



MASSSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, September 17 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Tom Powers, David McClenaghan, Intentions of Dino & Donna Peloso & Family

Tuesday, September 18 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Tomas Smlak, Intentions of Elizabeth Quintanar

Wednesday, September 19 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – George, Maureen & Matthew Goetz, Jerca Kreze, Intentions of Nicole & Billy Hildebrand & Family

Thursday, September 20 – Feast: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions

7:00p.m. – Deceased Members of the Shea & Walinga Families, Leo Connolly, Eugene & Joe McAlpine

Friday, September 21 – Feast: St. Matthew

7:30a.m. – Frederick Sylvester Kirvan, Intentions of Mary Keating-Wood & Family, Intentions of John & Olympia Bendo (50th Wedding Anniversary)

Saturday, September 22 – Ferial

5:15p.m. – Young Ja Paik, Alessandro Brombal, Angelo Dal Bello, Stella Cardow

Sunday, September 23 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$8,366.00 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.

+We offer our prayers and congratulations to Jeff Dickert and Laura Garcia on the recent celebration of their marriage.

+We offer our prayers and sympathy to the families of Natalina (Teena) Keating, Jean Fisher, Mary Katchanoski, Peter Lennie and Betty Weiler of our parish who were called to eternal life. May they and all our loved ones be at peace with God.

PARISH NEWS

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 or click on Catechesis Office for more information and registration.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Do you know the date of your Baptism? It was the most important day of your life! Person, relationship, unity, these are my life and how I am called to live. I need to relate to other persons in a real, loving, constructive way which will also help me grow in my moral and spiritual life. As Catholics, we are children of God. We are initiated into the Passover mystery of Jesus. We pass over from darkness into the light, from death to life, from slavery to freedom. In Jesus we are called to freedom. St. Paul wrote, "For you were called to freedom. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; serve one another through love. For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, you shall love your neighbour as yourself." (Gal.5:13-14). Freedom is often viewed as a license to do whatever you feel like. As a Catholic, one is called to become free in order to love, so I can give myself in loving service to others, so I can love unselfishly. I am not born free but rather born with the capacity to become free. It takes grace and a lot of hard work to become a mature person so that I can love as Jesus does.

Liturgy Leaders will be held Tuesday, September 25th from 7p.m. to 9p.m. at St. Anne's Church, Kitchener. To register call 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2236.

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 23rd 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 or Gavin at gavin.morgan@rogers.com.

PARISH MOTHER'S GROUP

We welcome mothers to join us this Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Newstead Room in the Church Hall as we begin our fall season.

THANK YOU

We thank everyone who attended our Parish Picnic last week and to all who organized the day and all sponsors and donors. Although the weather was cool, all enjoyed themselves.

OTHER NEWS**CERTIFICATE FOR GRIEF PROGRAM**

A certification program will be offered Wednesday, September 26th and Thursday, September 27th 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.

VOCATION VIEW:

Did not God choose those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom? Count your blessings, then come and help others count theirs too, as a priest, religious or permanent deacon. If you feel you have such a vocation call Father Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2246 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

BISHOP'S DINNER FOR COMMUNITY NEEDS

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

FUNDRAISING FOR FLOODING IN KERALA INDIA

The Indian State of Kerala has suffered devastating floods in which hundreds have died and over a million people displaced. Donations may be made to Development and peace. Visit: <https://www.devp.org/en/articles/development-and-peace-caritas-canada-extends-helping-hand-those-affected-devastating-floods> which contains an online donation page.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

A workshop will be held on Saturday, September 29th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary Parish in Guelph. To register call 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2236.

EVERGREEN CENTRE

Join us Tuesday, September 25th in Room 3 at 10a.m. for a presentation on "Spilling the Beans: Learn and Taste the Research Linking Beans to Healthy Aging" lead by three members of the University of Guelph Research Team.

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 "me" in all your relationships. The program will run at St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener on Tuesday evenings starting

September 18th from 7-9p.m. and cost is \$45. To register call 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or 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 18th 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 20th 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.

ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN

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

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN

The Diocese of Hamilton has decided to move forward with a Parish focused capital campaign after a recent study found support from 83 percent of respondents. The planning study was conducted from May through June by the Steier Group, a campaign consulting firm and included more than 900 clergy and lay participants. Under the proposed campaign plan, 75 percent of the funds raised would go to the parishes for projects of their choosing; 15 percent to diocesan ministries and 10 percent to support parishes in need. On the diocesan campaign website, www.hamiltondiocese.com/campaign you can find a letter from Bishop Crosby about the study and the campaign, plus a more detailed summary of the planning study results.