



Monday, December 3 – Feast: St. Francis Xavier
7:30a.m. – All Souls, Don Forester, Angelina (Lina) Lipartiti

Tuesday, December 4 – Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. ó Patricia Burke, Intentions of Peter Valeriotte & Deceased Members of the Valeriotte Family

Wednesday, December 5 – Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. ó Betty Weiler, Stuart Crease, Intentions of Deacon Quinto Tami & Living & Deceased Family Members

Thursday, December 6 – Ferial: Weekday
7:00p.m. – Bill Loretta, Matthew Hanson, Mary Beth Fenlon, Giovanni Dallan

Friday, December 7 – Feast: St. Ambrose
7:30a.m. – Helena & Felix Orel, Marija & Mohor Kus, Jerca Kreze

Saturday, December 8 – Feast: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:15p.m. – Celestina Cabling, John Richard Synnott, Clare LeBlanc Rudd

Sunday, December 9 – Second Sunday of Advent
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$8,293.75 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.

PARISH NEWS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

The Catholic Women's League of the Basilica is asking for donations of warm socks for men, women and children and jars of peanut butter and boxes of crackers for the homeless in our area. Please put the donations into the plastic bins at the Information Desk before December 31st.

- It is time to renew your membership for the CWL. All women of the parish are invited to join this spiritual organization. Use the envelopes available for membership in your offertory box or an envelope labelled for the CWL Membership \$25 for God and Canada.+

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: PREPARE THE WAY!

Next to the annual celebration of Easter, the memorial of Christ's birth is most cherished by Christians throughout the world. The feast of Christmas celebrates the gift of God's love revealed in the great mystery of the Incarnation. God's eternal Word taking human flesh and dwelling among us. A wonderful array of cultural and family customs lead us to the Christmas feast and gives shape to our annual celebration. Advent wreaths and Jesse trees, collections of food and gifts for the poor, the sending of Christmas cards and letters and the making or purchasing of special gifts for loved ones mark our Advent days of preparation. During the 12 days of Christmas, families gather around lighted trees with sparkling ornaments to exchange gifts. Family and friends come together to share stories and to partake of the many special foods lovingly prepared for the festival. As the Christmas season unfolds we find time for rest and recreation with one another. In all of these ways we strengthen the bonds that knit us together as people in whom God has chosen to dwell. We invite you to bring your donations for the Drop-In-Centre and Michael House.

2018-2019 SUNDAY MISSALS

The Missals for the coming liturgical year are available on the Information Desk at a cost of \$4 and an envelope may be found in the missals and placed in the offertory collection.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

If you have a child in JK to Grade 4 who would like to play a role in our Christmas Pageant please contact Laura Del Rosario at coolpageant@gmail.com or sign up at <http://bit.ly/ChildrenPageant>. If you have a child in Grade 5 to 8 who would be interested in reading the scriptures please email Laura. Rehearsals Sunday, December 9th following the 11a.m. Mass (everyone except angels); Sunday, December 16th and 23rd for everyone after 11a.m. Mass.

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION

On December 8th & December 9th students from Our Lady of Lourdes High School will share information with us about their upcoming mission trips to the Dominican Republic. As in the past, they will gratefully accept any donations that will directly support the children of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos D.R.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

There are cards at the Information Desk to be sent by mail free of charge to our local MP Lloyd Longfield opposing the extension of Assisted Suicide to those dealing with psychiatric issues.

ST. JOHN BOSCO HIGH SCHOOL JULIEN PROJECT

Students from St. John Bosco were involved in the farming project at Ignatius and will have some of the produce and beauty items available next Sunday for sale in our Church Hall.

TREES OF LIFE FOR ADVENT

At the Sacred Heart Altar the Tree of Life is for those who died during the past year and were born to eternal life. You may put a paper ornament provided on the tree with the name, birth and death date of your loved one. The other Tree of Life at St. Joseph's Altar is for those baptized into new life in Christ during the past year. Take a moment to have a look and to say a prayer for them.

2018 CHURCH DONATIONS

All donations for the current year must be received no later than Sunday, December 30th to be eligible for a 2018 income tax receipt.

2019 PARISH ENVELOPES

We are now preparing the parish envelopes for your 2019 weekly donations. If you are using envelopes regularly you will automatically receive a new set of envelopes. Over 100 people asked for envelopes last year and never picked them up which is an extra cost to the parish. If you have moved within the past year please inform the office so that our records are updated and you will receive your proper income tax receipt. Your financial support is an important response to the call to Stewardship and is much appreciated as together we respond as good stewards for the financial support of our parish community.

OTHER NEWS**VOCATION VIEW:**

Make your decision to follow Jesus during this Advent Season. Delaying until one of these days becomes none of these days. Follow now! If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation then contact Father Michael King, Vocation Director of the Diocese of Hamilton at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2246.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- Join Holy Rosary Parish Thursday, December 13th at 8p.m. for Klaude Walters & Johnny Gibson Christmas Magic Gala of Songs with the Holy Rosary Choir. Free will offering.
- Celebration of Advent Sunday, December 2nd from 2-5p.m. at Loyola House. Light snacks and beverages.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

A Lenten Pilgrimage March 20th to April 2nd, 2019. Please consider joining Father Luke Kopaniak SAC, Pastor of St. Mary's Brantford and Deacon Randy Matters on a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of the Americas, The Unborn and the New Evangelization. For more information visit www.pilgrimdeaconrandy.com or email randymatters@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS DINNER/ DANCE

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Christmas Dinner/ Dance Saturday, December 16th in St. Joseph Church Hall beginning at 6:30p.m., Dinner at 7p.m./ Menu: stuffed chicken breasts, roasted potatoes and vegetables, salad, buns, dessert. Cash bar. Dinner followed by dancing. A silent auction fund-raiser will also take place. Cost is \$40. A \$20 charitable receipt will be provided. For tickets call Jim at 519-824-7515 or Gary at 519-824-6381.

HEALING AFTER AN ABORTION

At Project Rachel we offer a confidential service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Contact us at 1-905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.



The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the One Heart, One Soul Campaign to raise money from every Parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries. This Campaign is first and foremost about the renewal and transformation of Parishes. The Diocese, with the help of the Steier Group, will manage the overall campaign effort, including the preparation materials. At each Parish, the Pastor will identify campaign leaders who will work with the Steier Group. Those Parish leaders will help recruit other volunteers to form a campaign team that will conduct the personal visits and other elements that are the key to the success of the campaign.

The Diocese will pay the financial costs of the campaign. Parishes will not be responsible for any campaign expenses such as postage, printing or diocesan events held at the Parish. If a Parish hosts an event to promote the campaign for its parishioners, the Parish will bear the cost. In addition several Steier Group campaign managers will guide the Parishes through the campaign process. Each Parish will be assigned to one of four %waves+. The Parish will be responsible for forming a team of volunteers that implement the necessary elements of the process.

On a Diocesan level the entire campaign will run through early 2021. On a Parish level, there will be four campaign %waves+. A Parish particular %wave+ will run for six to seven months. That includes preparation, solicitation and a follow-up phase. The active solicitation period will be three to four months. A clergy committee will implement policies that all parishes will follow on such questions. There will be incentives for parishes to reach their goals. Parishes not reaching their goals face the prospect of not being able to complete needed projects.

YOUNG ADULTS (19-39) CHRISTMAS PARTY

3rd Annual Christmas Party Saturday, December 16th at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 715 Centre Road, Waterdown at a cost of \$25 per person. Mass at 5p.m. Cocktail Social 6p.m. & Dinner/ Dance 6:45p.m. RSVP by December 12th to jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

For the past several years the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves in St. Peter's Square on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy. All are invited this year to bring your Baby Jesus figurines to Mass on Sunday, December 16th for this blessing. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your %Bambinelli+home and place it in a gift box and open it on Christmas Day as you lay Jesus in the Manger as a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas. There is a story book entitled Bambinelli Sunday about a little boy names Alessandro and the lessons he learns about family, faith and love on this special day. If you are interested in the story it can be ordered on Amazon.

NOVENA TO THE INFANT JESUS

The Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to the Infant Jesus December 16th to the 25th. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate by sending your prayer request intention slip with your name and address to the Carmel of Saint Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, RR#1, St. Agatha, ON, N0B 2L0.

ADVENT HYMN FESTIVAL

The Hamilton Diocesan Choir will present an Advent Hymn Festival at St. Augustine Church, 58 Sydenham Street, Dundas on Sunday, December 2nd at 7p.m. Join us for this joyous evening to celebrate the Advent Season and to hear and sing along with some of your favourite Advent hymns. A reception will follow. All are welcome!

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