



## MASSES OF THE WEEK

**Monday, November 27** – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. ó Jacqueline Megret, Theresa Fior,  
Ileana Herrera

**Tuesday, November 28** – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Jerry Bannon, Pauline Proulx, Intentions of  
Judy & Ron Howse

**Wednesday, November 29** – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Peter Powers, Wilf Fitton, Deceased Members  
of the Dallan Family

**Thursday, November 30** – Feast: St. Andrew

7:00p.m. – Helen Kaye Clarke, Thomas Anczurowski, \  
Intentions of Ana Percic

**Friday, December 1** – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – David Murray Hill, John Francis Valley,  
Intentions of Marc & Shealah Wysocki

**Saturday, December 2** – Ferial

5:15p.m. ó Dominic Conversano, Angelo Dal Bello,  
Kaye Clarke, William Chaplin

**Sunday, December 3** – First Sunday of Advent

9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

### **Stewardship of Treasure:**

*Thank you for your gift of \$10,209.00 in support of your  
parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.*

**+We offer our prayers and congratulations to Jeremy Knott  
and Amelia McGibbon on the recent celebration of their  
marriage.**

## PARISH NEWS

### **ADVENT IS COMING**

Next week we will begin the new church year and the season of Advent. Each year parishioners have been generous in supporting the Drop-In-Centre and Michael House Pregnancy Centre. Due to the celebration of Christmas the day after the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent we will be collecting donations on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, December 10<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup> allowing delivery of goods for distribution before Christmas. During the four Sundays of Advent the children will be invited to donate towards CHALICE and their Christmas Smiles Campaign to feed the hungry children.

### **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: "PREPARE THE WAY"**

*Today marks the end of our liturgical year and next week we begin anew as we celebrate the season of Advent...a time of expectant joy. We do not usually think of Jesus as a father, but that is what Isaiah called Him (Is.9:6). Through His incarnation Jesus perfectly reveals the Father. It is He who said, "He who has seen Me, has seen the Father" (Jn.14:9). Jesus is a father to us in the sense that He shepherds and protects us, "I am the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep" (Jn.10:11). In laying down His life, Jesus acted as a father in that He gave us new life. As the new Adam, He is fathering a new race of persons created once more in the image and likeness of God. Jesus is the righteous and just one who makes holy all who believe in Him. Paul proclaimed, "For sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous. As sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ Our Lord." (Romans 5:19;21).*

### **WELCOME**

We welcome into our Catholic Faith Family through Water and the Holy Spirit in Baptism: Massimo Mario Dallan; Alexander Graziana Feare; Brielle Madelynn Lawrence; Liam Pettipiere; Violet Noelle Rafalowksi; Tatum Matthew Rothwell; Katrina Ann Verma and Lauren Katarina Vines. We congratulate their families.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS CAKES**

Each year the Knights of Columbus sell an assortment of delicious Christmas Cakes and Cookies, in support of various local charities. A table will be set-up at the main entrance of the Church to sell these goodies during the first 3 weeks of December after each Mass.

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

A sincere thank you to all involved with our successful bazaar in November. Memberships of \$25 are now due. Your membership envelope is in your box of church envelopes or use a plain envelope marked CWL. Please nominate yourself or someone else for the different positions on our executive as elections will be in January. Forms and eligible members are posted on the bulletin boards.

**2018 SUNDAY MISSALS**

The 2018 Sunday Missals are on sale and remain at \$4 per missal. An envelope will be found with your missal and may be placed in the Sunday collection.

**2018 CHURCH ENVELOPES**

These will be available on the weekend of December 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>. We are very grateful for the generosity of our parishioners. You may also apply for our deft program where your donations are given automatically from your bank account. Please do not ask for envelopes if you have no intention of using them. Last year over 150 people never picked up their envelopes and this is an unnecessary expense for the parish.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Our Conference needs two or three volunteers to help one Monday morning a month, usually the third Monday, to handle the counting and tabulation of funds from the monthly collection. Some cash handling/ banking experience would be helpful. Training on procedures will be given/ time commitment is approx. 2 hours. Call Andrew Epler at 519-763-7662.

**ADVENT CONCERT**

John Miller & Friends will perform a concert in our Church Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7p.m. Plan to attend as we listen to seasonal traditional and contemporary music in a prayerful way.

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI REFLECTION**

We will be holding a spiritual reflection by Dr. Robin Fishburn entitled, %St. Francis of Assisi . A Spiritual Travel Log+ in the Newstead Room of the Parish Hall on December 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30p.m. The talk will include a travel log, photos and commentary to trace St. Francisq spiritual development. Please call the Parish Office to register by December 1<sup>st</sup> at 519-824-3951.

**OTHER NEWS****COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- St. Teresa of Avila Christmas Fundraising Dinner Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 19 Flamingo Dr. Elmira beginning at 6p.m. Tickets . Adults \$16; Children 6-12 \$8 and 5 and under . free. Take outs also available. To order tickets call 519-669-3387.
- a celebration of Advent with the Jesuit Community Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2-4p.m. at Loyola House. Light snacks and beverages.
- University of Guelph Choirs present %Messengers of Grace: Angels in Song+Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8p.m. in our Basilica. Tickets are \$15. Seniors and students \$10. Call 519-824-4120 ext. 52991.

**VOCATION SEEDS**

%ord. When was it that we saw youō ?+Have you heard the Lord as well? If God is calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, brother, or sister 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) .

**INTERNAL AUDITORS**

The Diocese of Hamilton is looking for part-time Auditors to perform financial and administrative reviews of our parishes and cemeteries. The hours of work will vary depending on the number of reviews and the complexity of the reviews. On average an auditor can expect to work between 7 and 15 days per year. Remuneration will depend on the number of audits performed. Professional designation in accounting is required and strong communication and presentation skills with the ability to comfortably communicate at all levels. If interested submit a resume to [careers@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:careers@hamiltondiocese.com) by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**FOSTER PARENTS**

Family and Childrens Services of Guelph & Wellington are in need of foster parents. See the poster on the bulletin board and for more information call 519-824-2410.

**BEYOND THE HEADLINES**

The livelihood of the Tea Garden Workers in Darjeeling India . a conversation with Father Lalit Tirkey SJ December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12noon to 2p.m. at Holy Rosary Parish Guelph and at 4:30p.m. to 6p.m. at the Ignatius Jesuit Centre.

**HEALING MASS FOR THOSE MOURNING THE LOSS OF A CHILD**

Bishop Crosby will celebrate this Mass on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King Hamilton for anyone who has lost a child of any age from any cause or for anyone who has lost a child prior to birth or who has experienced a still birth. Registration is preferred but not necessary in order to reserve space. Call Lena at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or register on-line at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) .

**COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS**

Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W. Hamilton Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30p.m. to 3p.m. Free event. To reserve a seat call 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

***SUNDAY SMILE:***

*Little Mary told her mother she planned to marry a 7 year old classmate. "Fine," she said, "Does he have a job?" Mary replied, "Yes, he erases the blackboards in school."*