your contributions to the Church.

COMMUNITY MEAL

Every Friday. Doors open at 5 pm and dinner served at 6:45 pm. All are welcome.

MISSALS

Missals are available for \$5 each from the table at the East side exit of the Church (Parking lot side). Get your copy today.

**THIS WEEK AT
ST. MARY'S**

SATURDAY 12TH

10:00 am Mass – †Reginald Kowalchuk
Requested by Marian Yuill
Followed by Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
10:30 am Confessions
5:00 pm Mass – †Placy Menezes
Requested by the family

SUNDAY 13TH

9:00 am Mass – †Joseph Wosik
Requested by the Wickett family
11:00 am Mass – For the People

MONDAY 14TH

9:00 am Mass – †Martha Buckley
Requested by Susana Caldwell
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting (Hall)

TUESDAY 15TH

NO MASS
7:00 pm Choir practice (Church)

WEDNESDAY 16TH

10:00 am Craft Group Meeting (SJR)
1:00 pm CWL General Meeting (Hall)
7:00 pm Mass – Special intention of Carmela Vassallo
Requested by Pushpa & Benny Lobo
7:45 pm Legion of Mary Meeting (SJR)

THURSDAY 17TH

9:00 am Mass – †Eleanor Murray
Requested by Cathy & Paul Griffin
7:00 pm Confirmation Event # 2 (Church/Hall)

FRIDAY 18TH

9:00 am Mass – †George Caldwell
Requested by the family
5:00 pm Community Meal (Hall)

SATURDAY 19TH

10:00 am Mass – †John Badali
Requested by Lucy Zita
Followed by Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
10:30 am Confessions
5:00 pm Mass – †Teresa Howard
Requested by Yvonne Patterson

SUNDAY 20TH

9:00 am Mass – †Marie Wellwood
Requested by Franca & Rino Barbisan and family
11:00 am Mass – For the People
2:00 pm Bible Study (SJR)
Knights of Columbus Sunday Brunch after the 11:00 am Mass