



Monday, March 26 – Monday of Holy Week
7:30a.m. – Intentions of Jessica Healy, Intentions
of Marc Wysocki, Intentions of Jakki
& Paul Jeffs

Tuesday, March 27 – Tuesday of Holy Week
7:30a.m. ó Domenico Tran Luan, Paula Arzensek
12:10p.m. – All Holy Souls, Michael Flaherty,
Theresa Fior

Wednesday, March 28 – Wednesday of Holy Week
7:30a.m. – Alessandro Brombal, Intentions of Addicts,
Deceased Members of the Family of Norm
& Joan Smith

Thursday, March 29 – The Lord's Supper
7:00p.m. – Mass of Thanksgiving
8p.m.- 10p.m.- Adoration

Friday, March 30 – The Passion of the Lord
12noon – Children's Liturgy
3:00p.m. – Solemn Good Friday Liturgy
7:00p.m. – Evening Prayer (Tenebrae)

Saturday, March 31- Holy Saturday
8:00p.m. – Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 1 – The Resurrection of the Lord
7:30a.m., 9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Stewardship of Treasure:

*Thank you for your gift of \$10,215.00 in support of your
parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.*

*+We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of Lenora Hie
who was called to eternal life. May she and all our loved ones be
at peace with God.*

THANK YOU

Thank you for your donation of \$2,365.00 for the collection in
support of the education of future priests for our Diocese.

CHURCH ENVELOPES AND INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Over 100 boxes of church envelopes that were requested for 2018
and a number of 2017 Income Tax receipts are still available in the
alcove behind the altar. Please pick these up as soon as possible.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: VENERATION
OF THE CROSS**

In the seventh century the Church in Rome adopted the practice of Adoration of the Cross from the Church in Jerusalem where a fragment of wood believed to be the Lord's cross had been venerated every year on Good Friday since the fourth century. According to tradition, a part of the Holy Cross was discovered by the mother of the emperor Constantine, St. Helen who was on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem in 326. A fifth century account describes the service in Jerusalem. A coffer of gold-plated silver containing the wood of the cross was brought forward. The bishop placed the relic on the table in the chapel of the Crucifixion and the faithful approached and touched it as the priest said, "Behold the Wood of the Cross." Adoration or veneration of an image or representative of Christ's cross, does not mean we are actually adoring the material image, but rather what it represents. In kneeling before the crucifix and in kissing or touching it we are paying the highest honour to our Lord's cross as the instrument of salvation. Because the cross is inseparable from His sacrifice, in reverencing the Cross we are in effect adoring Christ. Thus we affirm, "We adore You O Christ and we bless You because by your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world."

HOLY WEEK 2018

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Tuesday, March 27th 8:00a.m. to 12Noon; 2:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.
Thursday, March 29th 4:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.
Saturday, March 31st 10:30a.m. to 12Noon

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Monday, March 26th . 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 29th . Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10p.m.
Good Friday, March 30th . 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 31st . 8p.m. . Solemn Easter Vigil (NO 5:15P.M. MASS)
Easter Sunday, April 1st . 7:30a.m.; 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m.

PARISH NEWS

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HOLY LAND

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Land is held on Good Friday. As we know living the Christian faith in the Middle East is not at all easy. Christians are often subjected to forms of oppression and discrimination. Keeping hope alive in such circumstances is both difficult and very important. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

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 8th to May 6th from 1:00 – 3:00p.m. with one session on Wednesday, May 2nd 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.

PARISH EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The Parish Emergency Response Team is having their annual meeting Saturday, April 7th from 10a.m. to 11:30a.m. in the Church Hall. Individuals (with or without emergency response training) who are willing to provide assistance in the event of an emergency here at the church are encouraged to come out.

OTHER NEWS

VOCATION VIEW:

Blessed are those who come in the name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the name of the Lord! If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to be 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.

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

- 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 program. A Leadership Camp will be held July 1st to July 6th, followed by six weeks of camping experiences. Call 519-856-4671. Brochures may be found on the Information Desk in the church

- The University Choirs present *This Thirsty Land: A World Premier* Saturday, April 7th at St. George's Anglican Church, Woolwich Street at 8p.m. Tickets in advance and at the door \$15

- Maryhill Fish Fry at the Heritage Centre Friday, March 30th 11a.m. to 7p.m. Eat in or take-out. No reservations. 1 or 2 piece dinner available. Call 519-648-2939.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Families are reminded that all winter decorations are to be removed from graves by April 1st 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 cooperation.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – CLOSING POTLUCK

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

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@ignatiusquelph.ca by March 23rd.

CURSILLO WEEKENDS

Are you seeking happiness, peace, joy, friendship, human and spiritual development and wish to become the person Jesus wants you to be? Then the Cursillo in Christianity Weekend is for you. Beginning Thursday night and ending Sunday afternoon, through a series of talks by lay people and clergy, and the sacraments, you will get to take a closer look at yourself, God and others. Men's weekend is April 12th to 15th; Women's Weekend April 26th to 29th. If interested contact cursillohamilton.org or call Ann Staines at 519-699-9606, Marg Weber at 519-747-5937 or Dan Brown at 519-570-4105.

STUEBENVILLE TORONTO YOUTH CONFERENCE

Last call for this Conference July 13th-15th, 2018. Don't miss out on your opportunity to join us for a weekend of awesome music, food, friends, dynamic speakers and more! All teens Grades 8-12 are invited to travel with us to the University of Ontario Institute of Technology Oshawa for Canada's largest youth conference. Come with CAST for discounted price of \$130 pp. (Regular \$275). Your cost includes the conference; 2 nights accommodations, all meals, transportation, t-shirt and more. To register contact Wendy Obberma at hrprimary_youthministry@rogers.com by Monday, April 9th. See www.stuebenvilletoronto.com.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

On Sunday, June 10th Bishop Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King Hamilton at 1:30p.m. The Mass is for couples married 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60+ years in the year 2018. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only . those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if assistance is required). To register for the celebration refer to the poster at the south front entrance of the Church.

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 2nd at the Liuna Station Hamilton at 6:30p.m. Tickets \$65. Contact Margaret at 1-905-628-5682 or celebrationprl@gmail.com.

CAMP BREBEUF ALUMNI

Looking for all Camp Brebeuf Alumni to share your story by April 15th at 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.