



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, January 1 – Feast: *The Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God*
9:00a.m. & 11a.m.

Tuesday, January 2 – Feast: *St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen*
7:30a.m. – Graham Bellamy, Atanasio Arce Hernandez,
David Bell

Wednesday, January 3 – Ferial: *Weekday*
7:30a.m. – Santhosh George, Ken, Rita, Ted & Paul
Leader, Shirley Mooney

Thursday, January 4 – Ferial: *Weekday*
7:00p.m. – Austin & Jayne Jones, Roy Ferraccioli,
Vinia Marquez

Friday, January 5 – Ferial: *Weekday*
7:30a.m. – Olga Maschio, Intentions of Rita Southon,
Intentions of Julie Shaftoe

Saturday, January 6 – Ferial: *Weekday*
5:15p.m. – William, Isabel & Bertha Weiler, Joe Hart,
Maryann Mifsud, Lorenza Ferriggi, Dagmar
Pomanville

Sunday, January 7 – Feast: *Epiphany of the Lord*
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.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 family of Shirley Mooney who was called to eternal life. May she and all our loved ones rest in peace with God.

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: "FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY"

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. The Holy Family was obviously a place where there was deep love of God; it was a place where the scriptures and things of God were discussed and honoured. This is suggested by Jesus being found in the Temple asking and answering questions. Mary and Joseph had evidently taught Him well, their example of love and obedience paved the way for Jesus to be open to all that His heavenly Father would teach Him. Families today are called to be a mini-church asking God for the grace to love Him and be obedient to Him even if we do not always understand. As we ponder chapters one and two of Luke's Gospel, let us pray that we as families and as individuals may be filled with wonder and awe at the marvels of God.

Father Noon, Father Paul, Bishop Ustrzycki and Father Mulhall thank everyone for their prayers, cards, gifts and many acts of kindness at Christmas time and throughout the year. As your pastor I welcome the opportunity to THANK ALL OF YOU for all that you do for our parish community in gratitude to God for our giftedness. The Parish Staff; School Communities; Stewardship Committee; Knights of Columbus; CWL; Ministers of the Word and Eucharist; Ministers of Hospitality; Children's Liturgy Leaders; Musicians; Parish Choirs; Altar Servers; Sacristan and Decorators. I extend to all of you my prayerful good wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Holy 2018.

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, December 31st – 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)

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.

ANXIETY & DEPRESSION SEMINAR

Twenty-three years ago Michael Glugosh was a hostage to his fears and depression. He felt full of despair and filled with anxiety. In time Michael found cognitive behavioural therapy and completely recovered from his anxiety and depression. Since 1993 Michael has given over 1800 seminars and counselled hundreds of people with stress, anxiety and depression related issues. Michael encourages those struggling with stress, anxiety and depression to attend his free seminars to learn the skills to better manage their thoughts and emotions. Join us in our Parish Hall Wednesday, January 24th at 7p.m.

OTHER NEWS**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.

DIOCESAN WIDE RCIA MEETING

The Liturgy Office will be hosting a Diocesan-wide RCIA Meeting Thursday, January 18th at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Waterdown. There will be two sessions available to choose from 2-4p.m. or 7-9p.m. The theme of the meeting is Working Towards the Church's Vision of Initiation: A Fresh Look at the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Register by calling 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2336.

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.

MULTICULTURAL MASS

The Diocese of Hamilton will be hosting our annual Multicultural Mass on Sunday, January 21st at 1:30p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King Hamilton. This is sure to be a beautiful celebration. All are welcome to join us for the Mass and social event which will take place in the McNally Hall after the celebration. There will be performances by various ethnic groups as well as a chance to sample some delicious foods from around the world.

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's *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

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. As Mary treasured all that God had done for her and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God's gifts and ponder what He has done for you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or permanent deacon, then 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)
