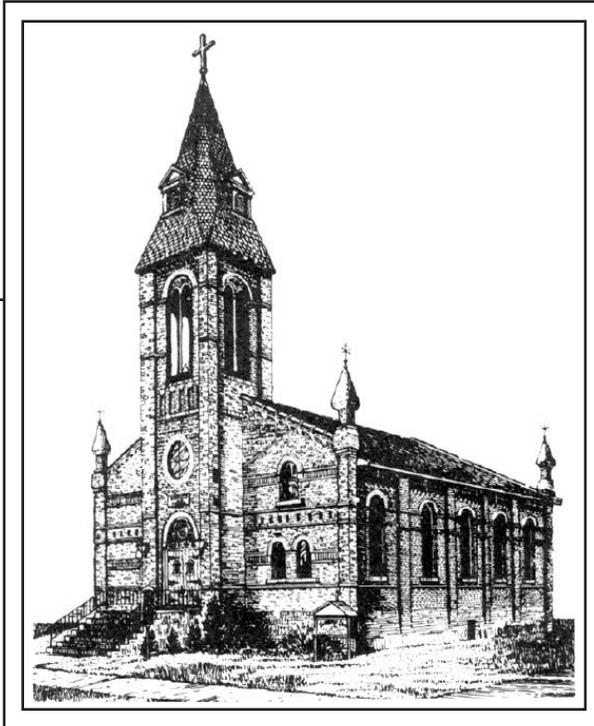


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SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. to Mass

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.

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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 Tuesday at noon. Announcements will appear for no more than two weeks, and should contain only pertinent information. Please be brief.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SAINT MARY'S PARISH, COLLINGWOOD LENTEN PARISH MISSION

Guest Speaker: Mark Mallett

3-Days, 3 Different Talks

Mon. Mar. 9 / Tues. Mar. 10 / Wed. Mar. 11
each evening at 7:00 pm. in the church

LENTEN LITURGY SCHEDULE

Once again, as we enter the 40-day season of Lent, which totals 47 days if you count every day from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday (excluding Sundays), our weekly liturgical schedule adjusts accordingly. The Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings will be held at 6:30 pm., followed by the 7:00 pm. Mass. The usual Friday morning Holy Hour at 7:30 a.m. and the 8:30 a.m. Mass are moved to Thursday mornings during Lent. I will also offer additional opportunities for confessions on Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Below is our Lenten Schedule with these changes and additions.

Tuesdays – 6:00 pm. confessions (1 hr.), 7:00 pm. Mass.
Wednesdays – 8:30 am. morning Mass (as usual)
Thursdays – 7:30 am Holy Hour and 8:30 am. Mass
Fridays – 6:30 pm. Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm. Mass
Saturday mornings – 8:30 am. Mass
Saturday afternoon confessions are extended for an extra half hour from 3:00 – 4:00 pm.

PARISH MISSION with MARK MALLET

Mon., March 9, Tues., March 10, Wed., March 11 at 7 pm.

St. Mary's Parish Day of Confession

Thursday, March 26, 9-11 am., and 6-8 pm.

ARE YOU HUNGRY?

The act of using the eyes to scan words on a page or an entire book does not necessarily lead to an understanding of what the words mean. If I say I have read the whole Bible or the Catechism of the Catholic Church, it doesn't mean I understand the whole Bible or the Catechism. That is not to say that some people may retain much from reading, yet the Word of God, a Living Word, speaks with power beyond its words. I think that, for most people, the best we can do is understand an overall view of the Bible and the sequence of events in the Old Testament and the New Testament. Most especially, we would know somewhat better the details of Jesus' life and public ministry, His gathering of Apostles, His teaching and miracles. And we know of His forgiveness of people's sins, His extraordinary healings, the casting out of many demons, and the authority by which He spoke. These are all fairly well known by those who hear the Word of God each Sunday which covers a fairly large swath of the Old and New Testaments in its three-year cycle. And we know from all that Jesus said and did that we are adopted, God's own by choice, loved and sustained here, while living in the hope and promise of heaven; that we can really live forever somewhere else beyond this finite existence in time and space.

Have you ever felt so infinitesimally small in the face of all that God has revealed? Have you ever considered yourself inferior to others because you "don't know much about the Bible"? What's key and most important in the face of God's revelation of Himself is that you are first and foremost, out of your need, hungry for it. If you are aware that you are hungry, you will recognize and value what sustains you—this incredible, life-giving, life-changing food. The scriptures are that nourishment that sustains our life and nourishes our soul, guiding us towards a meaningful life both in this world and in the world to come. I say this considering that the word of God is so rich, so expansive, and so full of meaning beyond our simple hearing or reading that a lifetime of meditation would not be enough to fully understand it, even at a minimal level. It is the 'more' of God. When we are hungry because of our state in life, a problem, a crisis, or a lost or broken relationship, only the words of scripture and the hunger we bring to their enormity address the questioning at the very level of our souls. If we are not hungry for God, we will have no appetite for his word.

St. Ephram, the deacon (c. 306-373) wrote:

God's word is an inexhaustible spring of life.

Lord, who can comprehend even one of your words? We lose more of it than we grasp, like those who drink from a living spring. God's word offers different facets according to the capacity of the listener, and the Lord has portrayed his message in many colours, so that whoever gazes upon it can see in it what suits him. Within it, he has buried manifold treasures, so that each of us might grow rich in seeking them out.

The word of God is a tree of life that offers us blessed fruit from each of its branches. It is like that rock which was struck open in the wilderness, from which all were offered spiritual drink. As the Apostle says: They ate spiritual food, and they drank spiritual drink.

And so, whenever anyone discovers some part of the treasure, he should not think that he has exhausted God's word. Instead, he should feel that this is all that he was able to find of the wealth contained in it. Nor should he say that the word is weak and sterile or look down on it simply because this portion was all that he happened to find. But precisely because he could not capture it all he should give thanks for its riches.

Be glad then that you are overwhelmed, and do not be saddened because he has overcome you. A thirsty man is happy when he is drinking, and he is not depressed because he cannot exhaust the spring. So let this spring quench your thirst, and not your thirst the spring. For if you can satisfy your thirst without exhausting the spring, then when you thirst again you can drink from it once more; but if when your thirst is sated the spring is also dried up, then your victory would turn to your own harm.

Be thankful then for what you have received, and do not be saddened at all that such an abundance still remains. What you have received and attained is your present share, while what is left will be your heritage. For what you could not take at one time because of your weakness, you will be able to grasp at another if you only persevere. So do not foolishly try to drain in one draught what cannot be consumed all at once, and do not cease out of faintheartedness from what you will be able to absorb as time goes on. (*Fr. Charles*)

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tue Feb 24 th	
6:00pm	Confession
7:00pm	+Margaret Minns Requested by Catherine Fisher & Family
Wed Feb 25 th	
8:30am	+Audrey Maloney Requested by Chris Godin & Family
	+Bill Bolger Requested by Maura Bolger
Thurs Feb 26 th	
7:30am	HOLY HOUR
8:30am	+Katherine Cudney Requested by the Cudney Family
Fri Feb 27 th	
6:30pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00pm	+Tom Collins Requested by Margaret Mittl
	+Josefina Magale Requested by Emma Aspiras
Sat Feb 28 th	
8:30am	+Paul Gerynowicz Requested by the Cudney Family
3:00pm	Confession
4:30pm	+Pat Chalmers Requested by Margaret Nauss
Sun Mar 1 st	
9:00am	+Gwen Collard Requested by John Mattachioni
11:00am	For the People

Please Pray for the Sick

Alex Poirier, Hudson Ford, Janine Wright.



Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

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LENTEN COLLECTION

We have again been approached by Dr. Simone (Canadian Food for Children) to do a Lenten Collection for the poor. Last year we were very successful, and we thought it important to continue with our support. Here are some of the items that they are asking for this year. **Iodized salt, cans of meat and fish, peanut butter, flour, soap bars, toothpaste and tooth brushes, eye glasses, school supplies, NEW socks and shoes, clothing**

We will have totes in the hallway between the church and the hall. We will collect right through the Lenten season. Thank You.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

St. Mary's parish is inviting you to register your child for the preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in the coming months.

REGISTRATION

There will be two opportunities for parents to attend (with their child candidate) one of the two following meetings.

SUNDAY, March 1st at 12:30 pm in the church

OR

WEDNESDAY, March 4th at 7:00 pm in the church

WHAT TO BRING TO THE MEETING

Your child candidate

A copy (not the original) of your child's Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (eligibility for sacraments in the Catholic Church is only to those who are baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, proven by certificate.

PLEASE NOTE: Registration can only take place if you have provided a copy of a Catholic Baptismal Certificate.

\$50.00 Registration donation

The completed Registration form – go to our parish website and download the form, fill it out and bring it to the parent meeting.

1st Sunday of Lent February 22, 2026

This Lent, you are living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife

Lent is a time to open our hearts, to see Christ in those who suffer and to respond with love. When someone in our parish community is struggling—grieving, alone, unsure of where to turn—your gift can transform their life. By supporting ShareLife, you can reach more people, lift more burdens, and remind our brothers and sisters that they are not alone.

The first ShareLife Sunday collection is on March 22. Our parish goal this year is \$46,000.00

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

CATHOLIC MOM'S GROUP

Meetup Wednesday February 25th

1.30 to 3:00pm Church Hall

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