



## MASSES OF THE WEEK

**Monday, September 11** – Ferial: Weekday  
7:30a.m. ó Evelyn Krusky, Ursola Zunic

**Tuesday, September 12** – Ferial: Weekday  
7:30a.m. – Deceased Members of the Franks Family,  
Deceased Members of the Meechan & Motz  
Families  
6:30p.m. – Living & Deceased CWL Members

**Wednesday, September 13** – Feast: St. John Chrysostom  
7:30a.m. – Bruno Tessaro, Intentions of Maureen &  
Wayne Pitman

**Thursday, September 14** – Feast: The Exaltation of the  
Holy Cross  
7:00p.m. – Debra Fischer, John Coulson, Intentions of  
Mary Halfpenny

**Friday, September 15** – Feast: Our Lady of Sorrows  
7:30a.m. – Albert Budra, Nancy Anderson

**Saturday, September 16** – Feast: St. Cornelius & St.  
Cyprian  
5:15p.m. ó Primo Baggio, Gioan Do Quang Bui, Maria  
Bacigalupo

**Sunday, September 17** – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

### **Stewardship of Treasure:**

*Thank you for your gift of \$14,252.00 in support of  
your parish community in gratitude for God's  
blessings.*

**+We offer our prayers and congratulations to Derek  
Boudreau and Jenni-Lyn Weeks on the recent  
celebration of their marriage.**

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> we will gather for Mass at 6:00p.m. followed by a Pot Luck Supper and a General Meeting. Come join us to socialize and share with each other. Our deadline for our League Development Day September 30<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph Church Guelph is drawing near with our own National President as Guest Speaker.

### **GUELPH MEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

What Man is You+ prayer group will start Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:15a.m. until 8:30a.m. in the Newstead Room in our Parish Hall.

## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: "THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM"**

***Do you know the date of your Baptism?  
It was the most important day of your life.  
Baptism is a mystery that defines me, purges me,  
marks me, penetrates me and transforms me to  
the depth of my being. My Baptism shapes who  
I am and the way I try to live and it all starts with  
God. Through Baptism I become a child of God.  
So often we forget the gentle creative power of  
the love of God for us. Yes we are loved by God  
in every moment and in every way which is  
given to us freely for we do not earn the love of  
God. Everything good in our lives and in the  
world is a gift of God and without God's love we  
are nothing. That is why gratitude is at the heart  
of being a Catholic, for once we realize how  
little we can be without God, we can then be  
thankful. Baptism means I am Christened. I am  
plunged into the mystery of Jesus as St. Paul  
says, "I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me."  
(Gal.2:20). Christening is not just some nice  
social event for it is God's work. It defines who  
I am, it describes that I choose to live following  
Christ daily with the help of the Holy Spirit as a  
member of the Catholic Church.***

### **CONFIRMATION**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish November 11<sup>th</sup>. Those students in grade seven who do not attend Catholic Schools must complete their Correspondence Program if they wish to be confirmed this year. Our Parent Information Night will be Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. in our parish hall.

### **MICHAEL HOUSE**

Through the Baby Bottle Campaign this year Michael House raised \$32,000. Our parishioners contributed \$1,616.51. They offer their thanks and gratitude.

### **CELEBRATION OF THE FAITH OF GRANDPARENTS**

Join us at the Basilica of Our Lady Guelph Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30a.m. to 12:30p.m. The day will begin with Mass at 9:30a.m. followed by light refreshments and two reflections from David Dayler and Anne Jamieson on the importance of our faith lives for our own sake and for the good of generations to come! There is no charge for this event. Please RSVP but walk-ins will be welcome. Register by calling Monica at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2238 or at [mverin@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mverin@hamiltondiocese.com).

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HABITAT BUILD**

Council 1507 of the Knights of Columbus will be participating in a Habitat for Humanity build on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Ten knights will be volunteering their construction efforts on the City View Drive site.

**INTRODUCTION TO NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**

Learn more about this natural, science-based method to postpone or achieve pregnancy using fertility awareness. Join us on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at 10a.m. in the Parish Hall of the Basilica of Our Lady. RSVP to 519-836-6311.

**FOOD FIESTA**

While there is one Holy Spirit each of us receives different gifts from the Spirit and each of us is called to use them in different ways. The parish community at the Basilica of Our Lady is strong and vibrant because it is made up of people with different backgrounds and experiences. On September 24<sup>th</sup> we are planning a special parish event that will give you a chance to learn more about different gifts and different experiences of people you see at Mass each week. It may also be an opportunity for you to share some of your own unique gifts. The event will be a Food Fiesta. It will take place in the Church Hall after the 9a.m. and 11a.m. Masses. Parishioners will prepare and share food that reflects their culture or family history. Would you like to get involved? We are looking for volunteers to prepare small amounts of a snack of finer food. We are also open to other ideas about how this event could help us learn more about one another's backgrounds. If you have any questions or would like to help, contact Channa at adrianchanna19@yahoo.com or Gavin at gavin.morgan@rogers.com.

**OTHER NEWS****LOYOLA HOUSE GUELPH**

- Disposition Days Retreat . October 3-8<sup>th</sup> . a thematic retreat held during the Disposition Days of the 40 Day Spiritual Exercises for both the beginner and experienced director to gain heightened awareness of the fundamentals of an Ignatian Retreat.

- Individual Director or Undirected Retreats October 10<sup>th</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup>. Register online at loyolahouse.com or call 519-824-1250 ext. 266.

***SUNDAY SMILE!***

*Sign in a Veterinarian's waiting room: Be back in five minutes. Sit...Stay...*

**16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL VOCATIONS MASS**

On Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 1p.m. join in the Annual Vocations Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church, 181 King Street, Burford, Ontario sponsored by the Catholic Women's League, the Knights of Columbus and the Serra Club.

**FISH FRY – MARYHILL HERITAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

On Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a Fish Fry at the Maryhill Heritage Community Centre from 12noon to 7p.m. Eat in or Take Out. No reservations, service in order of arrival. Fresh cut fries with haddock fish, coleslaw, tartar sauce and lemon. 1 piece dinner \$13, 2 piece \$15. Dessert and refreshments available. Take out orders of four or more please call ahead at 519-648-2939.

**PATHS TO PRAYER**

This six part program will give participants time to explore ten major Catholic traditions. It will be held at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W. Hamilton Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 3, 17, 24 and 31, facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND. Cost including texts is \$35. Please register by September 5<sup>th</sup> at [mvervin@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mvervin@hamiltondiocese.com) or call 1-905-528-7988.

**VOCATION SEEDS**

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. The community that gathers needs leadership; consider the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life. Contact Father Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation of the Diocese of Hamilton at 1-905-528-7988 or email: [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com).

**DIOCESAN FAMILY MINISTRY OFFICE**

What supports do families need from the Church? What are the pressures they face in their day to day lives? What are the challenges, joys, highs and lows in families today? Where do they seek support when it is needed? Where do they see the role of the Church in their lives and in helping them cope with everyday life issues and events? The Diocese of Hamilton through the Family Ministry Office wants to hear from you on these topics. You can do this in two ways: 1) Attend our Symposium for Families on September 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning with Mass at 9:30a.m. with Bishop Crosby and ending at 4p.m. 2) Fill in the on-line survey posted on the website at <http://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/symposium-on-family>.

The more people who engage in both these events the greater the knowledge we will gather. Family matters . help us to discover how the Diocese can help you in the most important role of family. For more information call 1-905-528-7988 and ask for Teresa at ext. 2250 or Wendy at ext. 2241.

**GRANDCHILDREN GROW UP: BEYOND TOYS TO REAL LIFE ISSUES**

We live in a rapidly changing world where children are experiencing and hearing about issues often beyond what we as adults know. Let's talk about some of them and learn how to help grandchildren navigate the stuff of their lives. Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry in the Diocese will speak on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-3p.m. at Holy Rosary Community Room (in the church . free admittance; registration not required.) All are welcome to attend and bring a friend.

**PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE LEWISTON NEW YORK**

Join us on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> on a Bus Pilgrimage to the Fatima Shrine in Lewiston New York. Bus departs at 8a.m. from Holy Rosary Church returning at 8p.m. Cost is \$50 per person including Chinese Buffet Dinner. Bring your own lunch. Call Holy Rosary Parish at 519-822-4701 to book a space and for more information. The bus has a washroom on board and a Passport is a must.

**TOGETHER IN FAITH**

For more than 150 years Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools have been a distinctive highly successful and valued contributor to our public education system. The Together in Faith campaign amplifies that message by promoting our Catholic school students' achievement in academia, social justice and Christian service. Parishioners are invited to join the campaign to strengthen publicly funded Catholic education in Ontario . add your name to the Together in Faith+ community list at [www.togetherinfaith.ca](http://www.togetherinfaith.ca). Follow the campaign on Twitter (@Catholicedu) and on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/CatholicEducationInOntario](http://www.facebook.com/CatholicEducationInOntario)) and help us share the Good News! This campaign is sponsored by the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association; the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario and the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association.

**ARE YOU SEPARATED OR DIVORCED? LET US HELP**

Learning I (Learning to Cope) and Level 2 (Accepting the Situation) are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Topics are meant to offer hope and personal growth and include: the process of divorce, self-image; stress; anger; guilt; loneliness; forgiveness; trust; singleness and children. Course fees \$35 (Level 1) and \$45 (Level 2). Both levels will be offered on Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks starting September 19<sup>th</sup> from 7-9p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi (Queen & Westmount) Kitchener. To register contact the Family Ministry Office at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 249 or St. Francis Church at 519-745-7301.

**KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS**

Keys+ is a ten week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better + in all your relationships. This program runs Tuesday evenings from 7-9:30p.m. starting September 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Ave. Kitchener. The cost is \$45. To register call the Family Ministry Office 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249.