

St. Mary of the Presentation Church Chesterville

St. Daniel the Martyr Church South Mountain



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Chesterville*

Established: 1851



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Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (St. Daniel's)

Sunday 11:00 a.m. (St. Mary's)

Daily Liturgy

Please refer to the schedule included with this bulletin

Pastoral Visits

Regular pastoral visits are available on request. Please call the Parish office.

Confessions are available 30 minutes before each regular daily and Weekend mass and by appointment.

Baptism: Contact the office. Families must be registered with the parish.

First Communion/Confirmation:

Contact the office. Meetings with parents and candidates begin in September.

Funeral Service: Please contact the Priest.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements with the pastor should be made at least 6 months in advance. A marriage preparation course is required.

Contact

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Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryofthepresentationparish>

Parish Administrator: Father Oliver Wekesa

Office Hours: Thursday 10:30am - 3:30pm
(Appointment preferred) Friday 10:30am - 3:30pm

Bookkeeper: Brenda Sliva (Leave message at the office. Your call will be returned.)
Secretary: Jacqueline Louise (Thursdays 9:30am-12:00 pm, Fridays 9:30am - 12:00pm)

Announced Masses

Third Sunday of Lent, Year A, March 8, 2026

Day	Date	Time	Place	Intention	Requested by
Sat.	Mar. 7	9:00am	St. Mary	For the repose of the souls of Samuel & Raymond Ouellette	Mike & Dawn Ouellette
		5:00pm	St. Daniel	For the repose of the souls of Cathy & Gerry Feehan	Peter & Marilyn Feehan
Sun.	Mar. 8	11:00am	St. Mary	For the people	
Wed.	Mar. 11	6:00pm	St. Daniel	For the Sanctity of Life	Knights of Columbus
Thurs.	Mar. 12	9:00am	St. Mary	For the repose of the soul of Helene Avon	Mike & Dawn Ouellette
Fri.	Mar. 13	8:00am	St. Mary	Adoration	
		9:00am		For the repose of the soul of Judy Knox	James Bociek
		11:00am	Garden Villa		
Sat.	Mar. 14	5:00pm	St. Daniel	For the people	
Sun	Mar. 15	11:00am	St. Mary	For the intentions of Franco Villano	Steven & Gloria Poletti

The Saint Mary Sanctuary Lamp

In memory of Neil Spruit offered by the Spruit Family

If you wish to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp for **one week** the cost is \$10.00*

<p>Second Sunday of Lent, Year A, March 1, 2026 St. Mary's Regular: \$1409.50; Building Fund: \$95.00; Missions in Canada: \$0.00; Easter Flowers Collection: \$165.00</p> <p>St. Daniel's Regular: \$499.40</p> <p>St. Mary's Cemetery \$75.00 St. Daniel's Cemetery : \$0.00 St. Mary's/St. Daniel's Mass Account: \$60.00</p>

E-transfer St. Mary's: stmaryofpresentationpayments@gmail.com
 St. Daniel's: stdanielparishpayments@gmail.com

We have a new Facebook page! <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryofthepresentationparish>.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Stations of the Cross:** The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the Stations of the Cross with a Poverty Soup. Stations will be at St. Mary's at 7:00 pm every Friday from Feb 20th - Mar 27th and at St. Daniel's at 5:30 pm every Wednesday from Feb 25th - Apr 1st. Mark your calendars now to join your fellow parishioners in prayer and fellowship as a Church community this Lenten season!
- 2. Adult Faith Development Study:** Join us at St. Mary's Parish on Saturdays at 3:00pm during Lent to deepen our understanding of The Seven Last Words of Jesus. No preparation required! View this week's videos online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tAc5iilOtAw> and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z_rjShdVc5g
- 3. St. Mary's Parish Rosary & Adoration Time:** Parishioners of St. Mary's Parish will pray the Holy Rosary preceding Sunday Masses, beginning at 10:30am. All are welcome! St. Mary's also hosts an Adoration time every Friday morning between 8:00-9:00am. All are invited to join in prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as a community.
- 4. Adults Catechesis (OCIA):** Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month for those who are participating in this special opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of their faith. The next meeting will be this Friday (March 13, 2026) at 6:00pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall.
- 5. St. Patrick's Day Dinner:** St. Daniel's Parish will be hosting a potluck dinner on March 14th following the 5:00pm Mass. Bring your favorite dish and come and enjoy the fellowship. All parishioners are welcome to join in the fun. After all, everyone's Irish on St. Patrick's!
- 6. St. Mary's School Coloring Contest:** Students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 at St. Mary's Catholic School recently took part in a parish-school colouring contest. We received 92 wonderful entries, and the winning artwork (plus more!) is now on display in the church entrance for all to enjoy.
- 7. St. Mary's 175th Anniversary Booklet:** If you have any archives related to our Parish that could help in completing the 175th Anniversary Booklet, please contact Carrol Goddard or Carrie O'Neill
- 8. First Communion Meeting:** Sunday March 8th (Enrollment during 11:00am Mass) .
- 9. St. Joseph's Oratory:** On Thursday March 19th, fellow parishioners will be travelling to St. Joseph's Oratory for the Feast of St. Joseph. See Mark vanDelst for details.
- 10. Chrism Mass:** On Tuesday March 31st at 10:30am, the Cathedral in Kingston will have a Chrism Mass. See Mark vanDelst for details.

REFLECTION

Exodus 17:3-7

In this text, we find the Israelites in the midst of a severe crisis. They are in the desert, thirsty since there is no water. And their fear swiftly transforms into anger. So, they complain to Moses: "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die of thirst?"

This is certainly not just about water but about trust. God had already freed them from slavery, parted the Red Sea for their swift crossing, and God had fed them with manna. Yet, at the first sign of hardship, they begin to doubt: "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" This is the same question we occasionally pose in our own desert experiences, especially when prayers go unanswered, illness persists, finances are strained, relationships fail, and ministry seems overwhelming. In such daunting situations, we ask, "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" However, despite their complaints and doubts, God does not desert them. God instructs Moses to strike the rock, and water springs from the rock that was hard, dry, and lifeless. This reading tells us that it is frequently during the dry seasons in our lives that we uncover our actual source. When our customary support systems fail, we discover whether we rely on ourselves or on God.

Let us learn to trust God rather than testing Him in our moments of thirst. When we return to our own Massah and Meribah, may we remember that the Rock (God) still offers living water. For the Lord is present in the Eucharist, in His Word, in the community of believers, and even in the wilderness.

