



## MASSES OF THE WEEK

**Monday, September 10** – Ferial: Weekday  
7:30a.m. – Intentions of Margaret Rebellati,  
Jerry DiLoreto

**Tuesday, September 11** – Ferial: Weekday  
7:30a.m. – Fortunata Limina, Evelyn Krusky  
6:00p.m. – Living & Deceased CWL Members

**Wednesday, September 12** – Ferial: Weekday  
7:30a.m. – Intentions of Pat McNeill,  
Ricardo Scapin, All Souls

**Thursday, September 13** – Feast: St. John Chrysostom  
7:00p.m. – Gloria Gandour, Jennie Norris, Rosita  
Lugosi

**Friday, September 14** – Feast: The Exaltation of the Holy  
Cross  
7:30a.m. – Jerca Kreze, Special Intentions

**Saturday, September 15** – Feast: Our Lady of Sorrows  
5:15p.m. – P.J. Devassy, Wallace Anderson, Shelley Tighe

**Sunday, September 16** – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time  
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

### **Stewardship of Treasure:**

Thank you for your gift of \$15,889.50 in support of your parish  
community in gratitude for God's blessings.

+We offer our prayers and congratulations to Cedric Collado  
and Johanna Palma on the recent celebration of their  
marriage.

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **MINISTRY OF COMPASSION**

If you (or someone you know) are grieving the death of a loved  
one, the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Ministry of  
Compassion Team has prepared weekly grief support sessions  
to help you navigate this challenging road. This six-week closed  
group will meet at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Secondary  
School (Chapel) every Tuesday evening beginning on  
September 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30p.m.-8:30p.m. Please register before  
September 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information please visit the Basilica  
website ([basilicaofourlady.com](http://basilicaofourlady.com)), contact the Office at 519-824-  
3951 or email us at [ministryofcompassion7@gmail.com](mailto:ministryofcompassion7@gmail.com).

### **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: SOME DO'S & DON'TS IN THE HOUSE OF GOD**

*As a society in general we are losing our sense of  
decorum and civility. Sadly to say this is also true at  
Mass. We have a responsibility to reverse that, to  
remember the reason we attend church to know God,  
to love and serve Him.*

*- provide instruction for children – parents have an  
obligation to show their children the appropriate times  
to kneel, sit, stand and face the altar, not let them  
amuse themselves as if Mass is playtime. Involve them  
in the liturgy by teaching them to pray and telling them  
that Jesus is on the altar.*

*- no food or water during Mass. If an able-bodied adult  
requires a drink of water to take some medication or  
other reasons, drink the water outside the celebration  
of the Eucharist. (Our parish does not support bottled  
water on the church property). Please do not bring  
coffee cups into the church.*

*- arrive on time – if you are late for Mass be courteous  
to others and wait for and appropriate break before you  
walk down the aisle to find a seat. Most symphonies do  
not allow latecomers to waltz in whenever they please.  
Our ushers will help you find a seat.*

*- don't leave early – set a good example for your  
children by staying in the pew until Mass has ended  
with the final hymn.*

*- participate in the Mass – don't ask "What is the Mass  
doing for me?" Instead ask, "What can I do to  
participate more fully in the Mass?" Make an effort to  
listen to the readings and the homily, recite the prayers  
of the Mass, follow along in the missalette or prayer  
book and when the music starts, sing! You will become  
an outstanding role model for your children.*

*- no talking please – do not have conversations during  
Mass. You wouldn't do that during a theatrical  
performance; if you do you would be asked to be quiet  
or to leave. Show respect for the priest and your fellow  
parishioners.*

### **CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES**

Programs are available for children Kindergarten through High  
School who are not currently receiving religious instruction.  
Preparation for Communion and Confirmation for those not in  
Catholic Schools is required and families work through these  
programs at home. Contact Monica Verin at 1-905-528-7988 ext.  
2238 or visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) or click on Catechesis  
Office for more information and registration.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

The Catholic Women's League at the Basilica welcome new members and every lady in the parish to our Mass on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. followed by a potluck supper at 6:30p.m. and our regular monthly meeting. If you have never attended before please consider joining us for a lively evening where you will learn more about us and our work for God, Canada, our parish and local community. We look forward to seeing you there!

**FOOD FIESTA**

While there is one Holy Spirit, each of us receives different gifts from the Spirit, and each of us is called to use them in different ways. The parish community at the Basilica of Our Lady is strong and vibrant because it is made up of people with different backgrounds and experiences. On Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> we are planning a special parish event that will give you a chance to learn more about different gifts and different experiences of the people you see at Mass each week. It may also be an opportunity for you to share some of your own unique gifts. This event will be a Food Fiesta. It will take place in the Church Hall after the 9a.m. & 11a.m. Masses. Parishioners will prepare and share food that reflects their culture or family history. Would you like to get involved? We are looking for volunteers to prepare small amounts of a snack of finger food+. We are also open to other ideas about how this event could help us learn more about one another's backgrounds. If you have any questions or would like to help contact Channa at [adrianchanna19@yahoo.com](mailto:adrianchanna19@yahoo.com) or Gavin at [gavin.morgan@rogers.com](mailto:gavin.morgan@rogers.com).

**RCIA**

September is the time when RCIA begins for those who are interested in and perhaps already deciding, that they wish to become a Catholic. Experience tells us that many people simply need an invitation to enter the program. If you know anyone who might be so inclined why not ask them. You can re-assure them that the experience will be a life-changing one. They will not be pressured in any way. They can exit the program any time they choose to do so. The process respects the reality that whether or not they choose to become Catholic, that decision is theirs and theirs alone. Please contact the parish office to fill out a registration form.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Our Children's Liturgy Program will begin Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. If we have a sufficient number of leaders we will offer this program at both the 9a.m. and 11a.m. Masses. A workshop for Children's Liturgy Leaders will be held Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 7p.m. to 9p.m. at St. Anne's Church, Kitchener. To register call 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2236.

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

Who do people say that I am? Who do you think Jesus is? The depth of our faith is rooted in our answer. Is God calling you to be a priest, religious or 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).

**ANNUAL VOCATIONS MASS**

The Catholic Women's League, the Knights of Columbus and the Serra Club of the Hamilton Diocese invite you to attend the Annual Vocations Mass on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00p.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish in Formosa, ON.

**BISHOP'S DINNER FOR COMMUNITY NEEDS**

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Dinner for Community Needs will be held at the Italian Canadian Club October 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:45p.m. For tickets contact the Wellington Catholic District School Board at 519-821-4600.

**KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS**

Keys is a ten week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking to develop the skills needed to have the most meaningful relationship you can with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better member in all your relationships. The program will run at St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener on Tuesday evenings starting September 18<sup>th</sup> from 7-9p.m. and cost is \$45. To register call 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) (Upcoming Events).

**ARE YOU SEPARATED OR DIVORCED?**

LEARNING TO COPE . (Level 1) and ACCEPTING THE SITUATION (Level 2) are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Topics are meant to offer hope and personal growth and include: the process of divorce; self-image; stress; anger; guilt; loneliness; forgiveness; trust; singleness and children. Level 1 - \$35 and Level 2 - \$45. These courses run 11 weeks beginning Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and are held at St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Queen & Westmount Rd.) Kitchener. Call 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or St. Francis Parish at 519-745-7301 to register.

**COURAGE FOR CAREGIVERS**

A one day Retreat rooted in the wisdom of Henri Nouwen for caregivers will be held Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 9a.m. to 4:30p.m. at the Ignatius Jesuit Centre. Cost is \$75 and includes lunch and a workbook. Register at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

**ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN**

Join us Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 1-2p.m. for a time of pro-life prayer and witness at the intersection of Speedvale Avenue and Woolwich Street.

**SENIORS STUDY SESSION: CREATION SPIRITUALITY**

This seven week course offered by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND will offer participants an opportunity to understand and find ways to practice a Christian view of Earth Centered Spirituality. The course will draw on scripture, poetry, ancient prayers and the lives of saints and prophets. The course will be held at St. Aloysius Parish Kitchener on Tuesdays from 1-3p.m. starting September 11<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$35 including text. To register contact Monica Verin at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2238 or at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

**FOOD TRUCKS ARE BACK**

Food trucks are once again coming to St. Joseph Parish on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> between 4:30p.m. and 8:00p.m. The trucks will be set up in the side parking lot facing Rosewood Ave. Tables and chairs will be set up outside or inside the hall if necessary. There will be a variety of foods available and cash is best. Proceeds are going to the parish to help support the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus.

**CERTIFICATE FOR GRIEF PROGRAM**

A certification program will be offered Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Chancery Office Hamilton from 9:30a.m. to 4:30p.m. with Dr. Bill Webster who will present the material and provide a certificate of completion for those who participate in both days of the course. The cost of the program is \$90 per day including lunch. Call 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249.