



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, February 26 – Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. – Bruce Rowsell

Tuesday, February 27 – Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. 6 Theresa Fior
12:10p.m. – Valentino Girardi, Tony Aimola, Freddy Veri
7:00p.m. – Mass for Forty Days For Life with Bishop Crosby

Wednesday, February 28 – Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. – Cosmo Ferraro

Thursday, March 1 – Ferial: Weekday
12:10p.m. – George, Maureen & Matthew Goetz

Friday, March 2 – Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. – Ken, Rita, Ted & Paul Leader, James Murphy,
Intentions of Jill Vyse
7:00p.m. – Lenten Musical Reflection

Saturday, March 3 - Ferial
5:15p.m. – Maria Embro, Marcie Heffernan,
Cathy Grimwood, Alessandro Brombal

Sunday, March 4 – Third Sunday of Lent
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$9,377.75 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.

PARISH NEWS

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.

WELCOME

We welcome into our Catholic Faith Family through Water and the Holy Spirit in Baptism: Cohen Mathew Gauthier; Kiptyn Nathaniel Gauthier; Elliott Erin Manera; Jamie Giovanni Richard and Francesco Antonio Ceccato.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: LENT 2018

The Church has always asked us to pay attention to three specific areas in our lives – the upward, the inward and the outward. The upward aspect has to do with our relationship with Jesus. It involves our commitment of prayer, reading Scripture, receiving the Eucharist, repenting of our sins and trying to stay close to the Lord in our everyday lives. The inward aspect has to do with the state of our hearts. Scripture often describes this aspect as the place where we face the struggle between, as St. Paul says, “the old self and the new self” (Eph. 4:22,24). It’s in our inward lives that we say yes to the new self by embracing virtues like love, kindness, care, forgiveness and compassion. It is in our inward lives that we say no to sinful patterns like anger, moodiness, hatred, resentment and deception. The outward aspect has to do with the way we care for the world around us. It focuses on our relationships with our friends and loved ones and our relationships with the poor, the suffering and the needy. It focuses on evangelization and caring for those in need. As we are in this season of Lent let us ask the Lord to fill us with His love (upward); to confirm all the good in our lives and give us the grace to resist sin (inward); to give us a heart for the poor so that we may become like Jesus and answer the cry of the poor (outward). 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.

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*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Our Grade Two students will come together to celebrate their First Reconciliation this week at 7p.m. in the church. Monday . St. Michael School; Wednesday . St. Ignatius School; Thursday March 1st . St. Paul School and our Correspondence Students. We welcome them to a new step in their faith journey.

LENTEN MUSICAL REFLECTION

Join us in the Basilica as we welcome again John Miller and Friends to lead us in a Musical Reflection for Lent on Friday, March 2nd at 7:00p.m. A \$10 donation will be appreciated.

LATIN AMERICAN PROJECT

One by one, a Guelph based non-profit organization, invites the parishioners of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate to join in the Latin American Project+ this summer July 6-17th. The Project supports the efforts of the people of struggling Mayan communities to improve their communities through the completion of specific work projects as identified by community leaders. In addition, visits to local Mayan cultural sites are intended to assist all in coming to a more inclusive understanding of the Mayan people and their continuing struggles. The all in+cost for the mission is \$2600 per person. To obtain more information and/or to register contact Peter Ingram, Project Coordinator at ping@yahoo.ca or Ted Laxton at tlaxto3232@rogers.com.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE MASS

On Tuesday, February 27th at 7p.m. Bishop Crosby will offer Mass for 40 Days For Life at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate. Guelph & Area Right to Life and the Knights of Columbus are pleased to invite everyone to attend and pray for the protection of all human life. Sign up sheets for the Forty Days For Life prayer campaign may be found on the Information Desk.

SHARE LENT 2018 "TOGETHER IN PEACE"

For this year's Share Lent, Development and Peace is encouraging us to come together for peace! The organization known as Adyan, a Development and Peace partner contributes to peace in the Middle East by fostering cultural and religious tolerance. Adyan offers a wide range of programs, including conferences, training sessions and workshops on peace, reconciliation and coexistence. Don't forget to use the solidarity calendar with your family and prepare to make your donation on Solidarity Sunday, March 18th.

THE SUMMIT

On Wednesday, February 28th join us in the Catacombs at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate for The Summit . Mass and Adoration beginning at 7p.m. featuring contemporary music by The Divine Praises, a Newman Centre Guelph young adult ministry. There will be a social to follow. For more information see: newmancentreguelph.ca.

OTHER NEWS**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.

PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZE WITH THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE

On Friday, March 2nd at 7:00p.m. in St. Joseph Church Fergus you will have an opportunity to see the Word of God as we sing meditative songs inspired by the illuminations in the Saint John's Bible.

VOCATION VIEW:

If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah . called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, religious or permanent deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing and think God is calling you to a Church vocation call Father Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2246 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com . The Vocation Office's new issue of the Reflection series is out featuring a message from our Vocation Director and a message from 24 of our seminarians. Visit www.HamiltonVocations.com to view it.

RETRouvaille

Stress in Your Marriage? RETROUVAILLE is a program for married couple that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated or angry in their marriage. Most couples don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. RETROUVAILLE can help. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend March 26th please call 1-905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

Are you seeking a prayerful, silent, affordable place for spiritual reflection? Does a weekend retreat with healthy meals and private room accommodation at Loyola House appeal to you? Are you free March 2nd- 4th? If you have said yes so far but are concerned that you can't afford the retreat fee, contact Father Roger Yaworski at 519-824-1250 ext. 230 or email executivedirector@ignatiusguelph.ca. The Hamilton Diocese Ex Corde Foundation has generously provided funds to make this opportunity affordable to parishioners within the Diocese. Be sure to register early to avoid disappointment.

ANNUAL MUSICIANS RETREAT

On Saturday, March 3rd at 9:30a.m. to 12:30p.m. the Liturgy Office will host the Annual Musicians Retreat at St. Joseph Church Fergus reflecting on various themes. Please pre-register by contacting Anthony De Feo at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2336 or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com for more details.

CONFERRING PAPAL HONOURS

On Sunday, March 4th Papal Honours will be conferred on the five new Monsignors of our Diocese and eleven lay persons by Gerald Cyprien Cardinal LaCroix, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada. The honours will be conferred at 1:30p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King Hamilton with a Liturgy of the Word celebration (no Mass). All are welcome.

SEEING THE WORD SESSION

On March 8th at the Chancery Office Hamilton, from 1:30p.m. to 3:30p.m. the Liturgy Office will be hosting a Seeing the Word+ session for those who may be interested in delving a little deeper into God's Word through the illuminations of the Saint John's Bible. In preparation for the Easter Triduum or Visio Divina will focus on the image of the Suffering Servant from Isaiah. Contact Anthony De Feo at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2336.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service by the women of Suriname on the north coast of South America will take place Friday, March 2nd at 2p.m. at Three Willows United Church, Willow Road. Guest speaker will be Kelly Morris. Refreshments to follow.