



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 25 – Feast: Christmas
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Tuesday, December 26 – Feast: St. Stephen
9:00a.m. – Perry Piche, Cecil & Ivy Perron,
Intentions of Jessica Healy

Wednesday, December 27 – Feast: St. John
7:30a.m. – Michael Stevens Leung, Helen Kaye Clarke,
Deceased Members of the Mattucci & Finoro
Families

Thursday, December 28 – Feast: The Holy Innocents
7:00p.m. – Nicola Stefano, Susan Duffy, Bruno Tessaro

Friday, December 29 – Fifth Day of Christmas
7:30a.m. – Marija Semlak & Deceased Family Members,
Alessandro Brombal, Santhosh George

Saturday, December 30 – Sixth Day of Christmas
5:15p.m. – Theresa Fior, Anna Kurilenko, Stella Cardow,
Fred Chamberlain

Sunday, December 31 – Feast: The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph
9:00a.m.; 11:00a.m.; 5:15p.m.

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift in support of your parish community
in gratitude for God's blessings.

+We offer our prayers and sympathy to the families of Bill
Curtis and Alice Griffin who were called to eternal life. May
they and all our loved ones rest in peace with God.

+We extend our prayers and congratulations to Klark
McGarr and Jessica Gregoire on the recent celebration of
their marriage.

PARISH NEWS

2018 CHURCH ENVELOPES

Church envelopes are now available for pick up behind the
altar in the alcove. 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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: "WELCOME AND MERRY CHRISTMAS"

*We warmly welcome all who will come to
join us in celebrating the glorious feast of
Christmas. We welcome the stranger, the traveller
and guest. We welcome our students home from
university and college for a good winter's rest. We
welcome parishioners who moved away but join us
today as old friends and guests! We welcome all who
have not been active of late in their Catholic faith
and hope they will find new hope and inspiration
this Christmas to come back again and again.*

*We welcome our faithful parishioners, loyal
and true, may the Lord bless you for all that you do!
Welcome to all! May our gathering this Christmas
gladden our hearts and deepen our bonds. We are,
after all, one people of God, redeemed by the Light.
May we walk by the Light and live by the Light,
together in love.*

*Father Noon, Father Paul, Bishop Ustrzycki
and Father Mulhall and all the Parish Staff wish to
extend our prayers and best wishes for a joy-filled
celebration of Christmas to all the members of the
Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Parish. May this
Christmas fill us all with hope and gratitude for the
many blessings we receive in our lives.*

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2017

EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

CHRISTMAS EVE

*Sunday, December 24th – 5:15p.m.; 8:00p.m.;
12Midnight preceded by Carols at 11:30p.m.*

Monday, December 25th – 9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Sunday, December 31st ó 5:15p.m.

Monday, January 1st, 2018 – 9a.m. & 11a.m.

*(New Year's Day is a Holy Day of Obligation – Feast of
the Motherhood of Mary)*

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

- 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.

CHURCH DONATIONS

In order to receive a 2017 receipt for your contributions to the parish, all donations must be in to the Parish Office by **Thursday, December 28th, 2017.**

MINI-BUS FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Guelph & Area Right to Life is gathering change to support pro-life advertisements on the back of seven city buses in Guelph. There are several ads, containing much-needed educational information about abortion, euthanasia, and local crisis pregnancy support. There is a mini-bus to fill with change that was included in your bulletin on December 10th. Buses can be returned to the church on the weekend of January 21st/ 22nd, 2018. Thank you for your support!

PLANNED GIVING

The Basilica of Our Lady began serving the community in 1888 and remains today a strong symbol of faith. The continued support of parishioners is a wonderful sign of your Stewardship and has never been more important. Ongoing repairs and restoration projects continue and are very costly to fund. Please consider us as you prepare or update your estate and financial plans. A modest gift by way of bequest, insurance or tangible assets can make a substantial difference to the future of our church. The BUILDING FUND finances immediate repairs and restoration work and helps to pay down our debt while the HERITAGE FUND ensures the Basilica will be in a position of financial security for future generations. For more information please contact the Parish Office at 519-824-3951.

OTHER NEWS**SAVE THE DATE**

Guatemala Adult Summer Service Trip July 7-16, 2018 with the non-profit One by One: The Latin America Project+. \$2,600 per person. Details to follow in the New Year.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Rita McNeil's Christmas Song entitled "With My Family" has the following line. "All I want under my tree is peace and love and harmony." It is what we all want in our relationships but it is important to ask ourselves what we are willing to do to get it. Will we take a peaceful approach to conflict, will we love the good pieces and the struggling pieces of our spouse and will we act in ways that bring us together in our decisions. The line ends up with, "Wrap a great Christmas gift to your spouse. A promise to work on peace, love and harmony." (Diocesan Family Ministry Office 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2250).

NEW YEAR'S EVE MIDNIGHT MASS

Sacred Heart Parish, Guelph invites you to celebrate New Year's Eve Midnight Mass with Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 11:30p.m. followed by Midnight Mass. Please join us in our celebration. Everybody welcome.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES DUBLIN IRELAND

The World Meeting of Families with Pope Francis will be held in Dublin Ireland August 21st to 26th. The Diocese of Hamilton is planning a trip to this international event. Keynote address and workshops will be based on Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*. The Joy of Love. There will be workshops for those 18 and older; 6-17 years; and day care for those 5 and younger. The Diocese has booked a block of rooms for those interested in attending but registration for the Conference Registration can be found at <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>. For more information or to book accommodation at our hotel the Maldon Hotel Tallaght go to <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/wmof-2018> or call 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2250 by mid-January if interested.

VOCATION VIEW

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes" and so the Saviour came into the world. We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world, however, many have not received Him into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, religious or permanent deacon. If so contact Father Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2246 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES OF GUELPH

Family and Children's Services of Guelph and Wellington (F & CS) and the young people in care remain in need of foster families who are able to open their hearts and homes. Currently many of our young people are being placed in homes and group settings outside of Guelph and Wellington County severing their ties and connections to their community and networks and causing them barriers to having access to their birth families. If you can help contact Melanie Williamson at 519-824-2410 ext. 2315.

JUNIOR & SENIOR KINDERGARTEN IN WELLINGTON CATHOLIC

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting registrations for Kindergarten beginning January 8th. For Junior Kindergarten you must be four years of age on or before December 31st, 2018 and for Senior Kindergarten you must be five years of age on or before December 31st, 2018. Please bring the child's birth certificate; a child's or parent's baptismal certificate; child's health card/ immunization record/ custody papers (if applicable); proof of tax support for families new to the system (ie. most recent tax bill).

Students currently attending a Wellington Catholic Junior Kindergarten program are not required to register for Senior Kindergarten. If you have any questions, please call your local school.

SUNDAY (do not change anything here, we'll put a correct header each week)
