



Monday, April 9 – Feast: The Annunciation of the Lord

7:30a.m. – Paul Cartledge, Donna Figliomeni, Father Charlie Lagan, SFM

Tuesday, April 10 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Marija Semlak, Christopher Thompson, Intentions of Mary & Billy Farquhar
6:30p.m. – Living & Deceased CWL Members

Wednesday, April 11 – Feast: St. Stanislaus

7:30a.m. – Joe & Ken Weiler, Fortunata Limina, Intentions of John Healy

Thursday, April 12 – Ferial: Weekday

7:00p.m. – Arcangela & Carmelo Ridi, Gordon & Marion Finkbeiner, Deceased Members of the Pellizzari Family

Friday, April 13 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Intentions of Gabriella Martin, Gloria Gandour

Saturday, April 14 - Ferial

5:15p.m. – Mrs. Velma Albini, Patricia Kloepfer, Dorothy O'Handley, Cosmo Ferraro

Sunday, April 15 – Third Sunday of Easter

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

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$6,360.15 – Good Friday;
\$14,007.25 – Sunday Offertory & \$20,685.00 - Easter
in support of your parish community in gratitude for
God's blessings.

+BANNES OF MARRIAGE

1/ Bruno Bajic & Heather Harrison

+We offer our prayers and sympathy to the families of Gloria Gandour, Jean Zorzi & Monsignor Edward House who were called to eternal life. May they and all our loved ones be at peace with the Risen Christ.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: PAST AND FUTURE HOPE

Think about what it feels like when you are in a situation in which you feel there is no hope. You feel trapped. All the joy has been drained from your heart. The road ahead looks dark and frightening and you are afraid to take the next steps forward. Now think about what it feels like when you are filled with hope. The future looks bright and promising. You are eager to tackle whatever obstacles lie before you. You look back on your past with a sense of gratitude – both for all the good that you have experienced and for the challenges that have helped to shape you. In other words, when we are hopeful we can see all the good ways that our past has shaped us. We are also more likely to see the Lord has been with us, blessing us in the good times and carrying us through the dark times. But if we don't feel much hope, we tend to dwell only on the negative aspects of our past and lose sight of God's faithfulness and His promise to always be with us.

One of the best illustrations of this kind of hope is the story of Jesus' encounter with the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Lk.24:13-35). Their hope was becoming rekindled as Jesus explained their past to them in a new way. That hope began to shine more brightly as He showed them God's glorious plan for their future. All that good news began to erase their sadness. Then when Jesus blessed and broke the bread they were restored and ready to follow Him again. It is important to see that Jesus wasn't just teaching the disciples on their journey. He was restoring their hope by healing their memories. He helped them see the past through His eyes and showed them how carefully and patiently God had worked to bring them to this point. He showed them that their hope in Jesus had not been in vain after all. By explaining the past, He opened up for them hope in the future.

PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU

A sincere THANK YOU to all who attended and participated in our Holy Week Liturgies. A special thank you to our organist and choir for enhancing our liturgies of the Triduum, to the altar servers; ushers and greeters; sacristans; decorating committee; Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors; RCIA candidates and team members, custodian and parish staff. The co-operation and giving of time and talent is a great way to express our gratitude to God for the many blessings we all receive and to give proper dignity to our parish liturgies. May the Risen Lord fill your life with peace, hope and joy!

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.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Next Sunday at 1:30p.m. we welcome the grade two children of St. Ignatius School who will celebrate their First Holy Communion and we welcome them to the table of the Lord.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Please join us for our Monthly Meeting on April 10th starting with Mass at 6:30p.m. followed with our speaker Gail Hoekstra at 7p.m. in the Church Hall. Gail will speak on the Drop In Centre. Getting More Involved CWL meeting will follow at 8:00p.m. Tickets (\$10.00) will also be on sale at the meeting for the Communion Brunch with Deacon Robert Kinghorn on May 6th, 2018.

OTHER NEWS

VOCATION VIEW:

Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest, religious or a permanent deacon and contact Father Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2246 or email 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 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.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

St. Joseph Health Centre is seeking Ministers of the Eucharist to assist at our daily Masses. All candidates must be endorsed by their parish pastor. They also need help with assisting residents to and from the chapel. Mass is held Monday to Saturday at 9:30a.m. and Sunday at 10a.m. Contact Alaina at 519-824-6000 ext. 4426.

SPRING MEMORIAL MASS

Our Spring Memorial Mass at Marymount Cemetery will be celebrated by Bishop Crosby OMI on Saturday, April 21st at 11:00a.m.

POETRY & ECOLOGY PRESENTATION

Loyola House invites you to attend on April 28th at 7p.m. with Dr. Deborah Bowen of Redeemer University College and student researchers. What does poetry have to do with the local environment? A presentation of seven leaflets and readings by local poets. Free will offering. Pre-registration not required. For more information go to ignatiusguelph.ca under %Events%

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
 - Dementia: The Elephant in the Room at the Evergreen Seniors Centre Monday, April 9th in Room 3 at 10a.m.

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.

DIOCESAN FAMILY MINISTRY OFFICE PRESENTATION

Pope Francis document: Amoris Laetitia: Faith Begins In The Family+ reminds us that the %family is the community in which, from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honour God and make good use of freedom.+A workshop on this Papal Letter will be held in our Basilica Church Hall Wednesday, April 11th beginning at 7p.m. Please join us for this informative presentation and discussion.

GUELPH & AREA RIGHT TO LIFE

On Wednesday, April 11th at 7p.m. Stephanie Gray, an accomplished pro-life speaker will visit Guelph to speak about how to communicate with others and share the pro-life message with love and compassion. For location information contact the office at 519-836-6311 or info@guelpforlife.com.

WHAT'S NEW IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS?

Join Dr. Anne Jamieson, Director of the Catechesis Office of our Diocese at Holy Rosary Parish Tuesday, April 10th from 1-3p.m. sponsored by the Catholic Grandparents Association.

MASS WITH NEW CATHOLICS

New Catholics from across our Diocese will join His Excellency Bishop Crosby for Mass on Saturday, April 21st at 5p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Reception to follow.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Our children are treasures and bring us much joy! They are however, from a very young age, in need of our leadership to help them grow into competent and capable adults. When a child is two their behaviours and temper tantrums may seem funny and even cute, but by four those behaviours are no longer funny, by ten they are causing family tensions and by the teenage years may make it very difficult to parent. Praise your children, spend time with your children and model good behaviours, but remember to teach them self-control, manners and good behaviours from a very early age, which will make all the other parenting years less stressful.

SUNDAY (do not change anything here, we'll put a correct header each week)
