

### EL Zohbi Family

Our refugee family has decided to move to Sarnia Ontario. Mahmoud has 2 brothers, 1 sister and a cousin in Sarnia. There was a tremendous pull to reunite with family members. They visited their family this past summer and decided to move when housing was available. Mahmoud has a better chance at finding employment in Sarnia. His cousin works in the concrete area and will be able to help him find work. Salam has mixed feelings since she has made many friends here and feels sad leaving the community that sponsored her family. I will stay in touch with them and provide updates. *Jean Mac Donald*

### St. Mark's Peru Committee

The Peru committee is committed to providing assistance to the Sisters of Mercy in Peru. Last year through our fundraising and your help we raised \$7200 for this mission. We are meeting on Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. after the morning mass in room 5 to plan for the upcoming year. New members are always welcome. *Jean Mac Donald* (jeanrynlon@gmail.com)

### Diocesan News

**Sept. 17** - The monthly Mass for those living with cancer will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Anointing of the sick will be offered.

**Oct. 3** - Bobby's Hospice Grief Support Group to be held at Bobby's Hospice from October 3<sup>rd</sup> to November 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. No charge. Register in advance by calling 632-5593

### Are you new to St. Mark's Church?

Would you like to find out more about the activities and different ministries that take place in our church? Call Andrea MacLean-Holohan 847-8127 from our Newcomers ministry, or Dianne 849-5111. They would welcome any questions you may have.

**Pre-Authorized Debit System** – If anyone would like to start this system of donation, forms are available in the foyer. Please fill out and drop in collection basket next week in envelope along with a VOID cheque.

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Register Update:

Please fill out this form and put it in collection basket or give to greeter. Thank you for helping to keep our records up to date.

Name

Address

Phone

New in Parish \_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_ Moving out of \_\_\_\_

Moving within the Parish \_\_\_\_

### **Parish of St. Mark**

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### MISSION STATEMENT

*From three communities and beyond called into one to be Word of God. In a spirit of friendship, sharing of life and energy, faith and appreciation, we commit ourselves to accepting all who come and to be present to them, and from our gatherings open ourselves to our neighborhoods and to the wider church.*

**Pastor: Father Owen Burns**

**Mass Times: Sat. 5 p.m.  
Sun. 10 a.m.**

**Parish Council Chair** – Michele Connor

**Baptism, Marriage, Catechetical Ministry** - contact office.

**Reconciliation** - Sat. after Mass or by appointment

**September 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 35:47a Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37 (128)

**September 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 50:5-9 James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35

### **September 9, 2018 - 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?” JAMES 2:5*

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realize that material things really don't matter and that it's more important to share with those who have less.

**Announced Masses**

Mon.	Sept. 10	6:30 p.m.	In Thanksgiving
Tues.	Sept. 11	9:00 a.m.	J.E. Burton Guidry
Wed.	Sept. 12	6:30 p.m.	Matthew Palmer
Thur.	Sept. 13	9:00 a.m.	Kevin Wright
Sat.	Sept. 15	5:00 p.m.	For Parishioners
Sun.	Sept. 16	10:00 a.m.	Gary Hovey

**Scheduled Events — Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**

Date	Event	Time	Location
Mon. Sept. 10	Rosary	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
	Music Practice	7:00 p.m.	Church
Wed. Sept. 12	CWL Executive	7:30 p.m.	Room#5

**Comedy Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre**

Bob Doherty is announcing that there will be a Comedy Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre production later in the Fall. However, he needs to know how many parishioners of St. Mark's would like to take part either onstage or in a behind-the-scenes capacity. There will be information/organizational meetings **immediately following the Masses on Sept. 8th and 9th.** If you would like to be involved please let Bob know now by e-mailing him at [raddoh@gmail.com](mailto:raddoh@gmail.com) or by calling him at 847-3479. Bob hopes to see a good turn-out and expression of interest from people who would like to be part of this fun show.

**Baptism** – The following baby has been welcomed into our Faith Community through the sacrament of Baptism: Connor Lee Baisley

**R.C.I.A.**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for unbaptized adults wishing to become a member of the Catholic Church, or baptized adults seeking full communion with the Church through the profession of faith and sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Co-ordinators: Jackie and Allan Beckingham, 849-9521 or the Parish Office, 849-5111

Required Weekly	\$ 5,555.00
Sunday Collection, September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$ 5,053.05

**Religious Formation - 849-5111**

Coordinator – Wendy Ellis 849-8162

Email: [stmarksreled@bellaliant.com](mailto:stmarksreled@bellaliant.com)

**Catechists needed:**

Kindergarten – 1  
Grade 1 – 1  
Grade 2 – 4  
Grade 3 – 3  
Grade 4 – 2  
Grade 6 – 2  
Grade 7 – 2

**Small Group Leaders**

Grade 8 – 1 male + 1 female  
Grade 9 – 1 male + 2 females

**Faith Formation for Grades Kindergarten to Grade 9**

With the new Sunday Mass time of 10:00 a.m., a new time for sessions is needed. Understanding that many have work commitments on Sunday afternoons, we will offer our classes from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. on Sundays for all grades. This will enable families to participate in sessions, attend Mass and still be able to honour work commitments. While we know that no time can work for everyone, we hope this time will work for your family! Thank you for your understanding as adopt a new schedule this year!

**Kindergarten to Grade 7** - We are looking for 22 catechists for these grades. The primary role of the catechist is to encourage children and youth to have a personal relationship with Jesus through prayer and the practice of the faith. Catechists pass on the basics, using age-specific supplied programs. The materials are easy to follow and guide you step-by-step for every lesson. All materials and supplies are provided. This program will run from 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Sunday mornings from late September to late April.

**Grades 8 & 9** - We are looking for 4 men and 4 women to serve as small group leaders for youth in Grades 8 and 9. These are not catechists or “teachers”; small group leaders work with a small group of between 6 and 10 young people to facilitate open discussion on matters of faith following a video-based presentation. The role of a small group leader is not to provide all the answers but to create a safe welcoming space for great questions and conversations. We provide training in small group facilitation as an essential part of the program for leaders. This program will run from 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Sunday mornings from late September to late April.

**Relocation of Tabernacle**

This past week our parish has been blessed with the skillful work of several parishioners in crafting and installing a shelf in the sanctuary. Within a few weeks we look forward to installing a *new to us* tabernacle in the sanctuary and moving the Blessed Sacrament from the chapel into the main church. Earlier in the year both Parish Council and the Liturgy committee dialogued about making the Blessed Sacrament more visible in the church. With the tabernacle, soon to be located, within the main body of the church, all those who visit St. Mark's for Mass or private prayer will have easier access to spend time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

**Welcome Patricia Gallagher**

St. Mark's Church is pleased to announce that our new Worship Leader for the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass is Patricia Gallagher. She comes highly recommended and some of you may know of her through her other choirs, particularly that at Holy Trinity. Patricia will be conducting the choir practice on Monday at 7:00 p.m. Please come out to welcome her. New members are encouraged to join.

**\*\*\*New\*\*\* AV Team Ministry**

We are looking for people who are interested in joining a new ministry that will operate the sound and visual presentation systems. Training will be provided. This is a great opportunity for youth, Grade 8 and above, to become involved. Adults are welcome too! Please email Bill Stroud ([stroudwb2@gmail.com](mailto:stroudwb2@gmail.com)) to indicate your interest.

**Annual Turkey Supper – September 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Volunteers and Donations Needed**

Money donations for the purchase of turkeys and food donations for the turkey supper are still needed. Please check out the boards that are at the front and side entrances to the church. *Lots* of volunteers are also needed to make this event a success. Please sign up where you would like to work. The sign up sheets are on the tables at the entrances beside the food boards. Call Fran Hickmott at 654-7200 or Dianne Beyea at the church office 849-5111.