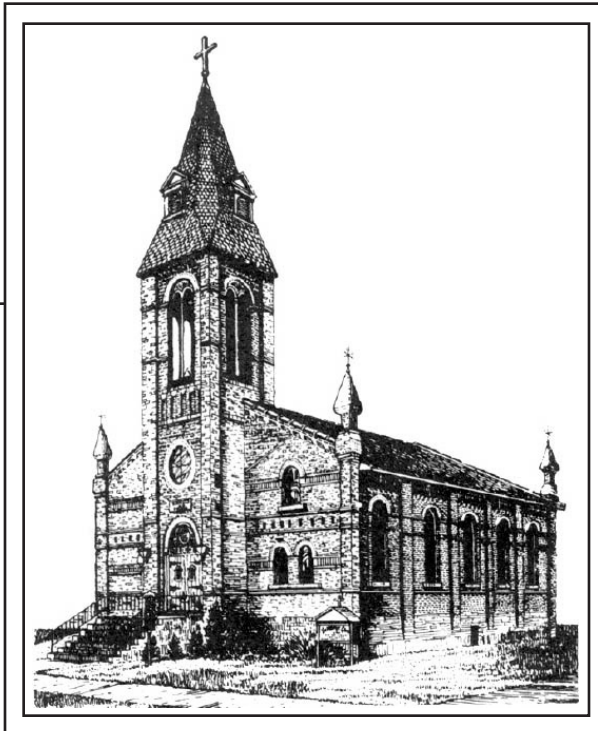


# ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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**Every Friday:  
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7:30 a.m.  
Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament

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## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon  
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon  
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE PARISH

St. Mary's Elementary School . . .705-445-6132  
Our Lady of the Bay Catholic  
High School . . . . .705-445-2043  
Notre Dame de la Huronie . . . .705-444-1764

**BAPTISMS:** Please call the Parish Office.

**HOLY COMMUNION FOR SICK, SHUT-INS:** Holy Communion is brought regularly to sick and shut-ins. Please notify the rectory.

**MARRIAGES:** Couples planning to get married must contact a priest one year in advance for an appointment. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. Please do not book the time and place of your reception before your appointment with the priest.

If either party has gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's Office has been consulted.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

**BULLETIN NOTICES** must be received at the parish office by Wednesday at noon. Announcements will appear for no more than two weeks, and should contain only pertinent information. Please be brief.

**Catholic Women's League**  
President: Jean Stewart  
705-445-2151

**The Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree**  
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705-994 3308  
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**The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree**  
Faithful Navigator: Domenic Sanfilippo  
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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In this month of November Catholics, the world over in a particular way, remember the dead. The reality and power of the Resurrection of Jesus renews our faith that those who have died will live once again, reunited to their bodies in some mysterious and glorious way. For us who still walk this journey of life on earth it is important that we not only remember them – all of them – but also pray for them that they will receive mercy and forgiveness through the love, mercy and forgiveness of God who knows us through and through. The scriptures and the teaching of Holy Mother Church remind us that praying for those who have died in the hope of heaven is essential to them, to assist them in the hope of heaven.

My mother, Margaret, having endured and suffered from Dementia for over 22-years, died just weeks before the sad closing of churches and the lockdowns of the pandemic began, thereby enabling us to have a Funeral Mass for her in the church. It was a warm tribute and a beautiful goodbye to my mom on a cold, snowy day in late February.

In my homily, I closed with this poem I had written in memory of my mother, Margaret Mary (Mahoney) Forget.

### A POEM FOR MARGARET

**Crossed arms that held me when I was small  
Wording lips that taught me about all  
Of this worlds mystery and meaning  
And God's call and voice to be heard  
In strains of faith and silence.**

**Working, marrying, raising and tired  
The years so quickly passed along  
Your children married, moved on and made  
Lives for themselves, and you proud.**

**The Master said of Simon become Peter  
That someday he'd be belted and led  
Where his own feet would not want to go  
All the while indicating the death he would die.**

**You, too, with fading mind and body that followed  
Were led from memory of all that was and is  
To a chair and bed of long, patient waiting  
So oft alone in your own Calvary of time.**

**Faith has held you; hope has carried you  
And love now bathes you in warmth  
God blesses what you take with you  
And the fruit that you've left behind.**

**Crossed hands now empty across your breast  
That once nursed children and heaved in love  
Rests, the body that housed the Spirit of life  
Where Christ invited, made His home.**

**Wait no longer, suffer no more  
This exile from Loves Pure Light  
For you go now to the home you've longed-for;  
to Christ, your Friend, your Life.**



### MY DOG LIVES ON THE SOFA

My dog lives on the sofa.

That's where he wants to be.

He likes to sit there night and day  
and watch what's on TV.

He surfs the channels constantly  
by chewing the remote,  
then watches what he wants to watch;  
I never get a vote.

He's fond of films with animals.

He takes in nature shows.

Whenever cat cartoons come on  
he always watches those.

He loves the pet commercials too,  
and anything with food.

Whenever there's a tennis match  
he nearly comes unglued.

I got him from the dog pound.

He didn't cost a cent.

I asked them for a "watch dog,"  
but this isn't what I meant.

*(Kenn Nesbitt, from the book The Biggest Burp Ever)*

*Many years ago when I was just 9 or 10 years old I wrote a poem about a fictitious dog named Jack. It's funny how after all these years I've never forgotten it.*

*For the last word to actually fit and rhyme you'll have to remember that when I was a child and growing up our family name was always pronounced with its English appearance, not the French pronunciation.*

I have a dog  
His name is Jack.  
He's sits in the fog  
On a railroad track.

He watches trains –  
He thinks they're fun  
If he had any brains  
He'd turn and run.

I've had other dogs  
Black and white  
But this one never tries to fight.  
His nose is black and always wet  
What a wonderful dog for Charles Forget!



**MASS**  
**SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tuesday Nov 29  
8:30am +Anthony Wihby  
Requested by Marilyn Wihby

Wednesday Nov 30  
7:00pm +Nancy Greco  
Requested by Chris Godin & Family

Thursday Dec 1  
8:30am Unannounced Mass

Friday Dec 2  
7:30am Holy Hour  
8:30am Unannounced Mass

Saturday Dec 3  
3:30 to 4:00pm Confessions  
4:30pm +Bernie Richer  
Requested by Knights of Columbus 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

Sunday Nov 27  
9:00am +Paul Van BoxMeer  
Requested by the CWL

11:00am For the People

**Our Sanctuary Lamp Burns**  
For the Parishioners of St. Mary's  
From Nov 27 to Dec 3, 22



*Please Pray for the Sick*

Chelsea Cando, Dorothy Dynes, Margot Brandreth, Ken Buchan,  
Jean Ferguson, Rose Flanagan, Fred Coulson, Andrew Vella

*Pray for those who have died recently*

Father Thomas C. O'Toole

Weekly Offering Nov 20	\$2605.00.00 (Inc PAG)
Building & Maintenance	\$2131.00
Shepherds Trust	\$2022.75
ShareLife	\$38,453.00



**SENIOR WISH**

Thank you to everyone who has donated to a Senior wish. The support was overwhelming and there will be many seniors who will benefit from The "Bags of Love" Campaign.



**CWL NEWS**



Once again, we thank our parishioners for their support. We are happy to say, the bazaar certainly met our expectations. The winner of the 50/50 draw was Joelle Millar for \$375.00...congratulations.  
Our clothing drive will be completed this weekend Nov 26/27. Please NO DONATIONS after that date.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**



Christmas pyjama drive: the St. Vincent de Paul is having a Christmas pyjama drive until December 18. Pyjamas can be dropped off in the church hall in the boxes and bags under the tree. The greatest need is sizes 8 to adult for both boys and girls. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**PAG – Preauthorized Giving**

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of the Parish through your regular parish offerings. To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, the parishes depend entirely on the generosity of their parishioners. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly to the parish account. For more information, please call your parish office.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



Help homeless youth through ShareLife.  
**NEW:** Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until the end of 2022, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 million.

Covenant House is one of the agencies you support through ShareLife. Located in Toronto, but its young clients – largely homeless youth – arrive from throughout the archdiocese. "Your commitment to love and care for the youth experiencing homelessness and trafficking who come to Covenant House truly means so much. "Your support gives hope to young people who need hope right now – and you give youth a real chance for a better future." Our goal this year is \$45,000.00. To date we have achieved \$38,453.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



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