



**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

**Monday, December 24 – Feast: Vigil of Christmas**  
5:15p.m., 8:00p.m. & Midnight

**Tuesday, December 25 – Feast: Christmas**  
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

**Wednesday, December 26 – Feast: St. Stephen**  
9:00a.m. – Deceased Members of the Semlak Family,  
Frances & Maurice Zadro, Peter Lennie

**Thursday, December 27 – Feast: St. John**  
7:00p.m. – Nicola Stefano, Louisa Rosa, Intentions of Judy  
& Ron Howse

**Friday, December 28 – Feast: The Holy Innocents**  
7:30a.m. – Elizabeth Quintanar, Mae Oswald,  
Aileen Mahon

**Saturday, December 29 – Fifth Day of Christmas**  
5:15p.m. – Charles Keleher, Mary Reid, Deborah Price,  
Shirley Carter, Natalina Keating

**Sunday, December 30 – Feast: The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary & Joseph**  
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

**Stewardship of Treasure:**

*Thank you for your gift in support of your parish  
community in gratitude for God's blessings.*

**PARISH NEWS**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Donut Sunday & Ministry Fair and Farewell to Father Chris Tracey
- Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 . Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist
- Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 . Annual Pasta Dinner

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

*Christmas Masses attract large numbers of people from diverse backgrounds who bring with them a variety of faith experiences. Among them who celebrate with the Church at Christmas are faithful parishioners, their relatives and friends, those who are irregular in their participation in the liturgical life of the Church and complete strangers. We want you to know that you are all welcome as we are united in the prayer of the Church and give thanks and praise for the salvation offered to us in Christ. The Christmas Mass continues to be the principal way for us to express our joy and gratitude for the mystery of the Incarnation.*

*Monsignor Noon, Father Chris Tracey, Father Mulhall and Deacon Quinto Tami and all the Parish Staff wish to extend our prayers and best wishes for a joy-filled celebration of Christmas to all the members of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Parish. May this Christmas fill us all with gratitude for our faith, family and friends and all the many blessings we receive in our life. Thank you for your generous donations to the Drop-In-Centre and Michael House.*

**2018 CHURCH DONATIONS**

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



**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2018**

Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 5:15p.m.; 8:00p.m.; 12midnight beginning with Carols at 11:30p.m.

Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m.

Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 5:15p.m.

Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m.

On Christmas Day Fr. Laszlo Amaszka will celebrate Mass in Italian at 9:00a.m. at St. John's Church, Victoria Road Guelph.

**OTHER NEWS**

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. The tragic stories recently in the news, thankfully, do not reflect the circumstances and history of our diocese. However, it should still be noted that funds raised during the campaign will be held in a segregated account in trust for the parishes and ministries for which they were raised. Both civil and canon law require the diocese to use the gifts we receive for the stated purposes for which they were given - an obligation to which we are fully committed. Regarding how the Diocese handles abuse allegations, Bishop Crosby said in an August 2018 letter to all in the Diocese, "All allegations of sexual misconduct have been and will continue to be taken seriously and addressed immediately in accordance with our diocesan policy." For a link to the full letter see our diocesan website, [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com). Transparency is a top priority for the Diocese. Summaries of diocesan financial reports from 2012 through 2017 are on the diocesan website and copies of the full reports are available from the Diocese's financial office. Regular updates of campaign goals, projects and fundraising will be communicated during the campaign through a number of avenues - the website, emails, social media, to name a few.

**OPERATION KEEP WARM**

Donations of tents, tarps, sleeping bags and hiking backpacks are needed. They are being accepted on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 9a.m. and 4p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday between 9a.m. and 8p.m. at 133 Woolwich Street, Guelph.

**JUNIOR & SENIOR KINDERGARTEN AT WELLINGTON CATHOLIC**

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting registrations for Kindergarten beginning January 7<sup>th</sup>. To attend JK one must be four years of age on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and for SK one must be five years of age on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Please bring - child's birth certificate; a parent or child's baptismal certificate; child's health card/ immunization record/ custody papers (if applicable); proof of tax support for families new to the system (ie most recent tax bill). Students currently in JK program in Wellington Catholic are NOT REQUIRED to register for SK. Any questions please call your school.

**MINI-BUS FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN**

Guelph & Area Right to Life is gathering change to support pro-life advertisements on the back of some city buses providing educational information about abortion, euthanasia and local crisis pregnancy support. There is a mini-bus to fill with change in last week's bulletin. Buses can be returned to the church by the end of January. Thank you for your support.

**VOCATION NEWS**

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest or religious man or woman or deacon to carry the Good News of God's great Love? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Father Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 1-905-528-7988 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

**DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER**

The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton offer a wide range of workshops and educational opportunities during the course of the year. These activities and events are open to all interested parishioners throughout the Diocese. If you would like to keep informed regarding these opportunities for growing in your faith, you are invited to subscribe to a weekly online newsletter by going to the Diocesan website ([www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)) and click the "Subscribe to our Newsletter" button on the right side of the homepage. Your email address will be used solely to provide you with the Diocesan Newsletter and will never be shared with any third party.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP**

Our third event will be held Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 7-9p.m. at the Albion Hotel with Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Hamilton Diocese, will be speaking on the topic "Living In A Throw Away Culture." Finger food will be provided. Young adults 19-40 are welcome.

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

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