

### St. John the Evangelist

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### St. Mary the Immaculate

365 Main St. E., Palmerston, ON N0G 2P0

### Sacred Heart RC Church

9141 Hwy. 6, Kenilworth, ON N0G 2E0

# PARISH BULLETIN



## *Welcome to St. John the Evangelist, Sacred Heart and St. Mary the Immaculate Parishes*

We extend a warm welcome to all our parishioners and visitors and hope that you feel at home in every parish. For information on registration and to find out how you can get more involved with parish activities, please contact us by:

**Phone:** 519-848-2108 **Email:** [stjohnarthur@hamiltondiocese.ca](mailto:stjohnarthur@hamiltondiocese.ca) **Website:** [www.stjohntheevangelist.ca](http://www.stjohntheevangelist.ca)

## *Sunday December 28, 2025 - The Feast of the Holy Family*

*"God told Joseph in a dream to flee to Egypt to protect Jesus."*

## *Sunday January 4, 2026 - The Epiphany of the Lord*

*"The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage."*

### Pastor:

Reverend Stephen Gilbert

### Office Secretary:

David Hawkins: 519-848-2108

### Office Hours:

Tues.- Fri. 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

### Sacred Heart Contact:

Julie Goetz : 519-993-0833

### St. Mary Contact:

Grace Canning: 519-343-5181

Tanya Semelhago: 519-343-3885

### Bookkeeper: Patsy Weadick

### Finance Committee:

Bonnie Rooney

Sacristan: Louise Dingman

Caretaker: Ambrose Brown

### Mass Times

#### Arthur:

**Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 am**

**Sunday: 10:30 am**

(Rosary 30 minutes before Mass)

#### Palmerston:

**Wednesday: 10:30 am**

**Saturday: 4:00 pm**

(Rosary 30 Minutes before Mass)

#### Kenilworth:

**Friday: 10:00 am**

**Sunday: 9:00 am**

(Rosary 30 Minutes before Mass)

### Diocese of Hamilton Contact:

**Chancery Office: 1-905-528-7988**

**700 King St W,  
Hamilton, ON L8P 1C7**

[www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

### Confession

#### St. John

After Daily Mass & 1st Friday

Saturday 2:30 - 3 p.m.

**or upon request**

#### Sacred Heart

First Sunday of each month at 8:30 am **or upon request**

### Adoration - First Friday

8:30 am - 9:00 am (Arthur)

10:00 am - 10:30 am (Kenilworth)

(Mass to Follow Adoration)

### Baptism

Please contact the office at least four months in advance.

### Marriage

Please contact the office at least one year in advance.

**St. John School: 519 848 2445**

[www.stjohnarthur.wellingtoncdsb.ca](http://www.stjohnarthur.wellingtoncdsb.ca)



DIocese of Hamilton

## *Thank you to the Diocese of Hamilton*

We wish to extend our most sincere appreciation to the Diocese of Hamilton for the \$50,000.00 grant that we received from the Ex Corde Foundation. This was directed to the flooring renovation at St. John the Evangelist Church. We are extremely grateful for their support!

## Mary the Holy Mother of God - January 1st

One week after Christmas we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on January 1st. This solemnity commemorates the divine motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord and God Jesus Christ.

On this day we also are called to pray for Peace on the **World Day of Prayer for Peace**.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation, much like every Sunday and Christmas. Masses in our Parishes are:

**Sacred Heart, Kenilworth: 9:00 am**

**St. John, Arthur: 10:30 am**

**St. Mary, Palmerston: 12:30 pm**

**Jubilee of Hope - 2025** - We will celebrate the closing of the Jubilee of Hope this Sunday, December 28th. A special thank you is extended to every volunteer who gave of their time to help organize and coordinate the various activities in our parishes.

We also extend our appreciation to all volunteers in every parish, who helped decorate our churches for Christmas and to all who participated for each liturgy and all year - Eucharistic ministers, lectors, choir, altar servers, counters, sacristans. Thank you to Bert Coffey in Arthur for donating the Christmas tree and to Fran Turnbull of Arthur Cash and Carry for donating the indoor evergreen planters.

We appreciate those who continue to serve on all the various committees throughout the year - parish council, finance, CWL, Cemetery, as well as our hard working office and maintenance staff. May you all be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

## **What's Happening ~ Save the Date!**

Sun. Dec. 28	Sacred Heart - Refreshments served in Parish hall following Mass.
Thurs. Jan. 1	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God - a Holy Day of Obligation. Please see the time schedule for each parish.
Sun. Jan. 4	St. John - Coffee Sunday in the parish centre.

***Rest in Peace*** We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of Mary Raftis, who was called to eternal life. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon on her. Amen.*



**Sacred Heart Parish** - Sunday December 28th is the closing of the Jubilee of Hope. Following Mass, there will be refreshments served in the parish hall for all to gather and reflect on the Jubilee events we celebrated as a parish through-out the year.

## **Kindergarten Registration at Wellington Catholic DSB**

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting new registrations for Kindergarten students at our schools beginning January 5, 2026! Our two-year Kindergarten program allows our young learners to learn, grow, and explore through play and inquiry in a faith-based environment.

Children who were born in 2022 may attend Year One Kindergarten (Junior Kindergarten), and children born in 2021 may attend Year Two Kindergarten (Senior Kindergarten). If your child is currently attending Year One with Wellington Catholic DSB, you do not have to re-register for Year Two at the same school.

We invite families to register their child for Kindergarten by following these steps:

**Find your school.** Visit [findmyschool.ca](https://findmyschool.ca) find your local Catholic school using your home address

**Pre-Register.** Complete the [online pre-registration form](https://wellingtoncdsb.ca/online-pre-registration-form) available at [wellingtoncdsb.ca](https://wellingtoncdsb.ca). Once submitted, you will receive a unique registration code by email. Use the code and link provided to complete the online registration forms

**Schedule a meeting with school administration.** Book a meeting with the school to meet the staff, submit required documents, and finalize your child's admission.

Wellington Catholic DSB is happy to support you throughout the registration process. For more information, please visit [wellingtoncdsb.ca](https://wellingtoncdsb.ca) or contact your local Catholic school. We look forward to welcoming your family into our school community this fall!

## **Mass Intention Schedule - December 28, 2025 - January 11, 2026**

**Sunday Dec. 28 - Feast of the Holy Family - Closing of the Jubilee of Hope!**

- 9:00 am (**Kenilworth**) - + Lino Pigozzo - *Theresa Pigozzo*  
+ Frank Bowier - *Cor & Adele deGroot* -
- 10:30 am (**Arthur**) - Intention of all Parishioners

**Tuesday Dec. 30 - 9:00 am - (Arthur) - Special Intention - *Carmel Hutchison***

**Wednesday Dec. 31 - 9:00 am - (Arthur) - No Mass**  
- 10:30 am (**Palmerston**) No Mass

**Thursday Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God - World Day of Peace - New Year's Day**

- 9:00 am (**Kenilworth**) - Intention of all Parishioners
- 10:30 am (**Arthur**) - Intention of all Parishioners
- 12:30 pm (**Palmerston**) Intention of all Parishioners



**First Friday Jan. 2 - 9:00 am (Arthur) - No Mass**  
- 10:00 am (**Kenilworth**) - No Mass

**Saturday Vigil Jan. 3 - 4:00 pm (Palmerston) - Thanksgiving Birthday of Renalyn, Ian & Luzviminda Domion - *Luzviminda Domion***

**Sunday Jan. 4 - The Epiphany of the Lord**

- 9:00 am (**Kenilworth**) - + Frank Bowier - *Stephen & Maureen Dineen*
- 10:30 am (**Arthur**) - Intention of all Parishioners

**Tuesday Jan. 6 - 9:00 am (Arthur) - + Salvatore & Joseph Abate - *Phyliss Abate & Family***

**Wednesday Jan. 7 - 9:00 am (Arthur) - + Franz & Erich Clausing & Rudolf Wostmann - *Theresia Clausing & family***

- 10:30 am (**Palmerston**) - No Intention

**Thursday Jan. 8 - 9:00 am - (Arthur) - + Rob Matusinec - *Dan & Vera Lynn Matusinec***

- 10:00 am (**Caressant Care**) - + Mary Raftis - *Fred & Mary Lynn Raftis*

**Friday Jan. 9 - 9:00 am - (Arthur) - + Jose Pereira - *Gloria Pereira***

- 10:00 am (**Kenilworth**) - Intentions of the Skura family - *Sally Skura*

**Saturday Vigil Jan. 10 - 4:00 pm (Palmerston) - + All deceased members of the Semelhago Family**  
- *Gavin & Tanya Semelhago & family*

**Sunday Jan. 11 - The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

- 9:00 am (**Kenilworth**) - + Paula Epoch - *Tim Epoch*
- 10:30 am (**Arthur**) - Intention of all Parishioners

### **\*\*\* Personal Tax Receipts for ALL Parishes\*\*\***

All offerings and donations **must** be received **before December 30th** to be included on your personal 2025 tax receipt. Thank you for your continued support!

**Offer a Mass Intention** for a loved one, or in thanksgiving. Contact the parish office or leave an envelope in the collection basket. Thank you.



Please remember in your prayers our benefactors, volunteers and those who have left bequests.



**The Pope's Prayer Intention**  
**January 2026**

**For prayer with the Word of God**

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

**Thoughts from the Holy Father**

“Peace is a gift that must be safeguarded, in fact if it is not a reality that is lived, cultivated and protected, then aggression spreads into domestic and public life.”

*Pope Leo*

**Prayer to the Holy Family**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
in you we contemplate the  
splendour of true love; to you we  
turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
grant that our families too  
may be places of communion and prayer,  
authentic schools of the Gospel and small  
domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never  
again experience violence, rejection and division;  
may all who have been hurt or scandalized find  
ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
make us once more mindful of the sacredness and  
inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's  
plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
Graciously hear our prayer.  
Amen.



**Offertory Envelopes** - Please pick up your box of envelopes for the year 2026, which are available at the entrance to the church. If you wish to received envelopes please place your name and address in the collection basket.

**DIOCESAN VOCATIONS PRAYER CALENDAR**  
*... let us pray for*

Mon. Dec. 29 - Rev. Edward Mahony  
Tues. Dec. 30 - Rev. Francis Hubilla  
Wed. Dec. 31 - Religious Life Candidates  
Thur. Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God  
Fri. Jan. 2 - Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.  
Sat. Jan. 3- Very Rev. Adrian Lee

Mon. Jan. 5 - Rev. Mark Morley  
Tues. Jan. 6 - Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen  
Jan. 7 - Diocesan Priests  
Thur. Jan. 8 - Rev. Pierre Luc, S.J.  
Fri. Jan. 9 - Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz  
Sat. Jan. 10 - Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.

***PRAY FOR VOCATIONS.***

**Vocation Seeds**

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – December 28, 2025**

By Baptism we are God's holy family today. Pray for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person.

**The Epiphany of the Lord - January 4, 2026**

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you contact, **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.**

**Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)**  
**[hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)**

**PARISH *Support***

**Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 2025**

	<b>St. John</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>St. Mary</b>
Regular Offertory Loose & Envelopes	\$ 2752.95	\$ 1802.00	\$ 360.00
Maintenance	\$ 30.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 125.00
Flowers	\$ 375.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 70.00
Christmas	\$ 75.00		\$ 5.00

**Thank you for your financial support and generosity!**