



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, February 12 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Vernon Bayley

Tuesday, February 13 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. ó Anne Paik, Lloyd Malyk,

Intentions of Kay Malyk

6:30p.m. – Living & Deceased CWL Members

Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday

7:30a.m. – Nancy Anderson

12:10p.m. - Catherine McAuley, Elizabeth Hill

7:00p.m. – Rick Jones

Thursday, February 15 – Ferial: Weekday

12:10p.m. – Benedetta Giunta, Giovanni Montelpare,

Intentions of the McLelland Family

Friday, February 16 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Severino Peloso

7:00p.m. – Eileen Hollands, Teddy Rzewucki,

Karen Bryant

Saturday, February 17 - Ferial

5:15p.m. – Nan Anderson, Isidro Cabling

Sunday, February 18 – First Sunday of Lent

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

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$13,693.85 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.

+We ask you to pray for the soul of **Father Bill LaFlamme CR** and **Sister Helen Kobelsky SSND** and we offer our prayers and sympathy to their families and religious communities.

PARISH NEWS

WELCOME

We welcome into our Catholic Faith Family through Water and the Holy Spirit in Baptism: Theodore Damien Wojciechowski; Austin Nicholas Cormier; Izaak Leszek Rzeznik; and Lukasz Scott Rzeznik. We congratulate their families.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: LENT 2018

Wednesday, February 14th marks the beginning of the season of LENT, our annual forty day journey with the Lord. We renew and deepen our commitment to follow Christ closely to the Cross so that we might share the fullness of life with Him. Lent has two major purposes: it recalls or prepares for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Lent is a time set aside by the church for prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for the great Feast of Easter. During this time we must consciously try to love God and one another more through acts of penance. Lenten penance should be external and social as well as individual and internal. During Lent you are encouraged to build on your own personal faith journey through daily Mass; scripture reading and reflection; daily meditation and examination of conscience; praying the rosary; visits to the Blessed Sacrament (Tuesday Adoration from 1-5p.m.); Stations of the Cross; fasting and a sacrificial offering to Share Lent.

MASSES ON ASH WEDNESDAY – 7:30a.m. – 12:10p.m. – 7:00p.m.

OUR LENTEN SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday Mass at 7:30a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday Mass at 12:10p.m.

Friday 7p.m. – Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

In accordance with Canon Law ASH WEDNESDAY is a day of FAST AND ABSTINENCE. All persons who have completed their 14th year of age are bound by the law of Abstinence – “no meat” on Ash Wednesday. Those who have completed their 18th year are bound by the law of FASTING AND ABSTINENCE – “No meat and no eating between meals” on Ash Wednesday. Those with health problems are exempt.

FOLLOW ME SERIES – MEETING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN

This 8 session DVD series by Edward Sri is a guide to a personal encounter with Christ. Jesus calls us to be His disciples, to trust Him, to open ourselves to His merciful love and to love others as He loves us. The Basilica of Our Lady is pleased to offer this series on February 25th, March 4th, 11th and 18th from 1-3:30p.m. in the Church Hall. Cost is \$5. Bring your Bible (Catholic Edition). Homework will include reading scripture in advance of class. For the first session please read John 1:2-25. Please register by calling the parish office at 519-824-3951. Space is limited to 30 participants.

PORNOGRAPHY ADDICTION: IT'S TIME TO TALK

By the age of 18 90% of young people have viewed pornography on the internet, many on a daily basis. What they see are violent and degrading images, many are becoming addicted. By attending this showing of the documentary Over 18 you will learn more about the issue, its impact on our children and how to protect your children, grandchildren or students. See the trailer at www.over18doc.com. Take the time - this matters to our children. The documentary Over 18 will be shown at the Basilica of Our Lady on Wednesday, February 21st at 7p.m. The mature content (be assured there are no graphic visuals) means that only those age 18 and over should attend.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The new executive of our CWL invites you to our general meeting on Tuesday, February 13th beginning with Mass at 6:30p.m. followed by the meeting. Monsignor Noon will speak about life as a priest and pastor and Father Paul will entertain us with music. Memberships of \$25 are now due and you may find your membership envelope in your box of church envelopes and add your name and address. All ladies are welcome, members and non-members alike. See you there!

MOTHER'S GROUP

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 15th at 7:30p.m. in the Newstead Room. All mothers are welcome. Contact Claire at ourladysmoms@gmail.com.

GUELPH MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The group will begin meeting Saturday, February 17th until March 17th beginning with coffee at 6:45a.m. and the program starts at 7:15a.m. until 8:15a.m. guided by Bishop Ustrzycki. This will include a series of discussions on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please enter through the elevator door on the south side of the church. Brochures may be found on the Information Desk.

OTHER NEWS**THEOLOGY ON TAP**

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Theology on Tap event on Tuesday, February 13th from 6:30-9:00p.m. at the Albion Hotel. Guelph residents Luciano and Rosetta Del Monte will be speaking on the topic of "Going the Distance in Marriage" on the eve of Valentine's Day. House of Good Cheer will be playing and food will be provided. A special invite goes out to young adults between the ages of 19 and 40.

AMORIS LAETITIA

This study session will give you an opportunity to study carefully Pope Francis' encyclical. The course consists of a series of well made videos and discussion facilitated by Mr. David Dayler, Director of the Office for Discipleship and Parish Life. Pope Francis invites us to study this document carefully when he says, "do not recommend a rushed reading of the text. The greatest benefit will come if each part is read patiently and carefully." Join us as we explore this important text for adult Faith Formation at the Chancery Office Mondays from 1:30 to 3:30p.m. Feb. 12th; 26th; March 5th and 12th. Cost is \$35. To register contact Monica at mverinhamiltondiocese.com or phone 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

GUELPH ECUMENICAL WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION

Join us February 25th to March 3rd. Registration forms may be found on the Information Desk. Cost is \$35.

JOIN THE "CALL FOR CONSCIENCE" IN THE HAMILTON DIOCESE

The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016 legalizing euthanasia/ assisted suicide. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients. The Diocese of Hamilton wants to protect the rights of all healthcare workers. Visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, write a letter (samples at the church entrances) to your Provincial Member of Parliament and consider adding your e-mail address to the Conscience Coalitions Network to receive future information. We all need to join the "Call for Conscience" taking place until March 31st.

26th ANNUAL LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY "FIRE ON THE EARTH"

At Metro Toronto Convention Centre with keynote speakers Ralph Martin, Peter Herbeck, Sister Ann Shields and Paul Mansfield Saturday, March 3rd. Closing Mass celebrated by Cardinal Collins. Tickets \$25. Bus tickets \$15. For tickets and transportation contact Ann Percic at 519-824-8456.

STEBENVILLE TORONTO YOUTH CONFERENCE 2018

Canada's largest Catholic Youth Conference will be held July 13th-15th. Steubenville Toronto takes place on campus at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology in Oshawa. All teens in grades 9-12 are invited to attend with our CAST Youth Group. Parish discounted price of \$130 per person includes: Conference, 2 night accommodations, meals, transportation and t-shirt. To sign up or for further details contact Wendy Obbema at primary_youthministry@rogers.com or phone 519-822-4701. Deadline is Feb. 11th.

VOCATION VIEW:

Today's Gospel says that Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper. Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society? Today Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as He did. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or permanent deacon contact Father Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2246 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

In February we celebrate love on Valentine's Day, but love is an action word, needed every day of the month. This year try something different for Valentine's Day. make a commitment to tell each other on the 14th of every month what it is you love about each other. An attitude of gratitude, recognizing the good in the other and making a point of telling each other why you are in love is a great way to put love into action and it helps you to never take your love for granted.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2018? If you are, you are invited to join couples from across the Diocese for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 10th at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King Hamilton at 1:30p.m. Refer to the poster on the south side entrance bulletin board.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Rockwood and the Newman Centre Guelph are looking for a music director for approximately 20 hours a week. This position offers a competitive compensation and benefits package and provides an opportunity to work with choirs of different age groups and styles (traditional, folk and contemporary music) at three different locations: Sacred Heart Church Rockwood; Newman Centre Guelph and Camp Brebeuf Rockwood. Send a resume and cover letter to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Attn: Rev. Mark Morley, 238 Main Street North, Box 610, Rockwood, ON, N0B 2K0.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS

The Catholic Grandparents meeting is held the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00p.m. at Holy Rosary Church in Our Lady of the Rosary Community Room. Come and learn ways to share your faith with your grandchildren.