



**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

**Monday, April 2 – Easter Solemnity**

**9:00a.m.** – Carlo Aimola, Juliana Kodman, Roy Ferraccioli

**Tuesday, April 3 – Easter Solemnity**

**7:30a.m.** ó Primo Baggio, Rose McCarthy, Intentions of the Sousa Family

**Wednesday, April 4 – Easter Solemnity**

**7:30a.m.** – Father Frank Ruzza, Deborah Fischer, Intentions of the Burt Family

**Thursday, April 5 – Easter Solemnity**

**7:00p.m.** – Billy Brayton, Art & Marie Hughes, Dominic Conversano

**Friday, April 6 – Easter Solemnity**

**7:30a.m.** – Eleanor Sorbara, Intentions of the Lowe Family, Intentions of Luyen Tran (St. Tefano) & Noi Nguyen & Family

**Saturday, April 7- Easter Solemnity**

**5:15p.m.** – John Joseph Seifred, Mr. & Mrs. Victor & Albina Scopel, Deceased Members of the Ferriggi & Mifsud Families

**Sunday, April 8 – Second Sunday of Easter**

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

**Stewardship of Treasure:**

Thank you for your gift of \$10,314.00 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.

+We offer our prayers and sympathy to the families of Patricia Kloepfer and Janina Korda who were called to eternal life. May they and all our loved ones be at peace with the Risen Christ.

**PARISH NEWS**

**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: HAPPY EASTER! ALLELUIA!**

*This is the day above all days that we rejoice in Jesus' resurrection and our salvation from sin and death. We do not celebrate Easter as a historical event from the past but rather we celebrate the great news that the Risen Jesus continues to save people every single day. We celebrate His promise to be with us "always until the end of the age" (Mt. 28:20). We also celebrate His promise to come again in glory and bring us to be with Him in heaven. Easter is a celebration of the past, the present and the future all at once. We want to see also how Jesus' resurrection, His promises, His power and His presence among us can convince us that we have a bright, hope-filled future ahead of us. The Resurrection was not just the restoration of Jesus to life, but "by rising from the dead He restored our life!" The Easter Exultet proclaims, "What good would life have been to us, had Christ not come as our Redeemer!" We are called to present Christ to the world in our faith, in our life, filled with the Spirit of Christ and the Christian love that we express in our concern for others. **CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!***

**A HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER**

*Monsignor Noon, Father Paul, Bishop Ustrzycki and Father Mulhall wish to extend their prayers and joyful greetings for a "HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER" to the family of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Parish and thank you for the witness of your faith during the season of Lent.*

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Recently through Water and the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Baptism we welcomed Penelope Rose Bechard; Arthur Joseph Heinz Fairborn; Lyra Mae Louise Folino; Callan Graham MacDonald; Ellis Azuwa Omoigui and Charlotte Catherine Vadala. We congratulate their families.

**WELCOME**

At our Easter Vigil last night with great joy we welcomed nine adults into our Catholic Faith Community. Five received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Anna Kenyon-Evans; Heng Kang; Bing Liu; Hanson Quach; Emily Zheng and four who were previously baptized celebrated their Confirmation and their First Eucharist - Matthew Lyszczarz; Michael Cairns; Claudia Hoang and Sarah Melnick. Thanks be to God, to our new adult members, their sponsors and our RCIA Team and our parish community for their prayerful support.

**PLANNED GIVING**

The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate began serving the community of Guelph in 1888 and remains today a strong symbol of faith. The continued support of parishioners is a wonderful sign of your Stewardship and remains very important as on-going repairs and restoration projects continue and are costly to refund. 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 current repairs and the HERITAGE FUND ensures that the Basilica will be in a position of financial security for future generations. Bishop Crosby has agreed to finance the restoration of the parish rectory and offices which will begin soon and we are most grateful for his generosity. For more information contact the Parish Office at 519-824-3951.

**PARISH EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM**

The Parish Emergency Response Team is having their annual meeting Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE**

A Marriage Preparation Course will take place in our Church Hall April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Please register immediately. The next program will be in the Fall.

**OTHER NEWS****VOCATION VIEW:**

The glorious feast of the Resurrection of Christ proclaims, forever, that life is greater than death. Jesus commanded us to preach this good news to all peoples in all places at all times. If you feel God is calling you to minister in His Church as a priest, religious or a permanent deacon contact Father Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2246 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

**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 [celebrationpri@gmail.com](mailto:celebrationpri@gmail.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.

**POETRY & ECOLOGY PROJECT**

Loyola House invites you to attend on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. with Dr. Deborah Bowen and student researchers. More information to follow.

**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 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

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

**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 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>; Women's Weekend April 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>. If interested contact [cursillohamilton.org](http://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 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 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 Obbema at [hrprimary\\_youthministry@rogers.com](mailto:hrprimary_youthministry@rogers.com) by Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. See [www.stuebenvillletoronto.com](http://www.stuebenvillletoronto.com).

**DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

On Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION**

Join together on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 3p.m. at St. Joseph Church for an hour of Mercy with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy Confessions. Mass will be celebrated at 4p.m. followed by a reception in the Church Hall.

**"THIS THIRSTY LAND: A WORLD PREMIERE"**

The University of Guelph Choir presents this concert on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 8p.m. in St. George's Anglican Church. Tickets are \$15 in advance and are also available at the door. Features Betty Maher, pianist, the Chamber Orchestra conducted by Marta McCarthy.