



**Monday, March 19** – Feast: Saint Joseph

**7:30a.m.** – Living & Deceased Members of the St. Joseph Sisters, John & Dorothy Rattray, Intentions of the Butt Family

**Tuesday, March 20** – Ferial: Weekday

**7:30a.m.** – Larry Clarkson, Intentions of G. & W. Cornish

**12:10p.m.** – Nancy, M. Carmela & Dominic Cosentino, Jack White, Ethel Murphy

**Wednesday, March 21** – Ferial: Weekday

**7:30a.m.** – John Richard Synnott, Jack Checkley, Deceased Members of the Butt Family

**Thursday, March 22** – Ferial: Weekday

**12:10p.m.** – Jenna Gazzola, Patrick Noon, Deceased Members of the Healy Family

**Friday, March 23** – Ferial: Weekday

**7:30a.m.** – Anton Semlak, Evelyn Krusky  
**7:00p.m.** – Sonia Velasquez

**Saturday, March 24** – Ferial

**5:15p.m.** – Reta & Peter Steffler, Francesco Ascrizzi, Harold Gregory, Jakob Thelen & Deceased Members of the Neisen & Thelen Families

**Sunday, March 25** – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

### **Stewardship of Treasure:**

Thank you for your gift of \$10,862.10 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.

+We offer our prayers and sympathy to the families of Magdalena Kilian and Florence Fojt. May they rest in eternal peace.

### **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: SOLIDARITY SUNDAY 2018**

Today we appeal for your generosity on this Development and Peace Solidarity Sunday. Your donation will be used to help our sisters and brothers all over the world – from Lebanon to Cambodia, to Nigeria and beyond. The theme of this year's Share Lent Campaign "Together For Peace" invites us to build peace through dialogue and reconciliation and to consider mercy as a source of hope for the future. This is what Pope Francis underlined on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy; "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." May we all hear the cry of the poor and do what we can to help those in need. May we all choose to be a "Good Samaritan" to as many people as we can.

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**

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **MINISTRY OF COMPASSION**

The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Ministry of Compassion team has prepared weekly grief support sessions beginning on the Sunday after Easter. This six-week closed group will meet at the Music Annex (Basilica south side) every Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00p.m. with one session on Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00-9:00p.m. We require 6-8 participants to offer this program. Please contact the rectory at (519) 824-3951 or email [ministryofcompassion7@gmail.com](mailto:ministryofcompassion7@gmail.com).

**OUR SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR EASTER****SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)**

Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00a.m. . St. Michael School  
 Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 9:15a.m. . St. Ignatius School  
 Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:15a.m. . St. Paul School  
 Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 3:30p.m. to 5:00p.m.  
 Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 8:00a.m. to 12Noon; 2:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.  
 Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 4:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.  
 Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 10:30a.m. to 12Noon

**LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> . Psalms will be blessed at all Masses.  
 Saturday 5:15p.m. and Sunday 9a.m. and 11a.m.  
 Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> . Chrism Mass at 7p.m. in the Cathedral  
 Basilica of Christ the King Hamilton with Bishop Crosby  
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday . Mass at 7:30a.m. and Tuesday also  
 at 12:10p.m.  
 Holy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> . Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7p.m.  
 followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10p.m.  
 Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> . 12Noon . Children's Liturgy 3:00p.m. .  
 Solemn Liturgy Proclamation of the Passion; Adoration of the Cross;  
 and Holy Communion . 7p.m. Evening Prayer and Tenebrae  
 Holy Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> . 8p.m. . Solemn Easter Vigil (NO 5:15p.m.  
 MASS)  
 Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> . 7:30a.m.; 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m.

**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](http://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 31<sup>st</sup>.

**VOCATION VIEW:**

Unless a seed first dries out and dies. It cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will lay down their lives for their friends. If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or a permanent deacon call Father Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2246 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**CAMP BREBEUF ALUMNI**

Looking for all Camp Brebeuf Alumni to share your story by April 15<sup>th</sup> at [campbrebeuf.ca](http://campbrebeuf.ca) and you will be entered to win a Broil King Signet 70 BBQ. For more details call 519-856-4671. Brochures on the Information Desk.

**FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH**

Monday celebrates the Feast of St. Joseph who is the patron saint of the Universal Church, of Canada, of workers and the dying. We only have limited information about St. Joseph as provided by the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke. Matthew described him as a "righteous man," meaning a man of obedience to the Jewish Law. Later, tradition made Joseph an elderly man who was betrothed to the youthful Mary after a heavenly sign singled him out as her predestined spouse. May St. Joseph inspire all fathers in caring for the family entrusted to them with devotion and respect, with faith and charity.

**PERSONS SEPARATED AND DIVORCED**

LEARNING TO COPE (Level 1) and (Level 2) ACCEPTING THE SITUATION are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Level 1 (\$35) and Level 2 (\$45) will be held Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks starting March 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-9p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Kitchener. Contact the Family Ministry Office at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or St. Francis Parish at 519-745-7301 to register.

**SERRA CLUB OF HAMILTON DINNER**

Join the Serra Club of Hamilton in honouring and celebrating milestone years of service of our Priests and Consecrated Brothers and Sisters on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Liuna Station Hamilton at 6:30p.m. Tickets \$65. Contact Margaret at 1-905-628-5682 or [celebrationprl@gmail.com](mailto:celebrationprl@gmail.com) .

**COMMUNITY NEWS:**

- Sanctuary Outreach is looking for women volunteers to be part of a 24 hour hotline. This role involves taking our helpline cellphone for a period of 48 hours on a bi-weekly basis to answer calls or texts that might come through. Training will be provided. Sanctuary Outreach connect pregnant women and girls in need with existing pregnancy and parenting resources and to help churches and organizations expand their own support for pregnant women and girls. If interested call 519-836-6311 or [info@sanctuaryoutreach.com](mailto:info@sanctuaryoutreach.com)  
 - Michael House is seeking a person to take on the role of Board Treasurer - a volunteer position with a one year renewable term. If interested call 519-766-7675  
 - CYO Camp Brebeuf is now accepting on-line registrations for this summer's program. A Leadership Camp will be held July 1<sup>st</sup> to July 6<sup>th</sup>, followed by six weeks of camping experiences. Call 519-856-4671. Brochures may be found on the Information Desk in the church.

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**

Families are reminded that all winter decorations are to be removed from graves by April 1<sup>st</sup> to assist with the Spring clean-up. Any wreaths on stands or other winter decorations left on graves after this date will be removed and discarded. Thank you for your co-operation.

**EASTER BRUNCH AT LOYOLA HOUSE**

Be sure to book a spot for this year's Easter Brunch. There will be a smorgasbord of breakfast and lunch favourites. Tickets are \$25 each; seniors and children under 12 \$16 each and children under 5 . free. Reserved seating . 10a.m. to 12noon. Call 519-824-1250 ext. 241 or email: [officecoordinator@ignatiusquelpch.ca](mailto:officecoordinator@ignatiusquelpch.ca) by March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE – CLOSING POTLUCK**

All are welcome to a closing potluck Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6p.m. at Holy Rosary Community Room marking the end of the 40 Days for Life pro-life prayer campaign.

**PRAYING WITH IMAGINATION**

On Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> all are invited to an afternoon of Visio Divina with the Saint John's Bible followed by an intuitive collage process. This event will be held at St. Michael Parish in Waterloo from 1p.m. to 4:30p.m. To register contact Anthony De Feo at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2236.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP**

Our final Theology on Tap event of this season will be held Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30p.m. to 9p.m. at the Albion Hotel with Don Moynihan who will present on the vital role of Catholic communities in being salt for the secular world. Please join us for music, food, drink and a lively discussion. Young adults 19 to 40 are welcome.

**SUNDAY SMILE:**

☺, Mrs. O'Neill my husband went out six months ago for a loaf of bread and he never came back. What should I do? Well, since you asked me, I'd say not to wait anymore. Send one of the children down for another one.+