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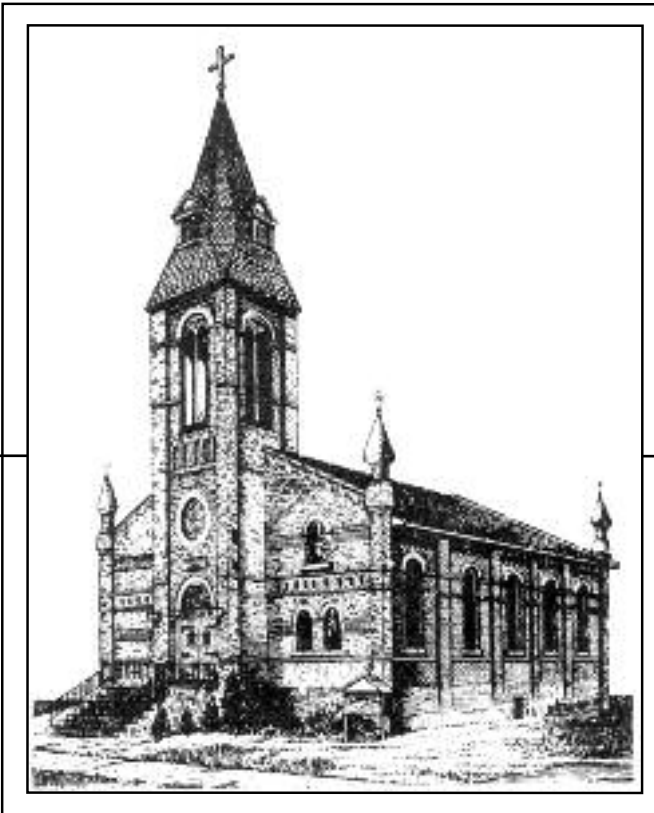
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 Saturday Vigil: 5:15 p.m.
 Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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

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.

RECONCILIATION
 Saturday: 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. or by appointment.

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 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
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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.

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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.

BAPTISMS: Please call the Parish Office.

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Bulletins & Articles

For the past 22 years I have been submitting personally written articles for the parish bulletins in my last two parish assignments. I have written about topics from the sacramental life to Catholic teaching as well as shared stories of my dogs and the loss of some of them to those things which touch all our lives – grief, death, sorrow, trouble, joy, hope and the gift of faith. Over the last year, yet another casualty of the pandemic, or should I say, in so many cases the result of the human protocols that were introduced by it, was when we had no need of a parish bulletin as there wasn't anyone to hand it to while the churches were closed. Yes, we could have published it online at a time when everything and everybody went online. As for me, I resorted to the daily livestreaming of Mass we had in the parish which gave me and all priests who did the same, the ability to speak to our people and to try to make some sense of that which so often didn't.

Now, with two plus months behind me as your new pastor here at St. Mary's, we are endeavouring to begin again the publication of our bulletin.

What is the purpose of a weekly parish bulletin? I believe that it is a platform for news pertaining to the parish and of the interest of all parish members, to read about those things there is little time to address at Sunday Masses in the announcements. It is also a great tool for the continuance of teaching based on the scriptures and the teaching of the Church. That is why I will usually occupy at least half or more of the total content on the two inside pages of the weekly bulletin.

Why are bulletins so often a bit dull or uninteresting? I think it is when articles and announcements pertain only to particular group members but don't address the parishioners at large. In the age when members of a group can be reminded of meetings and other information through emails and texts, that which only addresses a small group of people shouldn't occupy space in a parish bulletin. Rather, those things that generally speak to everyone of the parish, younger or older, ought to be the content of articles and notices. Granted, sometimes there isn't much going on in the parish (summer) and little to write about, but gratefully that is the exception. And so, here we go.

Please also feel free to offer me the suggestion of a topic or even a question you think might be of exploration in my weekly bulletin submission. I will do my best to give it some time and effort in trying to address the question or topic. Over the years I have written about so many things and, therefore, I shan't easily or quickly run out of things to say, (though you might wish sometimes that I had). ☺

I am more settled in here at St. Mary's with most of the last two months spent working in the rectory and the church, organizing things a bit each day and working to get the house more suited to my own tastes and sense of home. Our liturgical life is developing a rhythm for my day-to-day living here as pastor and I am looking forward to serving all of you in the time the Lord gives me as parish priest and pastor in Collingwood. Please pray for me as I hold all of you in my daily prayers and thanksgiving before the Lord Jesus. Christ be your safety.
(Fr. Charles)

Examinations of Conscience

A few weeks ago, I announced that I was providing copies of an Examination of Conscience for children, young adults and adults to aid them in preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). I thought that perhaps some parishioners would be familiar with these while others might not, so making them available would offer preparation assistance to would-be penitents.

But why now? you might ask since it isn't Lent or Advent. Let's just say that the Sacrament of God's true forgiveness, won for us by Jesus' Death on the Cross, isn't all that fashionable or popular in our time. While the Church clearly teaches that Catholics are encouraged to go to confession more frequently, or at least once a year, many don't either through fear of the sacrament or by a general loss of a sense of sin. Proverbs 24:16 speaks of the righteous person (a person whose life is right before God) "for though they fall seven times, they will rise again; but the wicked are overthrown by calamity".



At the beginning of every Mass, we acknowledge that we are sinners but we still need to bring those sins before God in the Sacrament that Jesus Himself gave to us. Christ waits for us to come to him so that He can forgive our sins, but we must come.

As well, and this is so important, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is directly tied to our reception of Holy Communion each Sunday. St. Paul, who believed in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, said, "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner (with sin) will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves." (1 Cor. 11:27-30)

The sacrament of Reconciliation frees us from our sins and for deeper relationship with Christ. Many agree that as the Church we haven't done a very good job of teaching the faith over the span of the last decades resulting in many Catholics not really understanding the importance and power of Christ's forgiveness and not experiencing what it truly means to have the sins we have convicted ourselves of, forgiven by Jesus through the priest. The Examination of Conscience helps us to think about our sins by looking at a breakdown of the Ten Commandments, thus helping us to uncover those sins we might not be most aware of and in doing so, as preparation for the celebration of Confession, we are able to make a thorough personal moral inventory of ourselves and bring our sins aloud to Jesus who waits for us in the confessional.

As a priest, having heard confessions of the faithful for the past 29-years, there is much of beauty in the forgiveness of Jesus. Sometimes when a person has been away from the sacrament for many decades and they return, I have always paused to tell them, "Welcome back." That's the way Jesus greets us when we have been estranged from Him and His love, mercy and forgiveness and come back to Him with our sins. He can't wait for us to hear those absolute words of absolution: "And I absolve you from your sins...". The best things in life are free and the best freedom of all is from our sins through the blood of Jesus Christ on the Cross. I invite everyone to consider a return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation where the burden of sin is lifted and freedom and joy can be known. (Fr. Charles)

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday September 14th
8:30am + Will Ferguson
Requested by The Cudney Family

Wednesday September 15th
7:00pm + Deacon Chuck McCarthy
Requested by Jayne & Family

Thursday September 16th
8:30am + Richard Babiarz
Requested by Jeannie Babiarz

Friday September 17th
7:30am HOLY HOUR
8:30am + Deacon Chuck McCarthy

Saturday September 18th
4:30pm Confession
5:15pm + Marlene Patterson
Requested by Tammy MacDonald

Sunday September 19th
9:00am
11:00am
Intentions of the Bisogno Family
Requested by Clare & Gene Bisogno

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in Memory of John Sanfilippo Sept 12th to the 18th 2021



Please let the office know if you have a loved one or someone you know that is requesting to be on the prayers of the sick. The names will then be in the bulletin for 4 weeks, if needed you can call or email the office if that needs to be extended.



Hello again faithful parishioners of St. Mary's. I am happy to be back as your friendly Youth Minister after my year off on maternity leave. I have taken on a new role however from YM, to Sacramental Coordinator. For the next year, I will be focusing on making sure the youth of our parish, from the past couple years, receive their First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. You will be receiving more information soon if that applies to your family.

Currently, Edge and Life Teen will be on hold until we are all caught up with the sacraments. Although I am just an email or phone call away, if you'd like to chat about potential future youth plans. Otherwise, I shall see you at Sunday Mass or through sacramental preparation.

My continued prayers for you and your family,
Your sister in Christ,
Emilie

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